

Economics 120c (Econometrics), Spring 2010 (Section ID: 679328), MW 6:30-7:50pm, Center 101
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Office Location: Econ Annex **Office Hours: 4:00-4:50pm on Mondays**

Course Materials:

Required Text: James H. Stock and Mark W. Watson, Introduction to Econometrics (2nd edition, Addison-Wesley, 2007).

Recommended Software: STATA (www.stata.com); Students can use STATA in the computer lab.

Tests: There will be three (non-cumulative) exams. The exams will be held on April 21st (Wednesday, week 4), May 24th (Monday, Week 9) and June 9th (7-10pm on Wednesday, Final week – location: TBA). **No make-up exams will be given.**

Grade Structure: The three (in-class) exams will count 28% each. The final 16% will be based on three problem sets. The final grades are nominally determined by a weighted average of standardized scores. Thus, naturally professor Jeon reserves the right to adjust grades as he deems appropriate.

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| Scores | -59 | 60 - | 64 - | 67 - | 70 - | 74 - | 77 - | 80 - | 84 - | 87 - | 90 - | 94 - | 97 - |
| Grade | F | D- | D | D+ | C- | C | C+ | B- | B | B+ | A- | A | A+ |

Discussion Sessions, led by Kirti Gupta, Juanjuan Meng, and Xun Lu (by rotation)
 4-4:50pm on Fridays Location – Center 101; 5-5:50pm on Fridays Location – Center 101

Teaching Assistants – Office Hours

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| Kirti Gupta (grading exam#3) | Econ 125 | k1gupta@ucsd.edu | 5-7pm on Tuesdays |
| Juanjuan Meng (grading exam#2) | Sequoyah Hall 234 | jumeng@ucsd.edu | 1:30 pm -3:30pm on Wednesday |
| Xun Lu (grading hw#1,#2, and #3) | Sequoyah Hall 205 | xunlu@ucsd.edu | 4pm-6pm on Wednesdays |
| Ben Gillen (grading exam#1) | Econ 128 | bgillen@ucsd.edu | 4-6pm on Mondays (can be changed) |

(Tentative) Assignments: Please download each homework from the webCT (<http://webct.ucsd.edu>). Suggested solutions for homework will be available at our website.

| <u>Weeks</u> | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Topics and Readings - homework due</u> |
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| 1 | 3/29, 3/31 | Introduction, Stata Review, Ordinary Least Squares (Chapter 17.1-17.4, 18.1, 18.5) |
| 2 | 4/5, 4/7 | Heteroskedasticity (5.4); Weighted Least Squares (Chapter 17.5, 18.2, 18.6) |
| 3 | 4/12, 4/14 | Regression with a Binary Dependent Variable (Chapter 11) - Homework #1 due (4/16) |
| 4 | 4/19, 4/21 | Chapter 11; Panel Data Regression; Experiments and Quasi-Experiments (13.1-13.4); 4/21 - First Midterm exam (Chapters 11, 17, 18) |
| 5 | 4/26, 4/28 | Regression with Panel Data (Chapter 10) |
| 6 | 5/3, 5/5 | Chapter 10 |
| 7 | 5/10, 5/12 | Introduction to Time Series Regression and Forecasting (Chapter 14 except 14.7) |
| 8 | 5/17, 5/19 | Estimation of Dynamic Causal Effects (Chapter 15) - Homework #2 due (5/21) |
| 9 | 5/24, 5/26 | 5/24 - Second Midterm exam (Chapters 10, 13.1-13.4, 14); |
| 10 | 6/3 | 5/31 – Memorial Day Observance (No class) Estimation of Dynamic Causal Effects (Chapter 15) - Homework #3 due (6/4) |
| 11 | 6/9 | Final (7-10pm) |

Topics and Readings:

- Chapter 17. The Econometric Theory of Regression Analysis
- Chapter 18. The Theory of Multiple Regression
- Chapter 11. Regression with a Binary Dependent Variable
- Chapter 10. Regression with Panel Data
- Chapter 13. Experiments and Quasi-Experiments (13.1-13.4);
- Chapter 14. Introduction to Time Series Regression and Forecasting (except 14.7)
- Chapter 15. Estimation of Dynamic Causal Effects
- Chapter 16. Unit Root Test and Cointegration (16.3 and 16.4, if time permits)