

AMSI Online: Honours and Masters Subject Guide

Time Series

Semester 2, 2026

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Subject details

Handbook entry URL	TBD
Subject homepage URL	TBD
Honours student hand-out URL	TBD
Teaching period (start and end date):	27 July 2026 – 6 November 2026
Exam period (start and end date):	9 November 2026 – 26 November 2026
Contact hours per week:	2
AMSI Online enrolment closure date:	TBD (MQ 9 August 2026)
Lecture day(s) and time(s):	Tuesday 9 am – 11 am
SGTA (Tutorial)	Tuesday 5 pm – 6 pm
Description of electronic access arrangements for students (for example, LMS)	Prolearn

Subject content

1. Subject content description

This unit is an introduction to Time Series Analysis and Forecasting. This unit introduces methods suitable for forecasting including the decomposition of time series, exponential smoothing methods, ARIMA modelling, and regression with autocorrelated disturbances.

2. Week-by-week topic overview

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Time series graphics
- 3 Time series decomposition
- 4 Time series features
- 5 The forecaster's toolbox
- 6 Time series regression models
- 7 Exponential smoothing
- 8 Exponential smoothing
- 9 ARIMA models
- 10 ARIMA models
- 11 ARIMA models
- 12 Dynamic Regression models
- 13 Revision

This is subject to revision, some topics may be expanded and others condensed.

3. Assumed prerequisite knowledge and capabilities

Knowledge of probability distribution, expectation, conditional expectation, confidence interval, hypothesis testing and perhaps likelihood; familiarity with the R programming language.

4. Learning outcomes and objectives

On successful completion, a student will be able to

1. provide an understanding of common statistical methods used in forecasting
2. develop computer skills for forecasting time series data
3. provide insights into the problems of large scale forecasting systems

5. Learning resources

Rob J Hyndman and George Athanasopoulos (2021) Forecasting: principles and practice, 3rd edition, OTexts: Melbourne, Australia.

The online version of this book could be found at <https://otexts.com/fpp3/>

6. Assessment breakdown

Portfolio	25%
Assignment	25%
Exam	50%

Assignment due dates	Exam date (approximate)
11:55 PM 20 September 2026 (Portfolio)	9 November 2026 – 27 November 2026
11:55 PM 1 November 2026 (Assignment)	

Institution honours program details

Weight of subject in total honours assessment at host department	
Thesis/subject split at host department	
Honours grade ranges at host department	
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H2a	Enter range %
H2b	Enter range %
H3	Enter range %

Institution masters program details

Weight of subject in total masters assessment at host department	
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Masters grade ranges at host department	
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