



## **Textbooks**

**Textbook (required):** The required textbook for this course is “*Introductory Econometrics: A Modern Approach*,” (Seventh Edition) by J. Wooldridge. It will be sold at the bookstore as a loose-leaf text (which saves you money), but you are welcome to buy it in bound form or find a used copy.

**Lab Textbook (optional):** Labs will be based on the statistical programming language R. The optional textbook “Using R for Introductory Econometrics” (Heiss, 2016) provides code to complete the exercises in Wooldridge and is freely available online at: <http://www.urfie.net/>

## **Assessment**

The course is assessed through a midterm exam (during term), a final exam (during UVic’s final exam period), an independent research project (+ proposal), a team forecasting competition, lab exercises, and problem sets. Lab exercises and problem sets will be assessed based on completion only (not on correctness). For all submitted assessments, I reserve the right to examine students in person concerning their understanding of their submitted work and adjust their mark accordingly.

### **Overall Grade Structure:**

Final Exam	50%
Midterm Exam	20%
Independent Research Project + Proposal	

the form of a written academic essay (no bullet points, screenshots, or copy-pasted tables/code) presenting your hypothesis, data, methods, and results, with a maximum length of 3 pages + references. You must also submit your data and R-code that completely replicates your results reported in your final project. If the R-code or data is not submitted or does not replicate the project, 20% will be deducted from the final project mark.

The research project constitutes independent work - you must reference any literature you cite and any data and methods you use. The use of AI (e.g. large language models) is permitted with restrictions for this assignment. If you decide to use AI for the research project, you must include a statement on which AI was used, what prompts you used, and a short (1 page) report fact-checking the AI output, otherwise the use of AI will count as a violation of academic integrity. You are also responsible for any code produced by AI, and that any code runs and replicates all your results when submitting your work. The consequences of plagiarism range from a failing grade for an assignment or course to disciplinary probation or even expulsion from the university. Review "[What is Plagiarism](#)" for the definition of plagiarism.

Both the proposal and the final project must be submitted. No extensions will be granted on the project

**Essential Course Requirements:** The independent research project, forecast competition report, and final exam must be completed to not receive an “N” on this course. Your weighted-average exam grade (2/3 weight on final, 1/3 weight on midterm exam) must be at least 50% to pass the course. If your overall course average is above 50% but the weighted exam grade is below 50%, then your final grade will be 49%.

**Grading Scale:**

Passing Grades	Percentage	Description
A+	90-100	Exceptional, outstanding performance. Normally achieved by a minority of students. These grades indicate a student who is self-initiating, exceeds expectations and has an insightful grasp of the subject matter.
A	85-89	
A-	80-84	
B+	77-79	Very good, good and solid performance. Normally achieved by the largest number of students. These grades indicate a good grasp of the subject matter or excellent grasp in one or more areas balanced with satisfactory grasp in other areas.
B	73-76	
B-	70-72	
C+	65-69	Satisfactory, or minimally satisfactory. These grades indicate a satisfactory performance and knowledge of the subject matter.
C	60-64	
D	50-59	
<b>Failing Grades</b>		
F	0-49	Unsatisfactory performance. Wrote examinations and completed course requirements.
N	0-49	Did not complete course requirements by the end of term or session.

**Course Policies**

This course adheres to the [Department Course Policies](#) of the Department of Economics on:

- Academic concessions
- Academic integrity (plagiarism and cheating)
- Attendance
- Grading
- Inclusivity and diversity
- Late adds
- Late assignments
- Repeating courses
- Review of an assigned grade
- Students with a disability
- Term assignments and debarment from examinations
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If a student misses an exam due to one of the above reasons, there may be a makeup exam offered during the Economics department's makeup exam sessions. More than one makeup exam is not regularly given,

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## **Fairness**

and working environment for all its members. See [General University Policies](#)

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## **Course Schedule**

The course closely follows the Wooldridge textbook. The tentative course structure and schedule

