

Course introduction

David Puelz

## 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.