

ECON 120A -- SYLLABUS (SPRING 2014)
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Course Information

- Course Title: ECONOMETRICS A [nmax = 370]
- Lecture: A00 (806266) – MWF, 8-9 am, WLH 2001
- Problem/discussion section
 A01 -- F, 4-5 pm YORK 2722 A02 -- F, 5-6 pm CENTER 101
- Description: Statistics for economists. Probability and sampling theory, statistical inference (estimation and hypothesis testing). Homeworks use EXCEL spreadsheets.
- Prerequisites: Math 10C or 20C or 31BH.
- No credit for both Ec 120A and {ECE 109, Math 180A/183/186}.

Books, Webpage, and Materials

- Wonnacott × 2, *Intro. Statistics for Bus. and Econ.*, 4th ed. [Bookstore]
- *Workbook for ...* [Bookstore, optional]
- Bernstein, *Against the Gods*, Wiley, 1998. History of probability. [If you are interested]
- Course webpage: <http://ted.ucsd.edu>

Course Outline & Reading List			
Top 1	PRELIMINARIES ²	Ch. 1	Top 5 USEFUL DISTRIBUTIONS §4-3, 4-5
Top 2	DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS	Ch. 2	Top 6 SAMPLING DISTRIBUTIONS Ch. 6
Top 3	PROBABILITY	Ch. 3	Top 7 ESTIMATION Ch. 7 - 8
Top 4	RANDOM VARIABLES	Ch. 4 - 5	Top 8 HYPOTHESIS TESTING Ch. 9

Calendar

- Change grade option or drop w/o “W” thru F, 25 APR; drop w/o “F” thru F, 30 MAY
- Holidays: Monday, 26 MAY (Memorial Day)
- Midterm: Wednesday, 7 MAY, in class
- Final: Friday, 13 JUN, 8-11 am, place to be announced

¹ I will stay until 11 am if students are present.

² Much of this will be introduced in the first two discussion sections.

Examinations and Grading

- Exams are open notes/closed book; calculator required. Bring stat tables (at TED).
- Midterm = 90 points; cumulative final = 300; graded homework = 10 (adjusted).
- No bathroom breaks during midterms. One person at a time during finals; you leave your paper with a TA before leaving the room.
- Late homework penalty = 1/2 score. No papers accepted after answers posted, nor via e-mail.
- Regrade period for midterm and homeworks is 1 week after papers first returned in class.
- If you arrive late to an exam, I will allow you to take the exam in the time that remains *as long as no one has turned in an exam and left the room*. Once a paper has been turned in, you will get a zero if you arrive late.
- No rescheduled or make-up exams. You MUST take the final with the rest of the class on schedule during finals week. (Make travel/wedding plans accordingly, and if you are going to have too many finals on one day, drop one of the courses.) If you miss the midterm for a verifiable medical, legal or sports reason, your midterm grade will be your grade on the final. You must notify me promptly that you will miss the midterm or I will give you a zero. Unexcused absences also result in a zero.

About Cheating

1. There is a LOT of it at UCSD (9 cases on my Winter 2014 Ec 120C midterm, for example).
2. I hate it!
3. I routinely give multiple versions of tests. Only the TAs know which version you have.
4. If I suspect a violation of academic integrity, I withhold your score and/or grade and send your paper to AIC for resolution. AIC will contact you and tell you what to do.
5. If you are found guilty by AIC, they will impose penalties, and I will give you an F in the course.