

ECON 3818-100
Introduction to Statistics with Computer Applications
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This is my website where you will go to find general information and updates. I will post announcements, homework assignments, practice exams, etc. on this site.

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Recitations: 101 11:00-12:20 MW ECON 13
102 11:00-12:20 TR ECON 13

Course Description:

This course is designed as an introduction to statistics and econometrics. For many of you, this may be your first course in statistics. As a result, one of the main goals of the course is to cover a broad range of concepts and techniques, as well as applications of these concepts. We will make use of Microsoft Excel at various points throughout the course; however, this class is primarily a statistics course, not a computer applications course.

Prerequisites:

Econ 1000 or 2010-2020 and Econ 1078-1088 or equivalent math courses

Textbook:

Intro Stats (3rd Edition) by De Veaux, Velleman, and Bock. This can be purchased from the bookstore. This book is listed as “required”, but it is probably more “highly recommended”. I will not require you to have the book in order to complete your homework assignments.

Technical Requirements:

We will occasionally use Microsoft Excel, which is available in all campus computer labs, including the one in the basement of the Economics building. You may find a graphing calculator (such as TI-83 or 84) useful, but I am not going to require that you have one. You will want some form of calculator (NOT a cell phone) for the exams.

Grading:

The grades for the course will be based on the standard scale:

93-100%	A	73-76%	C
90-92%	A-	70-72%	C-
87-89%	B+	67-69%	D+
83-86%	B	63-66%	D
80-82%	B-	60-62%	D-
77-79%	C+	below 60%	F

Your grade will come from the following breakdown:

Problem Sets - 10%

- These will be assigned at various points throughout the semester. We will have 6 assignments, and I will collect them at the beginning of class on the due date. I will drop your lowest score, so late problem sets will not be accepted.

Recitation - 30%

- Your recitation score is determined by the teaching assistant. I reserve the right to curve these scores as necessary.

Exam 1 (Thursday June 11th) - 30%

Exam 2 (Tuesday June 23rd) - 30%

Exam 3 (Thursday July 2nd) - 30%

In order to make this add up to 100%, I will drop the lowest of your scores from recitation, exam 1, and exam 2. The score from exam 3 will count for everyone. If you will not be able to take this exam on Thursday July 2nd at 2:30, you need to drop the course.

NOTE: I will provide you with a list of formulas for the exams. I will let you know before each exam which formulas will be provided.

Tentative Course Schedule: (Subject to Change)

Part	Topic	Weeks	Chapters
I	Understanding and Exploring Variables	1	2-6
II	Probability and Random Variables	2	14-17
-	Exam 1	Thursday 6/11	-
III	Sampling	3	12-13
IV	Inferential Statistics	3,4	18-25
-	Exam 2	Tuesday 6/23	-
V	Relationships Between Variables, Regression	5	7-9, 26-27
-	Exam 3	Thursday 7/3	-

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Time extensions for exams must be approved by me prior to the exam. If you have not talked to me personally prior to the exam you will not be granted an extension.

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