

**ECON 4140**  
**Thesis Research on Economic analysis of Social Networks**  
社交網絡的經濟分析 - 論文研究

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This course is designed to allow senior undergraduate students who have taken the course of ECON 4130 to conduct independent research and write a research paper related to economic or social networks. Students will take this chance to apply the knowledge and technique learnt from ECON 4130 and study deeper into specific topics of their interests. Students and the instructor will meet regularly to discuss each step of the research process. Students are expected to submit their theses at the end of the course.

**Grade Descriptors**

- A: Outstanding performance on all learning outcomes.
- A-: Generally outstanding performance on all (or almost all) learning outcomes.
- B: Substantial performance on all learning outcomes, OR high performance on some learning outcomes which compensates for the else satisfactory performance on others, resulting in overall substantial performance.
- C: Satisfactory performance on the majority of learning outcomes, possibly with a few weaknesses.
- D: Barely satisfactory performance on a number of learning outcomes.
- F: Unsatisfactory performance on a number of learning outcomes, OR failure to meet specified assessment requirements.

本科目為已修讀 ECON 4130 的最後學年本科生而設，讓其獨自撰寫研究論文。學生須應用在 ECON 4130 學取的知識和技巧，就著他們感興趣的題目作深入研究。導師會和學生定期會面商討研究進度。學生必須在科目完結時呈交論文。

**Learning Outcomes:**

After this course, a student should be able to:

1. Find an appropriate research angle and research topic;
2. Perform literature search and literature review;
3. Conduct theoretical and empirical analysis;
4. Present research in the form of a research article.

**Course Syllabus:**

Regular meeting with instructor

**Assessment Type:**

Thesis	100%
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**Feedback for Evaluation:**

- Course and teaching evaluation at the end of course
- Informal feedback channels throughout the course (face-to-face, email, course website)
- Feedbacks from students in annual departmental retreat
- Feedbacks from Program Review and Visiting Committee

**Required Readings:**

Course materials to be designed and compiled by the teachers concerned base on research topic.

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