

ECO 394C Mathematics for Economists

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Class schedule:

Lecture: MTW 11:00-12:45, Th 11:00-12:00, in room BRB 1.118.

TA recitation section: F 11:00-12:00, in room BRB 1.118.

Textbook: Essential Mathematics for Economic Analysis, **6th ed.**, by Sydsaeter, Hammond, Strom, and Carvajal. (You do NOT need to purchase access to MyMathLab Global.)

Optional supplemental texts: Fundamental Methods of Mathematical Economics by Chiang and Wainwright, Mathematics for Economists by Simon and Blume, Schaum's Outline of Introduction to Mathematical Economics by Dowling.

Plan: We'll cover most of chapters 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 12, and 13, in roughly that order. There's a more detailed list of topics below.

Exams: There will be one midterm exam and one final. The midterm will be Friday, July 31. Details TBA. The final exam is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 15. Details TBA.

Homework: I will assign homework, on Canvas, for every section we cover. You do not need to turn it in, but you are responsible for the material. I encourage you to do as many of the unassigned problems as you have time for.

Grading: 1/3 midterm exam, 2/3 final exam

Daily schedule:

Date	Topics
Mon 7/13	12.4, 14.2 (read 14.1, 14.3, 14.4, 12.4, 12.9, ideally before class)
Tues 7/14	14.2, 14.5, 14.6, 14.9-10
Wed 7/15	14.10, 15.1-4
Thurs 7/16	15.5-7
Mon 7/20	15.8-11
Tues 7/21	17.1, 17.3, 17.5
Wed 7/22	17.2, 17.4, 17.6, 14.7-8
Thurs 7/23	17.7
Mon 7/27	18.1, 18.4
Tues 7/28	18.2, 18.3, 18.5
Wed 7/29	18.6-7
Thurs 7/30	Review
Fri 7/31	Midterm exam, 11:00-12:45
Mon 8/3	20.1-2
Tues 8/4	20.3, 12.1-2
Wed 8/5	12.3, 12.5
Thurs 8/6	12.6-7
Mon 8/10	12.8, 13.1-3, 13.5
Tues 8/11	13.4, 13.6-7
Wed 8/12	Least squares
Thurs 8/13	13.8-10
Sat 8/15	Final exam (tentative)

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