

1 Useful Commands: Short List of Notes from Christopher Baum at Boston College

General Commands

- **help**: online help on a specific command
- **findit**: online references on a keyword or topic
- **use**: loads a Stata dataset
- **save**: saves the contents of memory to a Stata dataset
- **log**: logs on to an external file
- **generate**: creates a new variable
- **append**: combines datasets by stacking
- **merge**: merges datasets
- **clear**: clears memory
- **drop**: drop certain variables or observations
- **keep**: keep certain variables or observations
- **rename**: rename a variable
- **cd**: change the working directory
- **tsset**: define the time indicator for timeseries data
- **table**: gives you summary statistics
- **exit**: exit the program

Statistics Commands

- **summarize**: descriptive statistics
- **correlate**: correlation matrix
- **ttest**: performs a t-test

- **regress**: least squares regression
- **ivreg**: Instrumental variables estimation
- **arma**: Box-Jenkins models
- **arch**: models with ARCH
- **dfuller**: unit root test
- **var**: vector autoregression

Graphics:

1. **histogram** *variable*: produces a histogram of variable
2. **scatter** *x y*: will produce an x vs y scatterplot