EC228: Econometric Methods
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Substance: This course introduces students to econometrics a subfield of economics concerned with methods for measuring economic quantities and testing economic theory. In particular, the course focuses on estimation and inference within the framework of linear regression analysis.

Prerequisites: EC1151 or EC1155, or equivalent.


There is a 6th edition available as well, which you may use as it is not too different. Page references will be given to the 5th Edition.

Grading:
– 4 Homework (best 3 count, total 15%).
– 1 Lab Grade (20%)
– 1 Final (40%): Thursday, Dec 17, 9.00 am.

Part of the class will include computational exercises through which students will gain practical experience and familiarity with statistical software such as STATA. There will be a mandatory tutorial section that meets once a week to introduce students to STATA, and provide assistance with the empirical part of the homework assignments. You are free to sign up for one of the following times: M 2-3 (McGuinn 29), Tue 10-11 (30), Wed 11-12 (30), 12-1 (29); Fr 12-1 (29), 2-3 (30). Ivan Petkov (petkovi@bc.edu) is coordinating these sections.

There will not be rescheduled or make-up examinations. Homework assignments will not be accepted passed their due dates. You may use calculators during exams. You must demonstrate your reasoning and show all calculation to receive full grade.
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**Course Outline:**
1– Introduction to econometrics and economic data (chapter 1)
2– Review of probability (Appendix B)
3– Review of statistics (Appendix C)
4– Simple regression analysis (chapter 2)
5– Multiple regression analysis: estimation (chapter 3)
6– Multiple regression analysis: inference (chapter 4)
7– Multiple regression analysis: OLS asymptotics (chapter 5)
8– Multiple regression analysis: further issues (chapter 6)
9– Multiple regression analysis: binary variables (chapter 7)
10– Heteroskedasticity (chapter 8)
11– Specification and data issues (chapter 9)
If time permits:
12– Regression analysis with time series data (chapter 10)
13– Serial correlation and heteroskedasticity in time series regression (chapter 12)
14– Instrumental variables estimation and two stage least squares (chapter 15)