# **Everything I Ever Needed to Know about Economics I Learned from Online Dating**

IDH2930 | Spring 2024



**INSTRUCTORS:** Dr. TehQuin Forbes and Melanie LeTourneau

**OFFICE HOURS:** By appointment

CLASS TIME: Thursdays, 10:40-11:30

**LOCATION: HVR1 114** 







# **Course Responsibilities**

Participation and Attendance	40%
Weekly Writing Activity	20%
Dating App Spotlight Presentation /	15%
Class Discussion Leader	
Final Group Project	25%

# **Course Schedule**

Jan 11 - Introductions and Course Overview

Jan 18 - Introduction and Chapter 1: Search Theory

Jan 25 - Chapter 2: Cheap Talk

Feb 1 - Chapters 3 & 4: Network Externalities & Signaling

Feb 8 - Chapter 5: Statistical Discrimination

Feb 15 - Chapter 6: Thick Versus Thin Markets

Feb 22 - Chapters 7 & 8: Adverse Selection & Positive Assortative Mating

February 29 - Chapter 9: The Returns to Skills

March 7 - Chapter 10: The Family & Epilogue

March 14 - SPRING BREAK! No Class

March 21 - Invited Guest Speaker

March 28 - Invited Guest Speaker

April 4 - Out of Class Presentation Workshop

April 11 - Project Presentations II

April 18 - Project Presentations III







## **MATERIALS**

\*Everything I Ever Needed to Know about Economics I Learned from Online Dating, by Paul Oyer Additional materials on Canvas

\*On course reserve at Library West

### **MEETINGS**

Thursday 4th period (10:40-11:30AM) | Honors Village Bldg 1, 114

# **CLASS OBJECTIVES**

- Analyze popular economics text and apply themes to student experiences
- Understand primary economics terms and concepts through various example (i.e., dating, job market, etc)
- Complete a text-related group project and present findings to the class

# **GRADING SCALE**

A 100-90

B 89-80

C 79-70

D 69-60

F 59-0

A minimum grade of B is required to earn Academic points towards your Honors Completion Requirements. Once you have earned your final grade in this course, please upload the course information and final grade from your Unofficial Transcript into your Honors Canvas Cohort: Honors Completion module to earn Honors Completion credit.

# **OFFICE HOURS**

Office hours are an opportunity for the student to meet with the professor to build a rapport that sometimes eludes the classroom environment. Please visit office hours to discuss classroom topics, assignments, graduate school, and/or other appropriate items. Office hours are available by appointment.

Honors Program, 201 Walker Hall, 352-392-1519

Quick questions for an Honors advisor? Email advisor@honors.ufl.edu

Need an Honors advising appointment? Schedule via Microsoft Bookings: https://bit.ly/ufhonorsadvising

### LATE SUBMISSIONS POLICY

In the absence of a University-recognized excuse, late work is not accepted for this class. (Un)Common Reads courses are heavily reliant on participation and discussion which cannot be made up in one's absence. If you anticipate missing class, speak to the professor <u>as soon as possible</u>.

# **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center by providing appropriate documentation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

#### **COURSE EVALUATIONS**

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction by completing evaluations. Evaluations are typically open during the last 2-3 weeks of the semester. Students are encouraged to share feedback about the course with the instructor and peer instructor throughout the semester.

# **HONOR PLEDGE**

Students are bound by the Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." You are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel.

## **IN-CLASS RECORDING**

Students are allowed to record class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor. A class lecture does not include student presentations, academic exercises involving solely student participation, field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session. Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, on any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third-party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action.