

**Faculty Liberal Arts and Professional Studies  
Department of Economics**

**Course** AP/ECON 3210 3.0, Section N - Use of Economic Data  
Course Material: Moodle

**Term:** Winter 2020

**Prerequisite / Co-requisite:** Econ 2500

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**Course Instructor**

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**Time and Location**

Lectures: Tuesday and Thursday 1:00pm – 2:30pm      HNE - 38

Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 12:00pm - 1:00pm or by appointment

**Course Description:**

This course introduces students to economic data analysis. Topics include types of economic data, databases for economists, descriptive analysis and linear regression models. The primary emphasis of the course will be on linear model specification, estimation and interpretation of regression results. The software package required for this course is STATA.

**Access of STATA software:**

purchase from: <http://www.stata.com/order/dl/#>

university remote access: <https://webfas.yorku.ca/Citrix/WEBFASWeb/>

**Textbook:**

Jeffrey Wooldridge, Introductory Econometrics A Modern Approach, 7<sup>th</sup> edition (older editions will be acceptable)

Detailed coverage will be posted on Moodle

**Evaluation**

In-Class Pop Quizzes	20%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	55%

Final course grades may be adjusted to conform to Program or Faculty grades distribution profiles.

## **Grading, Practice Problems, and Missed Tests**

**Practice Problems:** Practice problems by chapter will be posted on Moodle. Students should work on them to keep up with the course. These problem sets are intended for students' learning and are not to be submitted. Solutions will be provided. It is very important for students to solve those problems before check the solutions.

**Grading:** The grading scheme for the course conforms to the 9-point grading system used in undergraduate programs at York (e.g., A+ = 9, A = 8, B+ = 7, C+ = 5, etc.). Assignments and tests\* will bear either a letter grade designation or a corresponding number grade (e.g. A+ = 90 to 100, A = 80 to 90, B+ = 75 to 79, etc.)

(For a full description of York grading system see the York University Undergraduate Calendar -

<https://calendars.students.yorku.ca/>

### **Missed Tests:**

If students miss the midterm or final exams, a documented reason for missing the exam, such as illness, compassionate grounds, etc., which is confirmed by supporting documentation (e.g., doctor's letter) is required for accommodation from the Course Instructor. If students miss an in-class pop quiz, there is NO need to submit a document.

There will be no make-ups for the pop quizzes and midterm exam. The weight of a missed midterm (with legitimate document submitted) will be shifted to the final and no more than 50% of the pop quiz weight can be shifted to the final.

If you decide to request for a deferred standing for the final exam, please check the department rules:

<http://econ.laps.yorku.ca/students/academic-policies-procedure/deferred-standing/>

- Students must submit a Mach form Missed Final Exam Request Form found on the Econ website to be considered for deferred standing.
- Students must also fill out the University Deferred Standing Agreement Form (DSA) and supporting documentation.

The request for a deferred standing will be denied if a student was also absent from 50% or more in-class exams, including the midterm and pop quizzes.

The students who have been granted a deferred exam will be notified the date and time of the deferred exam at a later date. Students who may require further extensions or accommodation will have to submit a formal petition to the Faculty.

### **Email Policy:**

Only administrative questions will be answered by email. For statistical questions, please come to the office hours.

**Midterm: February 14 in class**

**Final: TBA**

## **IMPORTANT COURSE INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS**

All students are expected to familiarize themselves with the following information, available on the Senate Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum & Pedagogy webpage (see Reports, Initiatives, Documents) -

<http://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/>

- Senate Policy on Academic Honesty and the Academic Integrity Website
- Ethics Review Process for research involving human participants
- Course requirement accommodation for students with disabilities, including physical, medical, systemic, learning and psychiatric disabilities

- Student Conduct Standards
- Religious Observance Accommodation

### Course ADD/Drop Deadlines

	<b>Fall Term 2019 (F)</b>	<b>Winter Term 2020(W)</b>
Last date to add a course <b>without permission</b> of instructor (also see Financial Deadlines)	Sept. 17	Jan. 19
Last date to add a course with permission of instructor (also see Financial Deadlines)	Oct. 1	Feb. 3
Last date to drop a course without receiving a grade (also see Financial Deadlines)	Nov. 8	March 13
<b>Course Withdrawal Period (withdraw from a course and receive a grade of “W” on transcript – see note below)</b>	<b>Nov. 9 - Dec. 3</b>	<b>March 14 - Apr. 5</b>

**\*\*Policy and Guidelines on Withdrawn from Course:** <http://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/withdrawn-from-course-w-policy-and-guidelines/>  
<https://registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/dates/fw19>