

Economics 381, Fall 2016

Problem Set 0 – Preliminaries

Due Date: August 25

Instructions: Complete the problem set answers in the spaces given. Successful completion of this problem set will allow you to ‘drop’ the lowest score from your remaining problem sets.

Name (printed):

- Q1. Have you read the syllabus fully?
- Q2. If a student misses an exam and has a verifiable written excuse, such as a medical emergency with a certified doctor’s note, what happens?
- Q3. If a student misses an exam and does not have a verifiable written excuse, what happens? (Hint: the answer rhymes with “Student receives a hero.”)
- Q4. If a student is late with an assignment and does not have a verifiable written excuse, what is the highest grade the assignment can receive?
- Q5. Conditional on everyone submitting their own answers, how many people can you work with on problem sets?
- Q6. Can you work in groups for the research paper? (Hint: the answer is “No.”)
- Q7. Can you work in groups for the suggested study questions? (Hint: the answer is “Absolutely.”)

Q8. Should phones and laptops be on or off during lecture?

Q9. Are you going to commit to working through suggested study questions continually throughout the semester, or will you leave them until just before tests? (Hint: there is a wrong answer here.)

Q10. If you have a problem with accessing data, using Stata, or exporting results for the project, who should you contact?

Q11. Open up Stata, either through Apps@UT or using your own version. Type the command `webuse uslifeexp` to open up Stata's U.S. Life Expectancy dataset. Use the command `sum le_male le_female` to determine the mean life expectancy for men and women in the data. In the data, how many more years do women live?