

## **ECON 7590 - Econometrics**

Fall 2016, M & W, 11:50am - 1:10pm, Bldg. 73, Rm. 109

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### *Course description*

The purpose of this course is to provide a graduate level introduction to mathematical statistics and linear regression for cross-section data analysis.

### *Suggested textbooks*

- George Casella and Roger Berger. Statistical Inference. 2nd Edition. ISBN 13: 978-0534243128.
- Jeffrey M Wooldridge. Econometric Analysis of Cross Section and Panel Data. 2nd Edition. ISBN-13: 978-0262232586.

### *Grading policy*

- 4 assignments each with 2.5% weight
- 2 exams each with 45% weight

### *Letter grade scale*

- $A \geq 93\%$ ,  $93\% > A- \geq 90\%$
- $90\% > B+ \geq 87\%$ ,  $87\% > B \geq 83\%$ ,  $83\% > B- \geq 80\%$
- $80\% > C+ \geq 77\%$ ,  $77\% > C \geq 73\%$ ,  $73\% > C- \geq 70\%$
- $70\% > D+ \geq 65\%$ ,  $65\% > D \geq 60\%$ ,  $60\% > D- \geq 50\%$
- $50\% > E$

## *Topics*

- Statistical theory
  - Probability theory
  - Distribution of random variables
  - Transformation of random variables
  - Moments of random variables
  - Common families of distributions
  - Properties of random sample
  - Point and interval estimation
  - Hypothesis testing
  
- Cross-section regression analysis
  - Classical linear regression model
  - Properties of OLS
  - Hypothesis testing
  - Qualitative explanatory variables
  - Multicollinearity
  - Heteroskedasticity
  - Specification issues

## *Notes*

- Late assignments lose points.
- The exams must be taken at the scheduled time. When a student has a legitimate (documented) reason for missing the first exam, the weight of the exam will be transferred to the second exam. Absolutely no make-up exams are given.
- Incompletes are not generally given for non-medical reasons.

- If you have any question regarding grading of an exam or assignment question, you must ask within a week from the day the grades are provided. No exceptions to this rule will be entertained.

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