Summary

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Course description

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The topics covered are likely to include: statistics (review of probability distributions, statistical inference, estimation and hypothesis testing); the linear regression model (two-variable model, multiple regression, functional forms, dummy variables); regression analysis in practice (model selection criteria and tests, multicollinearity, heteroskedasticity, autocorrelation).

EE includes weekly lab sessions to reinforce lectures, with exercises which foster 'learning-by-doing'. The course provides an opportunity to develop and practice key practical skills in computing, data gathering, processing, analysis and presentation.