

Economics 4818-002: Introduction to Econometrics

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Remote (Zoom)

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Course Description

The goal of this course is to learn the basics of the theory and practice of analyzing relationships in economic (and other) data. This course serves as an introduction to multiple regression techniques with a focus on economic applications. It includes extensions to discrete response and panel data, as well as concepts such as omitted variables, missing data, sample selection and randomized and quasi-experiments. The course also develops the ability to apply econometric and statistical methods using the computer package STATA.

Prerequisites

ECON 3818 – Introduction to Statistics with Computer Applications (or equivalent).

Tentative Course Outline

The course readings (based upon the 3rd edition of SW) and outline are provided below. The material we will cover may be adjusted somewhat towards the end of the semester.

I. Introduction

Readings: Chapter 1

II. Review of Probability and Statistics

Readings: Chapters 2 and 3

III. Linear Regression with One Regressor

Readings: Chapters 4, 5 and 17.1-17.4

IV. Linear Regression with Multiple Regressors

Readings: Chapters 6, 7 and 18.1-18.5

V. Nonlinear Regression

Readings: Chapter 8

VI. Assessing Regression Studies

Readings: Chapter 9

VII. Panel Data

Readings: Chapter 10

VIII. Binary D

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Requirements for COVID-19

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- maintain 6-foot distancing when possible,
- wear a face covering in public indoor spaces and outdoors while on campus consistent with state and county health orders,
- clean local work area,
- practice hand hygiene,
- follow public health orders, and
- if sick and you live off campus, do not come onto campus (unless instructed by a CU Healthcare professional), or if you live on-campus, please alert [CU Boulder Medical Services](#).

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in the academic environment. Information on requesting accommodations is located on the [Disability Services website](#). Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or dsinfo@colorado.edu for further assistance. If you have a temporary medical condition, see [Temporary Medical Conditions](#) on the Disability Services website. ***Please submit your accommodation letter as soon as possible to ensure we have enough time to set up accommodations.***

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