

ECON 140
Economic Statistics and Econometrics
SECTION SYLLABUS, FALL 2016

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Time and Location:

- 101 DIS: M 5:00-6:30P, 9 EVANS
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Office Hours: Fr 4:00-6:00pm, 536 Evans

Objective

This course is an introduction to econometrics. During the sections I will provide you handouts and we will review difficult concepts and empirical tools as we go over the exercises. This will be very good practice to master the material and get ready for the exams. The section material will be identical across GSIs and will be posted on **bCourses** with the solutions. Along the course we will use **Excel, Gretl or Stata**. I strongly recommend you to get any version of Stata and force yourself to learn how to use it. Stata is widely used in Economics and Finance, and hopefully by the end of this course you will be able to add it to your Resume!

Office Hours

During office hours you are welcome to ask any question related to lecture and section material or problem sets. Your questions will be addressed on a first come, first served basis. Some deviations from this rule are possible if I find them convenient. Note that I won't be able to provide you with exact homework solutions during my office hours, but I will provide some guidance. If you have time conflicts with my OH you can attend any of the other GSI's office hours posted on bCourses.

Homeworks

In the scope of this course you will have 7 problem sets. Problem sets give you the opportunity to improve your understanding of the material and prepare yourself for the final exam. You are encouraged to work in (small) groups, but everyone has to turn in an individual problem set. Direct copying from someone else's work is not acceptable, nor is looking at previous solutions that may be available. I will bring cases of suspected copying to Prof. Duzhak's attention. There will be no regrades on the problem sets. Submit your problem

set in class on the date it is due. Late homeworks will not be accepted. If you are unable to submit your homework on time yourself, try to ask your classmates to do it or send me an e-mail explaining your situation in advance.

E-mail Policy

E-mails are reserved for administrative matters only (you should write [ECON 140] in the subject field). Please do not ask material-related questions by e-mail. We believe you have many resources (sections, office hours, tutoring, student learning center) to ask questions about lecture, homework, practice problems, etc. So please use these resources first.

Other Policies

- **Attendance:** is NOT mandatory but is highly recommended. You are allowed to attend any of my sections, but please stick to one of them and let me know in advance.
- **Enrollment Issues:** If you have any problems with enrollment, please contact the Head GSI Katja Jensen (headgsi@econ.berkeley.edu). I have no authority over these matters.
- **Special Accommodations:** If you need disability-related accommodations in this class, if you have emergency medical information you wish to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please see me privately after class or in my office. You can also contact Prof. Duzhak and the DSP website (<http://www.dsp.berkeley.edu/>). You will need a Letter of Accommodation from DSP which should be sent directly to the professor.
- **Electronic devices:** Turn off the sound on your electronic devices before class. Laptops are permitted, but try not to distract me or your friends.
- **Tutoring Resources:** The Department of Economics has tutors who will be available to help you. More information is available at <https://www.econ.berkeley.edu/undergrad/home/tutoring>.

Academic Honesty

Remember Berkeley's Honor Code: "As a member of the UC Berkeley community, I act with honesty, integrity, and respect for others". The expectation is that you will adhere to this code.