McGill University
Department of Economics
Econ 763B: Time Series and Financial Econometrics / Séries chronologiques et économétrie de la finance
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Course outline
(Preliminary)

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Documents and other material relevant to the course will be available from my web page:

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Lecture hours: Tuesday 18:05 - 20:55
Beginning: 10 January 2017. End: 11 April 2017.
Exams end on Friday April 28, 2017.
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The evaluation will be based on three elements (percentage refer to the entire year's grade):

1. a mid-term exam: 20%;
2. assignments (and possibly a term paper): 30%;
3. a final exam: 50%.

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The following textbooks will be used in this course.

Brockwell, D. and Davis, R. A. (1991). Time Series: Theory and Methods, Second Edition. Springer-Verlag, New York. (BD)

Hamilton, J. (1994). Time Series Analysis. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ. (H)

Ait-Sahalia, Y., and Hansen, L. P. (2010). Handbook of Financial Econometrics, Volumes 1 and 2. Horth-Holland, Amsterdam.

Arratia, A. (2014). Computational Finance: An Introductory Course with R. Atlantis Press, Paris, and Springer, Berlin.

Bossaerts, Peter (2002) The Paradox of Asset Pricing. Princeton University Press.

Campbell, J.Y, Lo, A. W., and MacKinlay, A. C. (1997). The Econometrics of Financial Markets. Princeton University Press.

Cochrane, J. (2001). Asset Pricing. Princeton University Press.

Gouriéroux, C., and Jasiak, J. (2001). Financial Econometrics: Problems, Models and Methods. Princeton University Press.

McNeil, A. J., R. Frey, and P. Embrechts (2015): Quantitative Risk Management: Concepts, Techniques and Tools. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ, revised edn.

Ruppert, D. (2004). Statistics and Finance. Springer.

Singleton, K. J. (2006) Empirical Dynamic Asset Pricing: Model Specification and Econometric Assessment. Princeton University Press.

Class schedule

Week	Day	Time (18:05-20:55)	
2	Tuesday	10 January 2017	
3	Tuesday	17 January 2017	
4	Tuesday	24 January 2017	
5	Tuesday	31 January 2017	
6	Tuesday	7 February 2017	
7	Tuesday	14 February 2017	
8	Tuesday	21 February 2017	Mid-term exam
9	Tuesday	28 February 2017	Study break
10	Tuesday	7 March 2017	
11	Tuesday	14 March 2017	To be rescheduled
12	Tuesday	21 March 2017	
13	Tuesday	28 March 2017	
14	Tuesday	29 March 2017	
15	Tuesday	4 April 2017	
15	Tuesday	11 April 2017	

Course outline

1. Mathematical preliminaries
    (a) Distribution and quantile functions
    (b) Moments
    (c) Covariances and correlations
    (d) Asymptotic theory
    (e) Hilbert spaces
    (f) Difference equations
    (g) Complex analysis and power series
2. Time series analysis
    (a) Introduction
    (b) Stochastic processes
        i. Basic theory
        ii. Spectral analysis
    (c) Prediction and efficient markets
    (d) Continuous time models
    (e) Testing random walk and predictability
    (f) Nonstationarity
    (g) Building univariate time series models
    (h) Multivariate time series models
    (i) Long memory
3. Financial econometrics
    (a) Introduction: the problems of financial econometrics
    (b) Portfolio theory and the Capital asset pricing model (CAPM)
    (c) Volatility modelling
        i. The role of volatility modelling
        ii. Conditional heteroskedasticity: GARCH and stochastic volatility
        iii. Realized volatility
    (d) Heavy tails: theory and inference
    (e) Factor models
    (f) Dynamic optimization models and GMM
    (g) Quantile methods and value at risk
    (h) Options pricing