

ECON 3818: Intro to Statistics with Computer Applications

MWF 11:00-11:50

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Please allow me and/or your TA 24 hours to respond to all emails. If you need help with course

If you lack course prerequisites I will send you an email asking you to meet with me during the first week of the semester to make sure you are adequately prepared for the course. If you fail to do this, you may be dropped from the course.

Computer Application: **R** is a free programming language that is utilized primarily for data analysis. We will spend time throughout the course working on **R** exercises through the **RStudio** interface. Instructions for downloading the software can be found on Canvas.

Grading:

10% Homework	20% Midterm 1
10% Recitation	20% Midterm 2
10% R	

Recitation: Recitation attendance is mandatory. Not only will your grade in recitation account for 10% of your final grade in the course, but there will be material provided in recitation that is crucial for success in the course. Your TA is PhD student Young Eun Choi, refer to her syllabus to see how recitation grades are determined.

R Project & Exercises: There will be five simple R assignments and one data project throughout the semester. The R project will be worth 5% while the R assignments will be worth the other 5%. We will work on these assignments in class the week before its due. R assignments must be physically handed in to be graded. If you are absent the day an R assignment is due, you must email me a copy before class starts **and bring in a hard copy the next lecture you attend**. I will *only* grade hard copies of the assignments.

Exams: There will be two midterms throughout the semester. They will consist of multiple choice questions along with a couple of free response questions. You will be allowed to bring a 3x5" index card with notes to refer to during the exam. Any tables required will be provided by the instructor. There will be no make-up exams, unless there is documentation of a medical or family emergency. If you miss an exam due to a documented emergency, the weight of that exam will be added to the final exam. *No alternate final exams will be given because you booked a flight out of town before the final. The only reason an alternate final exam time will be given is if you have 3 exams in one day, per university policy.*

Extra Credit: The only extra credit opportunity will be through iClickers. There will be roughly 2-3 clicker questions per lecture. A maximum of five percentage points will be added to your grade for excellent clicker participation. Make sure to register your iClickers, instructions provided here:

<https://oit.colorado.edu/tutorial/cuclickers-iclicker-remote-registration>

Tentative Course Outline

Week	Content	Announcements
Week 1, Jan 14	CH 1, 2	R day on Fri
Week 2, Jan 21	CH 12, 13	No class Mon, R assign 1 due Wed
Week 3, Jan 28	CH 14, 3	R day on Fri
Week 4, Feb 4	Expectation & CH 8	R assign 2 due Wed
Week 5, Feb 11	Midterm 1 on Friday	
Week 6, Feb 18	Estimation & CH 15	
Week 7, Feb 25	CH 16, 17	R day on Wed
Week 8, March 4	CH 18, 20	R assign 3 due Wed, R day on Fri
Week 9, March 11	Midterm 2 on Friday	R assign 3 due Wed
Week 10, March 18	CH 20, 21, 22	
Week 11, March 25	Spring Break	No Classes
Week 12, April 1	CH 23, 4, 6	
Week 13, April 8	Data cleaning on Mon	No Class Wed/Fri { meetings
Week 14, April 15	CH 6, 5	
Week 15, April 22	CH 26	R project due Mon 5 pm, R day on Fri
Week 16, April 29	Review	R assign 5 due Wed
Finals Week	Final Exam	Mon, May 6th 1:30-4:00 pm

Bring laptops on R days!

University Policies

Students with Disabilities: If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to me a letter from disability services in a timely manner so that your needs can be addressed. Disability services determine accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact: 303-492-8671, Center for Community N200.

Please submit your documents to me at least 2 weeks prior to an exam so that I can reserve a room.

Religious Observance Policy: Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to reasonably and fairly deal with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments, or required attendance. If you have a conflict, please contact me at the beginning of the term so we can make proper arrangements.

Honor Code: All students of the University of Colorado at Boulder are responsible for knowing and adhering to the academic integrity policy of this institution. Violations of this policy may include: cheating, plagiarism, aid of academic dishonesty, fabrication, lying, bribery, and threatening behavior. All incidents of academic misconduct shall be reported to the Honor Code Council (honor@colorado.edu; 303-725-2273). Students who are found to be in violation of the academic integrity policy will be subject to both academic sanctions from the faculty member and non-academic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion). Other information on the Honor Code can be found at: <http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html> and at <http://www.colorado.edu/academics/honorcode/>