INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMIC STATISTICS
Econ 381
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TEXT: Required; Statistics for Business and Economics, 3d ed., McClave and Benson.

a computer guide to be identified later.

Optional; Study Guide for McClave and Benson.

GRADING: There will be three exams worth 100 points each, a computer project worth 50 points, and recitation will be worth 100 points. The exams will be 50 minute exams. The dates of the first two exams will be announced in class. The third exam will be given during the last hour of the final exam period. During the first two hours of the final exam period there will be an optional review exam. If you choose to take this review exam, and do better on it than you did on the first two exams (as a pair), it will replace your first two exams (as a pair)--otherwise the review exam will be thrown out.

THERE WILL BE NO EARLY, LATE, OR MAKE-UP EXAMS GIVEN

The grade ranges are: A -- 405 pts. (90%)
B -- 360 pts. (80%)
C -- 270 pts. (60%)
D -- 225 pts. (50%)

For the B, C, and D ranges the top 10 pts. will be plusses and the bottom 5 pts. will be minuses. There is no grade of A+ and I will give no A- to anyone whose total points puts him or her in the A range.

CALCULATORS: You will need one for both homework and exams. At a minimum it will have to do squares and square roots. Memories will be helpful but not essential. Calculators that perform statistical and regression operations are acceptable, but you will still have to show your work on exams to get full credit. Therefore, I advise against taking the easy way out when you do your homework.

FINAL NOTES: You will be responsible for everything that goes on in class and in your recitation (whether or not you are there), all assigned text material, and all material in handouts (including this one), unless specifically excluded. Anyone missing the first three lectures will be administratively dropped if there are others waiting to get into the class.