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Empirical Corporate Finance/Governance
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The papers listed are not necessarily exhaustive and some papers listed will not be covered

Textbooks:

There is no textbook that matches the contents of the course exactly.

There is also no textbook that is the absolute bible for conducting empirical work. I have found the following book to be extremely useful:

- Wooldridge, J. M., *Econometric Analysis of Cross Section and Panel Data*, Cambridge, Massachusetts: The MIT Press, 2002.

Other useful econometrics books are:

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- Goldberger, A., *A Course in Econometrics*, Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1991.
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A useful reference for event studies is chapter 4 of

- Campbell, J. Y., A. W. Lo, and A. C. McKinlay, *The Econometrics of Financial Markets*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1997.

Papers:

Starred readings will be discussed in lectures.

Links are available for some but not all papers.

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