Letter grades (A+, B, C-, etc.) are given with the following criteria.

   A+, A, A-: Solid understanding of the course materials and sufficient knowledge/skill to
      conduct own regression-based research.
   B+, B, B-: Minimum understanding of the materials and basic knowledge/skill to conduct
      research.
   C+, C, C-: unsatisfactory understanding of the materials and insufficient knowledge/skill for
      research.

Computer Applications:

   GSS data will be made available, and students use either their own PC (with SPSS) or
PCs in computer labs. Even if you use SAS, Stata, or other statistical packages for your other
projects, you have to use SPSS in this class. I will NOT allow you to use SPSS "Pull-down"
menu, by the way. You have to supply Syntax for all assignments involving SPSS. More on
SPSS in the coming lectures.
   For the first couple of weeks, spread sheet programs (e.g. Excel) are helpful and in some
cases necessary, given Excel is provided free of charge through LSU. We will discuss more
on this in the lecture.

Very Approximate Class Schedule:

Date	Content	Reading Assignment
1/10	Quiz/Syllabus	
1/15, 17	Absolute Basics	Chapter 1
1/22, 24, 29, 31, 2/5, 7	Inferences, t*, F*, SPSS, etc.	Chapter 2
2/12, 14	Diagnostics	Chapter 3
2/19, 21	Matrix Approach	Chapters 4 + 5
2/26, 28	Multiple Regression	Chapters 6