

Economics 366A: Statistical Methods  
State University of New York at Binghamton  
Department of Economics  
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**Overview:** Introductory probability theory including but not limited to probability distributions, expected values, descriptive statistics, statistical inference and basic regression analysis.

**Textbook:** *Business Statistics in Practice*, Bruce L. Bowerman, Richard T. O’Connell, Michael L. Hand, Irwin McGraw-Hill, 5<sup>th</sup> edition.

**Grading Policy:** The course will consist of two midterms (October 7 and November 2), one comprehensive final exam (TBA) and several problem sets. The course grade will be determined according to the following formula:

Problem sets:	20%
First Midterm:	25%
Second Midterm:	25%
Final:	30%

Note that no late assignments will be accepted. Further, no make-up exams will be given. If you miss a midterm examination for any reason, the weight of that examination will be added to that of the final exam (e.g. missing Midterm I would make the final worth 60% of the course grade).

Students who plan to declare a major in economics should know that you are allowed a maximum of two attempts to earn a grade of C or better in this course. If you do not earn at least a C on your second attempt you will be dropped from the major.

### ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT POLICY REGARDING MAKE-UP FINAL EXAMS

**ALL** make-up final exams in Economics will be given **Friday, December 18 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM**. All officially scheduled final exams are linked from the [BU Brain](#) – check **NOW** for conflicts. If a conflict exists you may request a make-up exam from the instructor of **ANY** of the conflicting courses. If you choose to request a make-up exam for an economics course, a sign-up list to request the make-up exam will be available in class after the add/drop deadline – ask the instructor. Students **MUST** make their request for a make-up exam in economics **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, October 9**.

It is **the student’s responsibility** to learn from the instructor if the request has been approved. Only students who are approved may take a make-up final exam. Students who have not requested a make-up exam in an economics course by **October 9** will be required to resolve conflicting exams with the instructor in one of their other courses.

Make-up exams are approved **ONLY** for the following conditions:

- Conflicts with the **OFFICIAL** final exam schedule (e.g. exams at the same time or more than two exams within 24 hours).
- **DOCUMENTED** personal illness or family emergency.