Economics 120c (Econometrics), Winter 2009 (641608), MW 5:00-7:50pm, Solis Hall 107

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#### **Course Materials:**

**Required Text:** James H. Stock and Mark W. Watson, Introduction to Econometrics (2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Addison-Wesley, 2007).

**Recommended Software:** STATA (www.stata.com); Students can use STATA in the computer lab.

<u>Tests</u>: There will be three (non-cumulative) exams. The exams will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup> (Monday, week 6), March 2nd (Monday, Week 9) and March 16th (7-10pm on Monday, week 11 – location: TBA). **No make-up exams will be given**.

<u>Grade Structure</u>: The three (in-class) exams will count 30% each. The final 10% will be based on three problem sets (2% each) and from the discussion session (4%). The final grades are nominally determined by a weighted average of standardized scores. Thus, naturally professor Jeon reserves the right to adjust grades as he deems appropriate.

Scores	-59	60 -	64 -	67 -	70 -	74 -	77 -	80 -	84 -	87 -	90 -	94 -	97 -
Grade	F	D-	D	D+	C-	C	C+	B-	В	B+	A-	A	A+

# **Discussion Sessions**

Ben Gillen 5-5:50pm on Thursdays Location - Ledden Auditorium John McAdams 6-6:50pm on Thursdays Location - Ledden Auditorium

### **Teaching Assistants – Office Hours**

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# (Tentative) Assignments:

Please download each homework from the class website (http://econ.ucsd.edu/~yjeon/econ120c.html). Suggested solutions for homework will be available at our website.

Weeks	Dates	Topics and Readings - homework due
1	1/5, 1/7	Introduction, Stata Review, Ordinary Least Squares (Chapter 17.1-17.4, 18.1, 18.5)
2	1/12, 1/14	Heteroskedasticity (5.4); Weighted Least Squares (Chapter 17.5, 18.2, 18.6)
3	1/21	<u>1/19 -MLK Holiday</u> ; Regression with a Binary Dependent Variable (Chapter 11)
4	1/26, 1/28	Chapter 11; Panel Data Regression; Experiments and Quasi-Experiments (13.1-13.4);
5	2/2, 2/4	Regression with Panel Data (Chapter 10); 2/4 - Homework #1 due
6	2/9, 2/11	2/9 - First Midterm exam (Chapters 11, 17, 18– graded by Ben); Chapter 10
7	2/18	2/16 - President's Day Holiday
		Introduction to Time Series Regression and Forecasting (Chapter 14 except 14.7)
8	2/23, 2/25	Estimation of Dynamic Causal Effects (Chapter 15); 2/25 - Homework #2 due (2/25)
9	3/2, 3/4	3/2 - Second Midterm exam (Chapters 10, 13.1-13.4, 14– graded by John);
10	3/9, 3/11	Estimation of Dynamic Causal Effects (Chapter 15) - Homework #3 due (3/11)
11	3/16	Final (chapters 14, 15 – graded by Min Seong)

# **Topics and Readings:**

Chapter 17. The Econometric Theory of Regression Analysis

Chapter 18. The Theory of Multiple Regression

Chapter 11. Regression with a Binary Dependent Variable

Chapter 10. Regression with Panel Data

Chapter 13. Experiments and Quasi-Experiments (13.1-13.4);

Chapter 14. Introduction to Time Series Regression and Forecasting (except 14.7)

Chapter 15. Estimation of Dynamic Causal Effects

Chapter 16. Unit Root Test and Cointegration (16.3 and 16.4, if time permits)