

ECON 3818 - 040

Introduction to Statistics with Computer Applications

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Course Description

This class will give you an introduction to probability theory and the main tools of Statistics. Statistics gives us a way of linking economic theory with the real world through data analysis. It also allows us to translate datasets into usable information. Using statistics also makes us identify patterns and trends in the data in order to inform decision-making. Moreover, it will prepare you to succeed in econometric courses.

Prerequisite

Econ 2010 & 2020. Econ 1088 (or an approved similar course). This class requires algebra and calculus so exposure to these concepts is required.

Textbook

David Moore, William Notz, and Michael A Fligner. The Basic Practice of Statistics.

Either 7th or 8th edition is fine.

Lectures

Note-taking is very important in this course. It is highly recommended that you attend lecture since I will not post answers we solve during the lecture. If you miss some lectures, it is your responsibility to contact a classmate to get the notes corresponding to the missed lecture(s). Attendance will be mandatory for the first three classes. Students may be administratively dropped for non-attendance of the first three classes. From the fourth lecture on, I will occasionally take attendance. You are also responsible for any announcement or instructions given in class (this may include instructions for tests). I would occasionally distribute question sheets and ask you to fill the answers during the lectures which will be collected after the lecture. These will be also counted as your attendance.

Grading

Exam	Weight	Date
Midterm 1	20%	Feb 13th
Midterm 2	20%	Mar 17th
Final	30%	May 2nd
Attendance and HW	10%	In class
R Exercise & Project	10%	-
Recitation	10%	-

Exams Policies:

All exams (midterms and final) will take place in our classroom (ECON 119). Please do not be late for any of those. Being late can be distracting for your classmates and you will have less time to complete the corresponding exam.

I will not give any early or make-up exams. If there is documentation of a medical or family emergency so that you miss one of midterms, the weight of that will be added to the final exams.

Exams will consist of multiple choice questions along with a couple of free response questions.

You will be allowed to bring a 3x5" index card with notes to refer to during the exam. Any

R Project & Exercises:

R is popular free programming language that is utilized primarily for data analysis. We will spend time throughout the course working on R exercises through the **RStudio** interface. There will be five simple R assignments and one data project throughout the semester.

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We will work on these assignments in class the week before they are due. R assignments must be physically handed in to be graded on the due date. No late assignment is accepted. Still, you should **upload at canvas before the class starts**. These will not be graded on canvas but I want to double-check whether the assignments is handed in the right day. **Again, I will only grade hard copies of the assignments.**

R Installation I will ask you to install **R** and **RStudio** before the first day of R day. If you have trouble with installation, please come to my office hours on January 14th or make an appointment with me. The installation guidance will be posted on canvas.

Tentative Course Outline

Week	Date	Tuesday	Thursday	Announcements
Week 1	Jan 14,16	CH 1	CH 2 and R day	
Week 2	Jan 21,23	CH 12	CH 13	R assign 1 due TH
Week 3	Jan 28, 30	CH 14	CH 3 and R day	
Week 4	Feb 4, 6	Expectation	CH 8,9	R assign 2 due TH
Week 5	Feb 11, 13	Review	Midterm 1	
Week 6	Feb 18, 20	CH 15	CH 15	
Week 7	Feb 25, 27	CH 17	CH 18	
Week 8	Mar 3, 5	CH 20	CH 21	
Week 9	Mar 10, 12	R day	Review	R assign 3 due T
Week 10	Mar 17, 19	Midterm 2	R day	
Week 12	Mar 31, Apr 2	CH 4	CH 6	R assign 4 due T
Week 13	Apr 7, 9	CH 22	CH 5	
Week 14	Apr 14, 16	CH 5	CH 26	R project due T
Week 15	Apr 21, 23	CH 26	R day	
Week 16	Apr 28, 30	Review	Review	R assign 5 due TH

Bring laptops on R days!

University Policies

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