

BOSTON COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

ECON 8823: **Applied Econometrics**, Spring 2015

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This course presents a number of econometric estimation techniques relevant for applied research in economics and finance and addresses the computational issues related to their implementation. It has a prerequisite of ECON 7771 or ECON 7772 (first-year PhD econometrics).

Required text/software: AC Cameron, PK Trivedi (CT), *Microeconomics using Stata*, (Stata Press, revised ed., 2010) and additional readings to be posted on the course home page. Access to the Stata statistical package. Stat is available in the Economics computer lab and is accessible by all BC community members on <http://apps.bc.edu>.

Recommended texts:

C.F. Baum, *An Introduction to Modern Econometrics Using Stata*,

(<http://www.stata-press.com/books/modern-econometrics-stata/>),

Stata Press, 2006; *An Introduction to Stata Programming*,

(<http://www.stata-press.com/books/introduction-stata-programming/>),

Stata Press, 2009.

Course requirements:

Empirical research project (75%) and in-class seminar presentation (25%).

Research projects are due at the time of the semester final examinations with no exceptions. Detailed information on the research project will be provided.

To give equal preparation time to those interested in both cross-section/panel research topics and time series research topics, the coverage of time series topics will be interspersed with cross section/panel topics.

Class will not meet January 19 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), March 2, 4 (spring vacation), April 6 (Easter Monday), April 20 (Patriots' Day).

Tentative topics to be discussed

Meetings	Dates	Material
1–9	Jan 12–Feb 11	<i>Cross-Section/Panel I</i> Simulation for regression and testing Instrumental variables techniques Quantile regression Dynamic panel data models General linear models Mixed linear models
10–19	Feb 16–Mar 25	<i>Time Series</i> ARIMA and ARFIMA models Univariate and multivariate ARCH models Reduced-form and structural VARs, VECMs State-space models Dynamic factor models Unobserved components models
20–25	Mar 30–Apr 22	<i>Cross-Section/Panel II</i> Propensity score matching, regression discontinuity Binary outcome models Tobit and selection models Count data models Structural equation models
26–27	April 27–29	<i>Project Presentations</i>