

Econ 178 SYLLABUS (FALL 2001)

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Course Information

- ID: Ec 178 Economic and Business Forecasting (420673)
- Lectures: MWF, 1²⁵ - 2¹⁵ pm, CENTER 115
- Coverage: Time-series forecasting not already taught in Econ 120B-C
- Prerequisites: Ec 120C (may be taken concurrently)

Calendar

- Change grade option or drop w/o "W" thru F, 19 OCT
- Drop w/o "F" thru M, 26 NOV
- Holiday: M, 12 NOV (Veterans); Th-F, 22-23 NOV (Thanksgiving)
- Midterm: Wednesday, 24 OCT, in class.
- Final: Friday, 7 DEC, 11³⁰ - 2³⁰ pm, CENTER 115 OR _____

Books and Materials

- Diebold, *Elements of Forecasting*, 2^d ed., South-Western [Bookstore]
- Foster, Econ 178 Course Packet [Soft Reserves]

Examinations and Grading

Midterm = 50 points; cumulative final = 150 points; homework = 50 points after adjustment. Exams open book/notes. Late homework penalty = $\frac{1}{2}$ score. Grade review period = 1 week. Cheating = F + letter to dean.¹ No make-up or rescheduled exams.

Gr Points	
A±	91-99
B±	78-90
C±	63-77
D	50-62

Grade Scale

OUTLINE/READING

BASIC CONCEPTS	ch. 1-3
SMOOTHING & DETERMINISTIC TRENDS	ch. 4, §12.4
SEASONAL MODELS	ch. 5
FORECAST ACCURACY & MODEL SELECTION	ch. 11
ARIMA	ch. 6-9, 12

¹I give multiple versions of exams. If you have the right work for someone else's version, you will be accused of copying (cheating).