

Course introduction

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What is this course about?



- Statistics and its application in business
- Concepts and pitfalls of statistical reasoning
- Predictive modeling and its uses in decision making

Statistics ain't like what it used to be! It is going through a rebrand with the explosion of Al and data science

If you are nervous about this course, don't be.

We will have fun!

What did ChatGPT say?



Spend 10min with your study groups to share the Al-generated content, and then we will have each group share with the class.

Class structure (approximate)



August meetings

- (1) Data visualization
- (2) Probability
- (3) Portfolios
- (4) Uncertainty

September meetings

- (1) Simple linear regression
- (2) Multiple linear regression
- (3) Advanced regression techniques

Asynchronous meetings



You choose! (two of the following)

- Neural networks
- Text as data
- Data compression (principal components / clustering)
- Networks and association rule mining

Class structure



Before class

- readings and optional homework problems

During class

- lecture, discussion, presentation of homework solutions

Asynchronous work

- reading quizzes, online modules released at a later date

Class structure



Evaluation

- Exam (60%)
- Reading quizzes (30%)
- Engagement / participation (10%)

Book



Naked Statistics by Charles Wheelan

We will have three reading quizzes throughout the course taken over canvas. Please see the syllabus for details.