

# Course Description and Syllabus

## for Fall 2003 Econ 120C

The Web page for Fall 2003 Econ 120C is at <http://econ.ucsd.edu/~rramanat/ec120c/fall03>

In the table below, an underlined item has links to the Web pages for that category. If you have access to a Web browser (Netscape or Internet Explorer, for example) from home, it is wise to create bookmarks for this site as well as the other link pages. There are links to old exams the last two times I taught this course. For more details [click here](#).

<b>CLASS MEETINGS</b>	MWF 11-11:50 am Solis Hall 107 Class web page: <a href="http://econ.ucsd.edu/~rramanat/ec120c/fall03">http://econ.ucsd.edu/~rramanat/ec120c/fall03</a> . <b>NO SECTIONS WILL BE HELD. JUST ATTEND REGULAR LECTURES ONLY.</b>												
<b>OFFICE AND HOURS</b>	My office is Room 229 in the ECON building, Marshall College. My office hours will be MWF 10-10:55 am and 1-1:55 pm (I have a class at 2pm). I am not available on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Variations from the above will be posted on the computer bulletin. The TAs' office hours will be posted on their doors and on the computer bulletin.												
<b>TEXT</b>	<u>INTRODUCTORY ECONOMETRICS WITH APPLICATIONS</u> , Fifth Edition (2003), by <u>Ramu Ramanathan</u> (available at the bookstore). I have asked that copies of the book be placed on reserve at the UG library in Galbraith Hall. If you have access to the fourth edition and want to use that instead of the fifth edition, you are quite welcome to do so as long as you keep up with the actual references to the fifth edition pages and exercises.												
<b>COURSE CONTENT</b>	In this quarter, we will quickly review the chapters covered in 120B and then continue with the text.												
<b>ASSIGNMENTS</b>	There will be three assignments, each of which will carry a weight of 5% towards the final grade. The assignments will involve both theoretical and empirical work. Joint work and free discussion are strongly encouraged. If you work as a team (no more than three people per team), submit a single set of answers and identify the team members. Each member will get the same grade assigned to the answers. If your name does not appear on any assignment turned in, you cannot add it later. If your name appears on two papers, the LOWER grade will be chosen. <b>LATE PAPERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.</b>												
<b>EXAMS</b>	There will be two mid-term exams, one on Wednesday, October 29, 2003 (20% weight), and the second on Wednesday November 19, 2003 (30% weight). The final exam (11:30 am to 2:30 pm, Wednesday, December 10, 2003 -- verify it) will have a 35% weight. The exams will be closed book, but you can bring a SINGLE 4" by 6" index card on which you may copy down (on both sides) formulas, etc. It must be HAND-WRITTEN; photo reducing and pasting is not permitted. Bring a calculator (just a simple one will do, no need for scientific or business calculator). If you bring a solar calculator, be sure to sit directly under a light. All grading problems must be rectified within a week from the time an exam or assignment is returned. No regrading of exams will be allowed if they were written in pencil. If you write in pencil, however, you can pick up the exam from the T.A. in his/her office, check the grading immediately, and take care of complaints "before leaving the office."												
<b>MAKE-UP EXAMS</b>	I will generally not give incompletes or make-up exams, especially if you have 3-exam conflicts on finals. If for some reason a make-up exam is given, 10% of the score will be deducted as penalty. There is no penalty for medical absence, but a doctor's certificate is required. I ought to warn you that my make-up exams are usually harder.												
<b>COURSE GRADE</b>	<p>The course grade will be assigned as follows. First, a weighted average of numerical scores will be obtained. If the mean class score is below 68.5 percent, points will be added to all scores to bring the mean score to 68.5 percent. Then letter grades will be assigned using the following percentage scale.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>97-100 A+</td> <td>81-85.9 B+</td> <td>66-70.9 C+</td> <td>41-50.9 D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>91-96.9 A</td> <td>76-80.9 B</td> <td>61-65.9 C</td> <td>&lt; 41 F</td> </tr> <tr> <td>86-90.9 A-</td> <td>71-75.9 B-</td> <td>51-60.9 C-</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>An adjusted grade will also be calculated according to the following procedure (this will be done only after the final exam). First, the exam (not assignment) in which you scored the lowest percentage points will be identified. This exam will then be given half the weight assigned to it and the other half equally divided between the remaining two exams. A new weighted average is then calculated. You will get the higher of the two grades. Finally, a few selected people very close to the border line might be pushed up if they have shown substantial improvement in the grade. However, don't expect any sympathy from me if you haven't turned in the homeworks.</p>	97-100 A+	81-85.9 B+	66-70.9 C+	41-50.9 D	91-96.9 A	76-80.9 B	61-65.9 C	< 41 F	86-90.9 A-	71-75.9 B-	51-60.9 C-	
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**BULLETINS**

As you saw last quarter, we will be using the bulletin board system extensively for communication purposes. If there is an important message to be read, I will alert you in class. You should then login after class and see if you have bulletins. **FAILING TO DO THAT MAY BE DISASTROUS BECAUSE YOU WILL MISS IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS.** My email address is [ramu@econ.ucsd.edu](mailto:ramu@econ.ucsd.edu) or [rmanathan@ucsd.edu](mailto:rmanathan@ucsd.edu).

The Web page for Fall 2003 Econ 130C is at <http://econ.ucsd.edu/~ramanath/130cFall03> in the table below. An updated version links to the Web page for that category. If you have access to a Web browser (Netscape or Internet Explorer), for example, from home, it is wise to create bookmarks for this site as well as the other link pages. There are links to old exams the last two times I taught this course. For more details about the page...

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