Welcome to the world of Econometrics









This is me!

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Biography

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Meet The TAs



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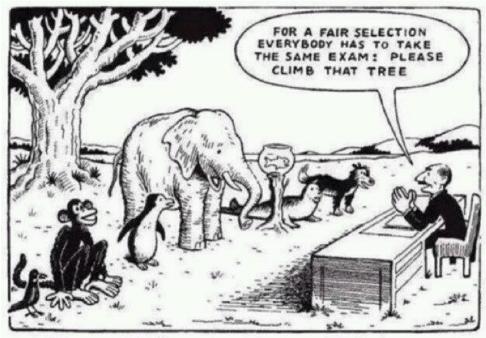


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My Teaching Philosophy



Our Education System

"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

- Albert Einstein





→ My Teaching style!

More focus on interaction and application in class while putting more lecture-like material online

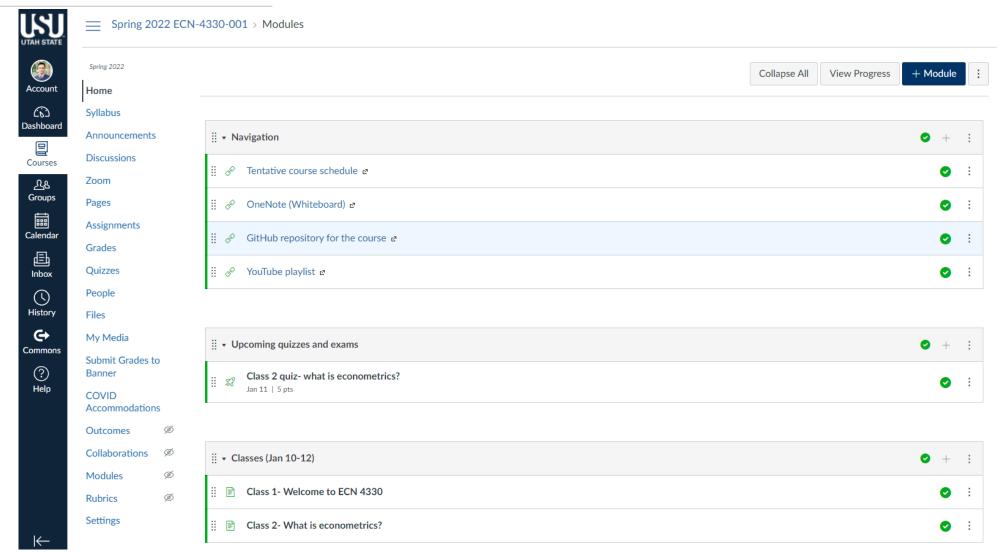
Classroom time will be used more to make mistakes in a safe environment

Balancing learning-bystudying with learningby-doing





What's on Canvas?





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Big picture



What are we trying to do as a researcher?



Solve real world problems, right?



Is there a theory?

What is the relationship between

- Sales and advertisement / R&D expenditure / seasonality / industry / ...?
- Quantity demanded and price / income / technology / price of competitors / ... ?
- Wage and education/ age/ gender/ experience/ ...?



→ A simple example

- Let's see if we can predict your future salary! (is there a theory?)
- What are the drivers:
 - Education, age, experience, IQ, ...
 - Ethnicity, race, gender, ...
 - Industry, location, working hours, ...
- Let's build a model (assuming a linear functional form!)



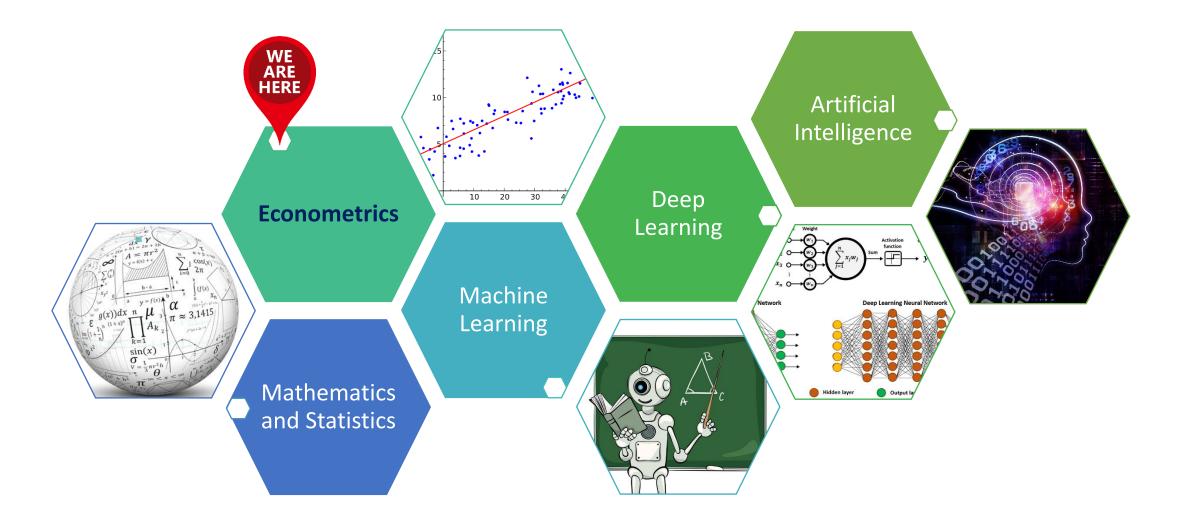
$$wage = \beta_0 + \beta_1 educ + \beta_2 age + \beta_3 exper + \beta_4 IQ + \dots + \beta_k hours + u$$

- ➤ Can you **interpret** this model? Do you care about the interpretability?
- ➤ Can you make **predictions** using your model?





Where we are?







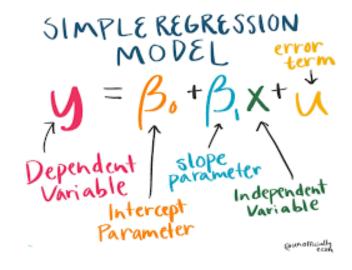


- 1. Enable you to become intelligent readers of others' econometric analysis. Go beyond accepting all results at face value!
- 2. Teach you to conduct elementary econometric research.
- 3. Prepare you to take more advance courses like machine learning and deep learning.



Why should I learn it?

- ✓ It is a bid deal
- ✓ Enables you to support your story with facts
- ✓ It is closely linked to data science
- ✓ Better Career Opportunities
- ✓ Better salaries
- ✓ Hedge against next recession





You will be surprised to see what you can do when someone is counting on you!

I am counting on YOU



