

ECON 1151
Sections IV & V
Boston College
Department of Economics

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Office Hours: Friday 12pm-2pm and by appointment

Course Meeting: MWF 9am (IV) & 3pm (V) in Gasson Hall 310

Textbook: Statistics for Business and Economics, 8th ed., Newbold Carlson Thorne. You are *NOT required* to purchase the MyStatsLab with the textbook.

Course Overview: The purpose of this course is to construct an understanding of basic statistical concepts. Statistics is fundamental to further work in economics, particularly econometric analysis. This course will challenge you to build statistical intuition, solve statistical problems and to explain the general principles behind problems using both technical notation and plain english.

Grading: Final grades are calculated using the following weights:*

Problem Sets	10%
Attendance & Participation	5%
Lab Session	20%
Midterm 1	15%
Midterm 2	20%
Final Exam	30%

Mandatory Lab Sections: Every student is required to register for a lab section, each section is 50 minutes long. All sections will be held in McGuinn 030. This grade will make up 20 % of the final grade, and will be determined by the lab TA. Any questions about the grading or expectations of the lab session should be directed to your assigned TA.

Class Problem Sets: There will be approximately six problem sets assigned throughout the semester. Submissions should be made on Canvas by the appropriate times, no paper submissions or late submissions will be accepted.

Exams: There will be two in-class midterm exams (see tentative dates on last page) and one final exam. The final exam is mandatory. The final exam date and time are assigned by Boston College and *cannot be changed*. The times posted are:

- Section IV – December 16 at 12:30 p.m.
- Section V – December 18 at 12:30 p.m.

* Students who have taken statistics previously, and do not wish to complete the problem sets and quizzes may reweight their grade towards the final exam (40%). Students desiring this grading scheme must discuss with the professor in the first two weeks of classes.

Examination Make-up Policy: The following policy will be strictly enforced:

1. Absence from an exam must be excused with written approval from the Dean.
2. Make-up midterm exams will *not* be given; grades for excused exams will be redistributed over the remaining exams.

Attendance Policy: Attendance and participation will make up 5% of the final grade. This will be made up of the following items:

- Attending lecture [†]
- Answering questions during lecture
- Asking questions and participating in discussions

To measure attendance, pop quizzes will be administered sporadically. As students are not required to attend all lectures only 80% of the quizzes will count towards the final grade.

Extra Help: Do not hesitate to come to office hours or schedule an appointment to discuss a homework problem, exam or any aspect of the course. Email questions are also encouraged. If additional personal help is needed, the Connors Family Learning Center (in O'Neill) has tutors available.

Classroom Technology: Canvas will be the main source of announcements, class handouts, problem sets, problem set solutions and other material. Material for the STATA lab will also be posted on the Canvas website.

Academic Integrity: Cheating on any exam will result in:

1. An automatic failure in the course and
2. Reporting the incident to the College of Arts and Sciences as requested by the university.

See <http://www.bc.edu/publications/ucatalog/policy.shtml#integrity> for a full discussion of the university's policies and procedures regarding academic integrity.

Accommodations for Learning Disabilities: If you have a learning disability, you are strongly encouraged to request accommodations for this course. Exams are lengthy and have some time pressure. Please register with either Kathy Duggan (kathleen.duggan@bc.edu) Associate Director, Academic Support Services, the Connors Family Learning Center (learning disabilities and ADHD) or Paulette Durrett (paulette.durrett@bc.edu), Assistant Dean for Students with Disabilities (all other disabilities). Advance notice and appropriate documentation are required for accommodations.

[†]Students are expected to attend the majority of class meetings, however, illnesses and other emergencies are expected. Please let the instructor know of missed classes, and ask fellow classmates for lecture notes.

Tentative Schedule:

MONDAY		WEDNESDAY		FRIDAY
Aug 31st Class Begins	1	Sep 2nd	2	4th 3
7th NO CLASS Labor Day		9th	4	11th 5
14th	6	16th	7	18th Homework I 8
21st	9	23rd	10	25th 11
28th	12	30th	13	Oct 2nd Homework II 14
5th Midterm Exam I <i>Tentative</i>	15	7th	16	9th 17
12th NO CLASS Columbus Day		14th	18	16th 19
19th	20	21st	21	23rd Homework III 22
26th	23	28th	24	30th 25
Nov 2nd	26	4th	27	6th Homework IV 28
9th Midterm Exam II <i>Tentative</i>	29	11th	30	13th 31
16th	32	18th	33	20th 34
23rd Homework V	35	25th NO CLASS Thanksgiving Holiday		27th NO CLASS Thanksgiving Holiday
30th	36	Dec 2nd	37	4th 38
7th	39	9th Homework VI	40	11th NO CLASS Study Days
14th NO CLASS Study Days		16th TERM EXAM SECTION IV		18th TERM EXAM SECTION V