

MA-S-600: Policy Evaluation (2)

General Information on Problem Sets & Oral Presentations

Students will be provided with problem sets during the semester accompanying the topics covered in theoretical sessions. Students are asked to solve the problem sets at home. If the number of students allows, pre-selected groups of students will be asked to present their solutions for the problem sets and discuss their solution strategy and results with the other participants during practical sessions. If not, students will be asked to present their results individually.

- **Schedule:**

Oral (group) presentations are scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, May 24, June 7, June 21 and July 5. The practical sessions will be online via Zoom.

- **Registration:**

To register for practical sessions, send us your full name and immatriculation number by Monday, April 25, 6pm via email to [huber\[at\]empwifo.uni-potsdam.de](mailto:huber[at]empwifo.uni-potsdam.de). Please also indicate a potential group partner. Make sure to sign up for both parts of the course on PULS.

- **Problem sets:**

The problem sets and data files are distributed at least one week prior to the presentation dates via Moodle2. Each (group of) student(s) is asked to prepare a do-file with all necessary Stata commands to reach the solution. Please submit your do-file via email to [huber\[at\]empwifo.uni-potsdam.de](mailto:huber[at]empwifo.uni-potsdam.de) on the day prior to the presentation. A written solution or presentation slides or the like are not required.

- **Presentations:**

In the practical sessions, pre-selected (group of) student(s) will present their solutions. In your oral presentations, you should answer the raised questions of the problem set by running your do-file step by step while sharing your screen with the rest of the group. Explain your strategy to obtain the output and give a sound interpretation of your findings. We do not expect you to prepare slides (Powerpoint or the like). Presentations for each task should not take longer than 10-15 minutes to allow for some time for questions and discussion. If you cannot participate in a presentation due to sickness, please hand in a medical certificate and send it to [huber\[at\]empwifo.uni-potsdam.de](mailto:huber[at]empwifo.uni-potsdam.de).

- **Access to Stata:**

The university has acquired a Stata-license for you to use on your desktop computer at home during the summer term. In order to obtain this license, you will need to subscribe to Moodle course Stata@Wiso and follow the instructions.

Here is the link: <https://moodle2.uni-potsdam.de/course/view.php?id=26153>.

- **Stata help:**

Katrin Huber will be available via Zoom from 11.00 to 12.00 on the day (Monday) prior to the practical presentations. These sessions are to assist students having problems with Stata and/or comprehension of the relevant methods used.

- **Performance:**

The number of presentations will depend on the number of participants. In each of the 1-2 presentations, the participants can obtain a maximum of 10 points. Unexcused absentees without medical certificate will be awarded zero points. At the end of the semester, we will calculate for each participant the average number of points for all their presentations. The obtained average points will contribute 25% to the final grade of the practical session. All parts of the practical sessions have to be passed.