

ECONOMICS 4818
Introduction to Econometrics
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Course Description:

This course provides an introduction to the theory and applications of modern econometrics. This course begins by reviewing and extending the statistical material covered in Econ 3818.

Following this, students are guided through the principal regression analysis standard errors, $E(n^{-3})$, $4(3(4($

Policy on Cheating:

If you are found to have violated the honor code (see below), both the honor code council and myself, you will automatically fail the course!

Electronics in the Classroom

Laptops, tablets, and even phones can actually ~~play a~~ and benefit learning in many types of classes. There are many pros and cons ~~of~~ ~~only~~ consistent use of these devices during the class period. However, it has become abundantly clear to me that these devices are more of a distraction than a learning aid in most (but not all) situations. In addition, taking notes by hand has actually been shown to be more effective than taking them on a laptop or tablet. Therefore, electronic devices will only be allowed in class in the last two rows of the classroom (this includes cell phone use for texting, etc). You also cannot use any form of electronic device during Group Assignments (it defeats the purpose of working together). If you use them on those days, you will automatically receive a zero for that day's assignment. You should take a calculator to class on Group Assignment days, and put your phone completely out of sight! If you are expecting an important call or text, then simply put your phone on vibrate, sit

In-class Problems

It is important to understand how to apply concepts as we cover them, so you will have the opportunity to work on some problems in class (in pairs or small groups) almost every day. These will be collected and add to your Group Assignments grade

Group Assignments

These cooperative learning exercises (detailed above) are extremely important. The group assignment dates are listed in the course outline. It is important not to miss these days without an excused absence. If you miss a group assignment

that you have three or more exams on the same day, and arrangements must be made with your instructor no later than the end of the tenth week of the semester (before Spring Break!)

Weights of Assignments

Group Assignments	12%
Exam I	19%
Exam II	21%
Exam III	22%
Final Exam	26%

Incompletes, Extra Credit, etc.

I adhere strictly to the University guidelines on Incompletes (OAs) given only when students, beyond their control, have been unable to complete course requirements. A substantial amount of work must have been satisfactorily completed

Exam 3

A detailed outline of important dates posted separately.

Additional Notes:

Honor Code

All students of the University of Colorado at Boulder are responsible for knowing and adhering to

