



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Fall 2011
Course:	Economics 715 [Advanced Topics in Econometrics]	Section:	01
Time:	MW 11:30 – 12:45	Place:	SS 403 (subject to change)
Instructor:	Arvind Magesan		
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Textbook(s):

Econometric Analysis of Cross Section and Panel Data, Jeffrey Wooldridge, MIT Press, 2010.
(Required)

Identification for Prediction and Decision, Charles Manski, Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 2007. (Not Required)

Mostly Harmless Econometrics: An Empiricist's Companion, Joshua Angrist and Jorn - Steffen Pischke, Princeton University Press, 2008. (Not Required)

Book(s) on Reserve:

A detailed outline will be provided on the first day of class.

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Briefly: By the end of this course, students should be able to read and criticize academic journal articles and actively participate in academic seminars in empirical microeconomics. As such, the purpose of the course is to make students thoroughly familiar with the “toolkit” of contemporary microeconomic practice. Students will be able to understand the theoretical underpinnings as well as apply themselves the tools that we study in the course.

The student is expected to be comfortable with graduate level mathematical, economic, and econometric concepts. Familiarity with Stata or another programming language such as GAUSS or Matlab is expected.

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Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Problem sets – 45 percent (One every 2 weeks at a minimum)

Midterm – 5 percent

Final – 50 percent

Tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, then converted to letter grades. The course grade is then calculated using the weights indicated above. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will generally apply:

A+	97-100	B	83-86	C-	70-72
A	93-96	B-	80-82	D+	67-69
A-	90-92	C+	77-79	D	60-66
B+	87-89	C	73-76	F	0-59

A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a student to pass the course as a whole.

Non-programmable calculators will be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations.

There will be a department scheduled final examination, lasting **3** hours.

Tests and exams will not involve multiple choice questions.

Notes:

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor *within fifteen days* of the work being returned to the class.
- It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

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