

**Read Me File for  
Economics 204 Course Materials**

Economic Statistics with Calculus  
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This is an introductory course in applied statistics that serves as a pre-requisite for an econometrics course that all economics majors are required to take.

The course consists of three hours of class per week, plus a weekly two-hour computer lab devoted to an original research project. Working in small groups, students choose a topic; review the relevant literature; find appropriate statistical data; clean and organize the data; and conduct analyses to see what they can learn about the questions they set out to investigate. At the end of the semester they present their study and findings in a complete research paper, accompanied by comprehensive replication documentation that meets the specifications of the TIER Protocol.

This research project is carried out in several installments: a pre-proposal, a full proposal, a data report, and the final paper.

The materials available with this Read Me file include:

- A course syllabus for Economics 204
- Instructions for each of the installments of the research project, including detailed instructions for the replication documentation