

ECON 120C -- SYLLABUS (WINTER 2014)

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Course Information

- Course Title: ECONOMETRICS C (ID = 796286) [n = 200]
- Lecture: A00 -- MWF, 8-9 am WLH 2005
- Discussion: A01 -- W, 6-7 pm; A02 -- W, 7-8 pm CENTER 214
- Description: Reviews multiple regression; covers advanced econometric methods and applications, time-series analysis, probability models, simultaneous equations, and use of panel data.
- Prerequisites: Econ 120B or Math 181B

Books, Webpage, and Materials

- Stock & Watson, *Intro to Econometrics*, 2nd ed. (Custom), Pearson [bookstore]
- Lecture notes and stat tables at course webpage: <http://ted.ucsd.edu>

	Outline/Reading List	Stock & Watson
Top 12	MULTIPLE REGRESSION (review)	Ch. 6, 7
Top 13	APPLICATIONS I	§5.3, Ch. 8, 11
Top 14	COMPLICATIONS I	§5.4, §6.1, Ch. 9, §12.1, §14.2
Top 15	APPLICATIONS/COMPLICATIONS II	Ch. 10, 14, 15
Top 16	SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS	§9.2, Ch. 12, §13.7

Examinations and Grading

- Exams are open notes/closed book; calculator required. Bring stat tables (from TED) if you need them. YOU MUST BRING A VALID PHOTO ID TO EVERY EXAM.
- Midterm = 80 points; cumulative final = 250; STATA assignments = 20 (adjusted).
- No bathroom breaks during midterms. One person at a time during finals; you give your paper to 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 homework 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 homework and 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.

Calendar

- Change grade option or drop w/o "W" thru F, 31 JAN, ; drop w/o "F" thru F, 7 MAR
- Holidays: Monday, 20 JAN (MLK); Monday, 17 FEB (Presidents' Day)
- Midterm: Wednesday, 12 FEB, in class
- Final: Monday, 17 MAR 2014, 8-11 am, in _____

Study Tips

- Attend class; bring the notes posted at TED. Do the practice problems at the end of my lecture topics (answers are provided). If you can't do a problem, we show you how during office hours.
- There are usually a lot of problems at the ends of chapters of textbooks and in Study Guides or Workbooks. Answers are often provided for even-numbered or odd-numbered problems.
- READ THE BOOKS! They were written by teachers who want to help you learn this subject.
- If you start to get lost, see a TA or me. We can help, but don't wait until the final is 2 days away!

My Pet Peeves

- This is not an on-line class. If you don't plan to come to the lectures, please drop the course.
- My view of grades is that they certify attainment of a certain level of competence and expertise in a subject. They are a reward for achievement, not effort. I am amused when students ask for a higher grade because they "need" a better mark. I don't honor such requests. I mean, would you want to go through life with a degree from a university where you can pass by whining and begging?
- I give multiple versions of tests several times each year. If you have the right answer for the wrong issue, I withhold your grade until the issue is resolved by AIC.
- A lot of cheating takes place during the last few minutes of an exam, when papers are handed in. In Spring 2010, 4 students handed in their midterms after I declared "pencils down," and 3 of them subsequently got caught cheating on the final. If you don't hand your exam in when I call "Pencils down," I will reduce your score by half.
- In Fall 2011 and Spring 2013, a lot of cell-phone cheating by students purportedly on "bathroom break" was reported on campus. A few cases of students not even enrolled at UCSD taking the exams for someone else have also recently surfaced.
- Honest students are put at a disadvantage by cheating students, and I don't like that. Hence, my exam rules and restrictions.