

BZAN 6310 Quantitative Analysis for Business Decisions Fall 2015 Syllabus

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Required Text

Microsoft Excel 2013 Data Analysis and Business Modeling, 2014, Microsoft Press
by Wayne Winston (referred to as DABM)

Study Outline Guide Note file will be posted to Blackboard. Please use this to guide your studying.

MAC USERS NEED TO BE ABLE TO RUN EXCEL (preferably Excel 2013!) in Windows!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Course Objectives

In this course we take a practical approach to quantitative methods: not just statistics and have 6 objectives:

1. Make you real good at Excel.
2. Teach you how to describe data.
3. Give you a basic understanding of probability.
4. Teach you how to model relationships between business variables.
5. Teach you Optimization: Finding the best way to do something.
6. Teach you Simulation: Modeling Uncertainty

Class Approach

This will be an online class with a “flipped classroom.” Below I list the links to a set of videos you should watch before the Tuesday Night “online” class. **You should try and follow along with the videos (pause the video if you need to!).** The URL for the Videos for each week are as follows:

Business Stats Mediasite Catalogs

Wayne Winston - Business Stats Week 1

<http://uh.mediasite.com/mediasite/Catalog/Full/ec06c4eca19d4d1ca79a605792d51c4021>

Wayne Winston - Business Stats Week 2

<http://uh.mediasite.com/mediasite/Catalog/Full/54583d6ef092478687de27d2555728bd21>

Wayne Winston - Business Stats Week 3

<http://uh.mediasite.com/mediasite/Catalog/Full/bfe4647bcc824cc89bf7f0fe250fb2d621>

Wayne Winston - Business Stats Week 4

<http://uh.mediasite.com/mediasite/Catalog/Full/a67dffbe7df40dbb713edf7c85d18f021>

Wayne Winston - Business Stats Week 6

<http://uh.mediasite.com/mediasite/Catalog/Full/58333a0e4c6e4ad38ca942ad1d4f135d21>

Wayne Winston - Business Stats Week 7

<http://uh.mediasite.com/mediasite/Catalog/Full/96053e9969db4009b4d054dd06298b3821>

Wayne Winston - Business Stats Week 8

<http://uh.mediasite.com/mediasite/Catalog/Full/c9c431627d804862b7792c35f9b022d221>

Wayne Winston - Business Stats Week 9

<http://uh.mediasite.com/mediasite/Catalog/Full/78ed4bc78a504c96aad403c53a63dd4521>

Wayne Winston - Business Stats Week 11

<http://uh.mediasite.com/mediasite/Catalog/Full/81a0b01a3569478f86a0eaa3ea6d16f121>

Wayne Winston - Business Stats Week 12

<http://uh.mediasite.com/mediasite/Catalog/Full/f3ce22affe534af5aebed8b61f5838b221>

Wayne Winston - Business Stats Week 13

<http://uh.mediasite.com/mediasite/Catalog/Full/2476fdcf69f342c8a36abcde77cc1ba821>

Wayne Winston - Business Stats Week 14

<http://uh.mediasite.com/mediasite/Catalog/Full/76f9374fd3734416a13fe02006da5f0821>

You should sort the videos from Old to New to put them in order to watch. F11 key in explorer will enlarge the screen.

The URL for student help on Mediasite is as follows:

<http://www.uh.edu/fdis/technology/mymediasite/contact-support/student-support/>

Week by Week Video Schedule and Suggested Study Problems

A complete list of the week by week videos and suggested study problems are in file ExcelBZANfall2015.xlsx

“The Class”

Then Tuesday night 6-8 PM enter the following URL to join the class. Just enter your name or initials.

<https://baueronline.adobeconnect.com/fall2015stats/>

During each week’s online class I will explain suggested homework problems based on the week’s videos and answer questions. You can ask questions during the class by typing them on the screen. Each Tuesday session will be recorded and I will send you the URL where the recording resides.

Exams and Course Grade

There will be three in class exams that are **open book, open notes**. **Bring your computer to the exam**. The exam schedule is as follows:

Exam #	Time	Location
Exam 1	6-10 PM Tuesday September 22	Melcher 180
Exam 2	6-10 PM Tuesday October 27	Melcher 180
Exam 3	6-10 PM Tuesday December 8	Melcher 180

At the start of each exam I will put the Exam on Blackboard and you will download the exam. Put in the first worksheet the following honor code.

I, (your name), did not cheat on this exam.

Also put your preferred email address in first worksheet of exam.

Then email me the exam at wlwinsto@bauer.uh.edu and I will email graded exam back to you.

I will count your worst exam score as 20% of your grade and the other two exams as 40% of your grade. Then your grade will be computed according to the following scale.

Course Average	Grade
95-100	A
90-94.9	A-
86.5-89.9	B+
81.5-86.4	B
75-81.4	B-
70-74.9	C+
65-69.9	C
60-64.9	C-
55-59.9	D
Below 55	F

Exam Review

I will post several past exams before each exam and will hold a review session the Sunday before each exam. Most of the review will consist of going over the old exams. I will hold office hours (3-5:30 PM) the day before and the day of each exam. Here is the review schedule.

Exam #	Time	Location
Exam 1 Review	2-4 PM Sunday September 20	CBB 104
Exam 2 Review	2-4 PM Sunday October 24	CBB 104
Exam 3 Review	2-4 PM Sunday December 6	CBB 104