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Homework: Problem sets will be collected at the end of class on the specified date. Ultimately, Max will decide the deductions for late homework. I will not stray from his stated policies.

Grading: The problem sets will be graded on a 100 point scale. A face-plant fail or no-show will be assigned a 0; a tried-and-came-close will be assigned a 70; and a good-showing will be assigned a 100.

Attendance: You are not required to come. I hope the sections are helpful, but I carry no conception that the sections will be uniformly helpful. Only come if the sections are helpful to you.

Quizzes: There are no quizzes. But I scared you, didn't I?

Additional resources: There are many online, free resources to learn R and basic econometrics; and there even exist resources that do both at once. I have listed a few helpful resources for both writing code and scripting econometric routines.

1. **Econometrics in R**, cran.r-project.org/doc/contrib/Farnsworth-EconometricsInR.pdf
2. **R Style Guide**, google-styleguide.googlecode.com/svn/trunk/google-r-style.html
3. **Econometrics**, *Bruce Hansen*, www.ssc.wisc.edu/~bhansen/econometrics/Econometrics.pdf

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