Syllabus
for ECON

you have only about 10 days to use the downloaded software but you will actually have it for the life of your laptop. You can purchase MegaStat here: http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/0077425995/information_center_view0/

We will have in-class Excel labs for which you will have to bring a laptop in order to complete the assigned Excel work. Some of the Excel labs will be targeted at improving your general Excel skills. In other labs you will practice doing statistical analysis in Excel. Your Excel work will not be graded.

In class I will regularly demonstrate regression analyses and statistical tests using Excel. I will post all Excel files that I have used in class on D2L. You are advised to take notes in class and redo the Excel analyses after class. Don't hesitate to see me in office hours if you need Excel help.

Grading:
Your grades will be assigned based on the following break down:
Midterm 1 .... 20%
Midterm 2 .... 20%
Team homework 20%
Attendance 5%
Participation 5%
Final exam 30%

These are the only factors that will be used to determine your course grade. There will be no extra credit.

Exams:
There will be two midterm exams and a cumulative final exam. The exams will cover material from lectures, the textbook, and homework.
Midterm 1:   Friday, February 20th
Midterm 2:   Friday, April 3rd
Final exam: Monday May 4th, 1:30 pm- 4:00 pm

Team homework assignments:
I will post homework assignments on D2L. Your homework assignments will be done in teams of 4 students. You are free to form your own team. Each team will submit one copy of the completed assignments through D2L and bring a printout to class.

Free-riding is strongly discouraged. Please contact me ASAP if any issues arise within your team.

At the end of the semester, your contribution to the team work will be subject to confidential peer evaluation. Your individual homework score will be determined in the following way. 50% of your score will be based on the team homework score, and the remaining 50% will be the team homework score weighed by your average peer evaluation. For example, if a team homework score is 90 out of 100, you evaluate your contribution with 100% and your three team

mates evaluate your contribution with 100%, 100% and 80%. Then your overall homework score is 50%(90) + 50%(90)(100% +100% + 100% + 80%)/4=87.75 out of 100.

End-of-Chapter Practice Problems:
I will post answers to the odd-number end-of-chapter problems in the textbook. You are expected to work through these problems

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