

Block course / seminar

The Determinants of Political Attitudes

A hands-on empirical course using STATA

Master (2nd year)

CONTENT

This offer, consisting of a block course and a seminar, puts students in a position to independently conduct their own empirical analysis. Using two different data sets from different parts of the world, we will analyze the determinants of political attitudes on issues such as domestic violence and political violence, towards foreigners, on media usage, inequality, or environmental protection.

In the block course, students learn the basics of STATA; i.e. to assemble and merge data sets, run simple OLS regressions, write STATA code in do-files, and generate the appropriate input. We then proceed to more advanced techniques with the goal that students ultimately conduct their own analysis that is appropriate for the available data and the problem at hand. Students will be given data sets, which they will use to carry out their own empirical analysis. Topics are selected such that there is considerable overlap in the empirical approaches taken. Students are encouraged to talk to each other and help each other in finding appropriate solutions.

In the seminar, the analysis carried out in the block course is reported on in a short research paper and presented. We discuss the empirical approach taken and the content and results of the analysis.

This program is deliberately designed to impart practical econometric skills and to provide confidence in the capacity to apply them. It thus bridges the gap between a course in intermediate econometrics and an independent research project. It shall enable students to write their own empirical paper and serves as ideal preparation for an empirical master thesis project.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

We strongly encourage all participants to take both the course and the seminar, even though they can be enrolled in separately.

The block course and the block seminar are limited to 10 people; each participant of the block course is guaranteed a slot in the seminar. If you are interested in participating, please send an e-mail to Judith Müller (judith.mueller[at]vwl.uni-freiburg.de) by March 31, attaching your transcript of records.

Knowledge of intermediate econometrics is required.

There are still places available - application is possible until all places are filled.

TIME & LOCATION

Block course “Microeconometrics Using STATA”:

The course will be taught digitally, STATA licenses will be provided during that time, if required. Sessions will start in calendar week 20.

Students can choose between two parallel groups:

1. May 11th – June 16th (12 sessions)
Monday, 6.15-7.45 pm
Tuesday, 6.15-7.45 pm
2. May 12th – June 17th (12 sessions)
Tuesday, 4.15-5.45 pm
Wednesday, 4.15-5.45 pm

A first meeting for both groups takes place on Monday, May 11th, 6.15-7.45 pm

Seminar “The Determinants of Political Attitudes”

First meeting: Monday, May 11th, 6.15-7.45 pm

Seminar: July 10 - 12

EXAMINATION MODALITIES

Examination:	Block course: exam
	Seminar: term paper on and presentation of own research
Credit points:	Block course: 4
	Seminar: 4
Area of study:	Economics Master: Economics & Politics
	VWL-Master: International and Development Economics Empirical Economics
	BWL-Master: Wahlpflichtbereich II: VWL Quantitative Methoden