

# **Advanced Quantitative Methods II: Econometric Methods (API-210)**

**Harvard Kennedy School**

Course Syllabus—Spring 2024

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**Key people:**

Teaching Fellow:



**Course Website:**

Course materials will be posted on the Canvas course website for API-210 (<https://canvas.harvard.edu/courses/132851>).

**Grading:**

The class grade will be based on the following criteria:

- 10% - Class participation
- 30% - Problem sets
- 30% - Midterm exam
- 30% - Final exam

**Problem Sets (30%)**

There will be four major problem sets. They will give you hands-on experience with the analytic techniques introduced in class. These are meant to be long assignments and you should not leave them to the last minute. Problem sets will be posted on the course website.

Problem sets not received by the deadline will be considered late. There will be no credit for late assignments.

### Regrade Policy

Requests for reconsideration of grades on exams are not encouraged, and will be accepted only in writing, with a clear statement of what has been incorrectly graded, and within one week of receiving your graded exam. Please submit your full exam so grading on all questions can be reconsidered.

All course activities, including class meetings, problem sets, and exams are subject to the HKS Academic Code and Code of Conduct.

### **Other Items:**

#### Recording Classes

Classes will be video-recorded, and recordings will be available. The recordings will be kept in a protected page that is accessible to you only via the course site. As a member of our learning community and to stimulate risk-taking and vigorous debate in class, you are expected to never make any recordings available outside of our learning community. If you are uncomfortable with classes being recorded, please come and speak with me.

#### Use of Data

Data may be collected in various forms in this course. Some forms of data collection will be obvious to you (such as when responding to a question on a survey) but others might not be (such as someone from our teaching team records class participation or the Canva