McGill University
Department of Economics
Econ 763: 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:

`http://www.jeanmariedufour.com`
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- **Lecture hours**: Monday 18:05 - 20:55.
- Beginning: 5 January 2019. End: 8 April 2019.
- Exams end on Thursday, December 2019.
- **Room**: Leacock 517
- **Office hours**: by appointment
- **Teaching assistants**:

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- **TA sessions**: to be determined
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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: 30%;
2. assignments (and possibly a term paper): 30%;
3. a final exam: 40%.

Students will also learn to use the R system to do statistical analysis related to the course.

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Class schedule

Week	Day	Time (18:05-20:55)	
1	Monday	7 January 2019	
2	Monday	14 January 2019	
3	Monday	21 January 2019	
4	Monday	28 January 2019	
5	Monday	4 February 2019	
6	Monday	11 February 2019	
7	Monday	18 February 2019	Mid-term exam
8	Monday	25 February 2019	
9	Monday	4 March 2019	
10	Monday	11 March 2019	
11	Monday	18 March 2019	
12	Monday	25 March 2019	
13	Monday	1 April 2019	
14	Monday	8 April 2019	
15	Monday	15 April 2019	Final exam (time to set)

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.

Tsay, Ruey S. (2013) An Introduction to Analysis of Financial Data with R. Wiley.

Tsay, Ruey S. (2010) Analysis of Financial Time Series. Wiley.

Tsay, Ruey S. (2014) Multivariate Time Series Analysis: With R and Financial Applications. Wiley.

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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