Course Syllabus
Economics 3818-200
Introduction to Statistics with Computer Application
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Lecture Location: HUM 135
Meeting Times: Tuesday/Thursday 2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. plus assigned recitation.
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Recitation Locations:
211, Thursday 9 - 9:50 a.m., HUM 245
212, Wednesday 12 - 12:50 p.m., CHEM 133
213, Wednesday 2 - 2:50 p.m., CHEM 133

Textbooks: The Basic Practice of Statistics 3rd Edition, (required)
David S. Moore
Excel Manual for Moore's Basic Practice of Statistics, (optional)
Fred M. Hoppe
Study Guide for Moore's Basic Practice of Statistics, (optional)
Michael Flinger and William Notz

Necessary Hardware and Software: Microsoft Excel will be used for much of the data analysis. The Excel manual listed under textbooks is highly recommended since it will lead you through the Excel applications for the course. Microsoft Excel is supported in all of the campus computer labs, including the lab in the basement of the Economics building. The manual is designed specifically for this course. In addition to using Excel, you will need a two variable graphing calculator that has functions for correlation, mean, standard deviation, and least squares regression line. This calculator will be necessary for in-class exercises as well as for
Course Objectives

This course introduces statistical methods and their applications to a variety of problems, including economics and business. The course will provide an inductive treatment of statistical methods. Rather than focus on your memorizing formulas, a strong emphasis will be placed on the analysis of data which will require extensive use of Microsoft Excel on the computer and a graphing calculator in class. In order to succeed in the course, you will need to keep up with all of the work (readings, lecture, homework) because the concepts and techniques build on one another. Class and recitation attendance is mandatory (policy below).

Prerequisites

Course prerequisites are Economics 1000, or 2010 and 2020; and Economics 1078 and 1088 or equivalent. These prerequisites are strictly enforced.

Course Components

- Lecture: With help from you and your fellow students, we will try to make lectures an interactive experience. I will encourage participation by calling on you and hopefully you will at times desire to share your own insights and experiences.

- Class Exercises: Some topics lend themselves to in-class exercises as another way of learning. These exercises will sometimes involve the entire class and at other times involve smaller groups down to the individual level.

- In-class Quizzes: There will be weekly in-class quizzes that will help prepare you for exams.

- Homework: There will be mandatory homework assignments for each section. These assignments will be graded on a standard zero to one hundred point scale. Homework plays a prominent role in your success in the class.

- Midterms & Final: Two in-class midterms and a final will be given on the dates noted below. Make-up exams will not be possible for the midterms. If you have a legitimate and verifiable excuse, test weighting can be adjusted. Otherwise
missing a midterm will result in a zero for the midterm that was missed. The final is mandatory. Failing to write the final will result in an F regardless of the average coming into the final.

**Evaluative Criteria**

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**Important Dates**

- January 17 - First day for this class
- March 27 - 31 - Spring break
- May 4 - Last day for this class
- May 6 (Saturday) - 4:30 - 7 p.m., Final Examination

**Attendance Requirement**

Daily attendance will be taken in both class and recitation beginning the second class meeting and the first recitation. In order to receive a passing grade in the course, you must attend a minimum of 80% of the lectures and 80% of the recitations. A sign-in sheet will be circulated during each class and recitation meeting. *It is your responsibility to make sure that you have signed in by the end of class and recitation.*

**Special Accommodations Policy**

If you have specific physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities and require accommodations, please let me know early in the semester so that your learning needs may be appropriately met. You will need to provide documentation of your disability to the Disability Services Office in Willard 322 (phone 303-492-8671). Furthermore, if you require time off for special religious or cultural holidays, this should be arranged in advance with me.

**Policy Regarding Academic Dishonesty**

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Breaches of this policy will result in a course grade of F and a reporting of the incident to academic affairs.
Course Assignments and Announcements
(link)

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