

ECONOMICS 4818
Introduction to Econometrics
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Office Hours: M 9:15 – 9:45, 11:00 – 11:40 & 2 – 4pm; W,F 11 – 11:40am.

Prerequisites:

Economics 3818, Introduction to Statistics with Computer Applications, or its equivalent. I assume that you did not only take the class, but also that you understand and remember the content. It is **very** important that you fulfill the prerequisite **before** you take this course, and **still** understand the materials in the prerequisite. If you have any uncertainty as to whether you are under or over qualified to take the course, please talk to me ASAP. The prerequisites must be strictly enforced.

Course Description:

This course provides an introduction to the theory and applications of modern

Text:

Introductory Econometrics: A Modern Approach, (4th or later edition) by Jeffery M. Wooldridge. The text in the 4th edition is nearly identical to the 5th edition, but some practice problems are missing in the old editions. The text is important, as I will follow it closely. Keep up with the readings. It is essential for success in this class.

A Note on Learning Systems and Assessments:

This course is a little more traditional than many of the other classes I teach. Lecture is still the primary component, but group assignments and discussions are taking on a slightly larger role. One of the most important changes from prior semesters is that all exams will be cumulative, and we will spend at least a little time reviewing for each exam.

Attendance Policy

There are many studies showing a clear relationship between class attendance and student achievement. For this reason, there is a strict attendance policy for this course. Daily attendance will be taken. If you miss (unexcused absences) more than 10% of the course (more than 3 days), 10% will be subtracted from your overall percentage. If you miss (unexcused absences) more than 15% of the course (more than 5 days), you will receive an automatic F. A sign-in sheet will be circulated daily when necessary. **It is your responsibility to make sure that you have signed in for each class (having someone else sign your name is a violation of the honor code).** In addition, you may be administratively dropped if you do not attend each (all) of the first 3 days of class.

Exams:

There will be three cumulative exams and a cumulative final. Tests will consist of short-answer questions and some longer problems. The exams will all be cumulative, and the material does build on itself so it is important to understand all of the concepts as we go. **Exams will be given in class on the days listed. If you miss an exam with a valid excuse (e.g. a note from your doctor or Wardenburg), then the weight of your final will be increased. Undocumented illnesses do not count as valid excuses (as long as this is not in conflict with a University policy). Note that the exam dates below are not tentative – exams will be given in class on the days listed. NO EXAMS Will Be DROPPED!!**

Exam Schedule:

Exam I: Monday, September 26th

Exam II: Friday, October 28th

Exam III: Friday, December 2nd

Final exam: Sunday, December 11th at 7:30pm in our usual room.

Final Exam Conflicts

Official University Policy states that: If you have three or more final exams scheduled on the

work must have been *satisfactorily completed* before approval for such a grade is completed.”). Bad grades, unsatisfactory performance, too many credit hours, work conflicts, etc. are not reasons for an incomplete.

I am adamant about giving each student an equal opportunity to perform well in the course, so there will be no extra credit opportunities that are not offered to the entire class. You should focus your efforts on learning the material and doing well on the exams.

Grading Scale:

Your Score	Grade
92% to 100%	A
90% to 91%	A-
88% to 89%	B+
82% to 87%	B
80% to 81%	B-
78% to 79%	

integrity policy will be subject to both academic sanctions from the faculty member and non-academic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion). Additional information on the Honor Code can be found at <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html> and at <http://www.colorado.edu/academics/honorcode>

Disabilities

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to your professor a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner (for exam accommodations provide your letter at least one week prior to the exam) so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or by e-mail at dsinfo@colorado.edu.

If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see Temporary Injuries under Quick Links at [Disability Services website](#) and discuss your needs with your professor.

Religious holidays

A comprehensive calendar of the religious holidays most commonly observed by CU-Boulder students can be found at <http://www.interfaithcalendar.org/> Review this list and the class syllabus. After reviewing the syllabus, please see the instructor if you believe that you need an accommodation for religious reasons. The instructor should be notified within the first two weeks of classes. Campus policy regarding religious observances states that faculty must make *reasonable* accommodation for them and in so doing, be careful not to inhibit or penalize those students who are exercising their rights to religious observance. For more information see

Individuals who believe they have been discriminated against should contact the Office of Discrimination and Harassment (ODH) at 303-492-2127 or the Office of Student Conduct (OSC) at 303-492-5550. Information about the ODH, the above referenced policies, and the campus resources available to assist individuals regarding discrimination or harassment can be obtained at <http://www.colorado.edu/odh>.

Any University policies that are in conflict with my own policies will supersede my policy!

