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Instructions for ordering Stata

Introduction

All enrolled students are required to buy one of the versions of **Intercooled Stata** described below. **Intercooled Stata** is available as a one-year license or as a *perpetual license* (that is, once installed on your computer it will run forever; the one-year license stops working after a year). **Intercooled Stata** can have as many as 798 right-hand-side variables in a model. **Intercooled Stata** can analyze data sets with as many as 2,047 variables and the only limit on observations is the amount of RAM on your computer. This means that **Intercooled Stata** can be used to analyze essentially any size problem that you can think of.

(Stata Corp. also offers a version of Stata called **Small Stata**, which is *not sufficient for use in this course*. **Small Stata** is limited to analyzing data sets with a maximum of 99 variables on approximately 1,000 observations; however, I have found the practical data limitations to be even more restrictive. It is simply not a serious tool for data analysis and I want you to use a serious tool.)

You have two choices to make: (1) Which version **Intercooled Stata** do you want? A *one-year* or *perpetual* license; (2) Do you want to purchase additional documentation? I describe the available packages below. If you plan in the future to write papers or theses using statistical analysis, or take advanced econometrics courses such as Economics 170, you might want to invest in **Intercooled Stata** with a perpetual license now.

Available Packages through Stata's GRADPLAN 3:

1. **Intercooled Stata: (Intercooled Stata, 1-year license, and the *Getting Started* manual))(Product Code: SWCSOFTAGS) **\$89** (not recommended)**
2. ***Intercooled Stata: (Intercooled Stata, perpetual license, the *Getting Started* manual, and full technical support))(Product Code: SWCSOFTGS) **\$145****
3. **Additional Documentation: (Base Reference Manual (3 volumes), Data Management Reference Manual, User's Guide, and Quick Reference and Index))(Product Code: GRADDOC) **\$165****

What is my Recommendation?

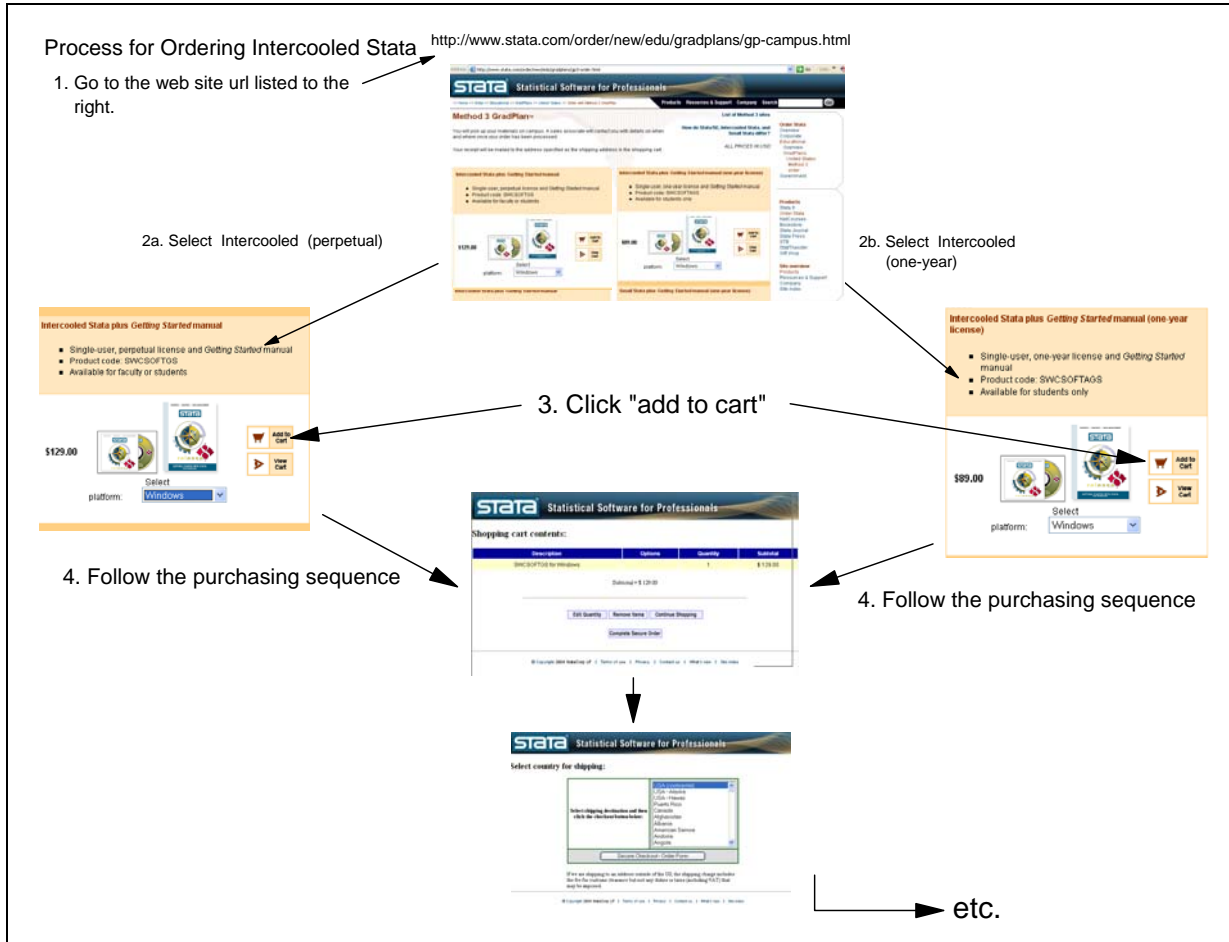
If you can afford it, I recommend, package #2. If you are a junior or younger, I recommend **Intercooled Stata** (perpetual license) because you will have ample opportunity to use it in your upper division economics (and perhaps, other) courses. If you're a senior with few economics courses left to take and *no* interest in pursuing economics or data analysis further, you can get by with **Intercooled Stata** package #1; it will be adequate for this course, but you may regret it when the license ends and you find that you really *do* want to work with the program. If you're serious about statistics, you might want to order documentation package #3 in addition; however, remember that a complete set of manuals is on reserve at the Undergraduate Library. A separate handout contains the reserve list. You can also buy the manuals later, if you wish.

How to Order

You place your order with Stata by going to <http://www.stata.com/order/new/edu/gradplans/gp-campus.html>. [see the first few steps on the reverse of this document.] You will need to purchase online using a credit card. Stata will email you a receipt and will mail a license to the **UNC Software Acquisition Office** (R.B. House Undergraduate Library Room 033, CB# 3460 University Of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Chapel Hill, NC 27599 Fax: (919) 843-2427 E-mail: software@unc.edu). The Software Acquisition Office will email you to set up an appointment to receive your software. Our GradPlan 3 site is **UNC Chapel Hill**.

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