

**University of Toronto**  
**TIME SERIES ANALYSIS STA457H1**  
**COURSE OUTLINE (2019 Summer, May-June)**

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**Office Hours:** After Class + By appointment + Special sessions (to announce on Quercus)

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course introduces time series analysis with applications in finance and investments. The techniques learned in this course can also be applied to other disciplines. After finishing this course, students are expected to gain hands-on knowledge on how to analyze and model time series data. Topics in this course include fundamental concepts of time series, Box-Jenkins methods (ARIMA models), multivariate time series analysis (transfer function model, Vector autoregression, co-integration), and applications of machine learning techniques in time series analysis, such as bagging and boosting for forecasting time series.

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**TA OFFICE HOURS**

**To be announced.**

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**WEIGHTING SCHEME**

**Marking Scheme (tentative):**

$$35\% \times \text{Midterm-test} + 60\% \times \text{Final} + 5\% \times \text{Participation}$$

- Participation will be measured with attendance and class participation (rules to announce in class)
- Please read and obey academic integrity at University of Toronto ([www.artsci.utoronto.ca/osai/students](http://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/osai/students)), or see page 3 of Course Outline

## TOPICS AND SCHEDULE

# of week	Date	Schedule (Tentative)	
1	06-May	Fundamental concepts	
2	08-May	Fundamental concepts and ARMA model	
3	13-May	ARMA model	
4	15-May	ARIMA model and unit root test	
5	20-May	Victoria Day	
6	22-May	Catch-up	
7	27-May	Midterm test	
8	29-May	Transfer function noise model and intervention analysis	
9	03-Jun	Multivariate time series/return midterm papers (2 <sup>nd</sup> half of class)	Last day to drop (on June 4)
10	05-Jun	Multivariate time series	
11	10-Jun	Bootstrapping and bagging time series	
12	12-Jun	Selective topics and review final Exam	
13	17-Jun	Graduate student presentation	Time and location announced later

### ○ Selective topics

- 1) MIDAS regression and nowcasting using Google trends
- 2) Forecasting and boosting time series model
- 3) Neural network for time series and Kalman filtering

## TEXTBOOK (OPTIONAL)

Wei (2005), Time Series Analysis—Univariate and Multivariate Methods.

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