

# ECON C171 / ENVECON C151

## Section Syllabus-Spring 2019

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Welcome to Economic Development! I look forward to serving each of you as your GSI this semester.

In case you find hard to pronounce my name, here Samuel L. Jackson can help you:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIr5GKsv\\_q0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIr5GKsv_q0). You can also call me Eki (e as in elephant, ki as in key).

### Sections

- 101: Tuesday 4:00p-5p in 151 Barrows Hall
- 103: Tuesday 5:00p-6p in 2070 Valley Life Science
- 106: Wednesday 12p-1p in 106 Wheeler.

### Office Hours

Tuesday from 2PM to 3.50PM. 536 Evans Hall.

I will be available during office hours for help with *specific questions* related to course work. This includes questions about lecture, sections, papers, problems sets, and exams.

### Section information

This section provides you with the necessary tools and applications to answer the questions posed in the lecture. My job is to help you understand the material better and help you solve the section assignments. It is not my job to reiterate the lecture! I expect you to have attended lecture, read the assigned readings and lecture slides and approached the section assignments thoroughly before section. You dont need to hand in section assignments but I expect you to have a good understanding of the questions and tried to solve them before our meeting. I understand that this course will be challenging for many of you but you can come to me or the other GSI for help. I also encourage you to be patient in your own progress when it comes to this material. You might be shocked and overwhelmed in the beginning but you will have time to process and understand.

# Policies

## Attendance and Participation

Preparation, participation and attendance is required for all sections. Each section I will hand out a sheet with your names and you will sign next to your name. We will work on section notes that cover theoretical and applied exercises. They will be posted 1 week in advance and we expect you to prepare and be familiar with the exercises.

## Section Notes

I expect you to prepare the section assignments before your section. You will find them on bcourses from Wednesday onwards in the week before section. Please bring a hard copy of the section notes or tablet/laptop with pdf.

## Email policy

Allow up to two working days for a reply, although the response time will be probably shorter. Please, use email correspondence for simple and short questions that could reasonably be answered by email. If you have more complicated or long questions, please come to office hours to discuss them with me.

## Homework

There will be 2 problem sets during the semester. You may find it beneficial to work in small study groups, which is fine, or you may choose to work on your own. If you work in groups, each person must write up his or her own solution in his or her own words. Please write the names of you collaborators on your homework if you do work in a group. You must turn in a hard copy of your homework in the beginning of your section on the due date; no late homework will be accepted. Please make sure that your name and the name of your GSI is clearly written on the first page of the assignment. Please type or write legibly and answer the questions in order.

## STATA software

To analyze real world data, we are going to use STATA software. You will need it in some sections and to solve problem sets.

Options:

- 1) A single-user one-year license for Small Stata (sufficient for this course) is available through Berkeley's GradPlan for around \$125.

2) Stata is also available at various computer labs on Berkeley campus.

3) Students can also access software remotely using Citrix.

Check this website to download Citrix and an explanation on how to open STATA.

<https://software.berkeley.edu/stata>

## **Enrollment issues**

For all enrollment questions, please contact the Head GSI at [headgsi@econ.berkeley.edu](mailto:headgsi@econ.berkeley.edu), or in person at 548 Evans. Note that all section switches must be done through CalCentral.

## **Special accommodations**

If you need disability-related accommodations in this class, if you have emergency medical information you wish to share with us, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please inform me and/or Professor as soon as possible. Please see any of us privately after class or during office hours. For disability-related accommodations, you also need to obtain an accommodations letter from DSP (<http://dsp.berkeley.edu>) which will be sent directly to the professor.

## **Academic honesty**

The student community at UC Berkeley has adopted the following Honor Code: “As a member of the UC Berkeley community, I act with honesty, integrity, and respect for others.” I fully expect that all of you will adhere to this code. I strongly encourage students to discuss problems collaboratively, but final solutions must be produced independently. Anyone caught cheating on an exam in this course will receive a failing grade in the course and will also be reported to the University Center for Student Conduct.

## **Feedback**

Your feedback will be very beneficial to my development as a GSI. If at any time you have suggestions on how I can be more effective, please let me know.