

Spring 2017, Econ 345: Econometrics

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This course will require the use of *Introduction to Econometrics, Fourth Edition* by Christopher Dougherty. The text is primarily meant for the learning of Masters level students. Accordingly, one should not expect to advance through more than half to possibly two-thirds of the chapters. The text makes reference to and use of a program, called *Stata*, which will not be used, however, if one wishes to continue their efforts in this course the appropriate version can be found at [www.Stata.com/order](http://www.Stata.com/order) and on all desktop computers in the computing lab on the third floor of the Johnson Center. Readings for one's education on ethics and statistics are available upon request.

**Grades will be based upon a series of homework, to be assigned later, and two exams, midterm and final. Attendance is not mandatory, one may come and go without reprimand.**

**There will be eleven homework assignments, of which the *HIGHEST* will be dropped. These will constitute no less than twenty percent of final grades. Once assigned, the homework may be turned in at any time, and once returned it may be resubmitted any number of times until the NINTH OF MAY, one week before the final examination. Thus, one is encouraged to work diligently throughout the semester, a single good mark will not allow you to coast into a satisfactory grade.**

**Midterm exams will be administered by myself or a proctor on the NINTH OF MARCH during regular class hours.**

**Final exams will be administered by myself or a proctor on the SIXTEENTH OF MAY, to begin at 7:30 p.m. and finish no later than 10:15 p.m.**

All services and accommodations recommended or required by the University's Office of Disability Services will be honored to the letter, but one must appropriate time for arrangements to be made, to wit all requests must be presented by a date no less than two weeks prior to the examination in concern.

On the matter of cheating and academic integrity I write directly. All collaboration on homework between yourselves is permissible and recommended; if you wish to put multiple names on a single homework I will accept it for all parties named. Searching online for answers is acceptable, but all quoted text or paraphrased ideas must be cited. There is no required citation method other than internal consistency, if I can read it and understand where to find the article in question that is sufficient. The only conceivable way to cheat in this course is to collaborate during the examinations or plagiarize other persons, an admittedly low bar. Know, however, that the Academe has received my absolute commitment and failure to commit yourself to a career of honor and integrity will be punished swiftly, severely and will all the force that my position and constitution can bring to bear.