

## MA-M-120: 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. (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. The selection of groups/individual students will be done randomly at the beginning of each practical session.

- **Schedule:**

Practical sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, May 14, May 28, June 11, June 25. All sessions will take place in person from 10.15 - 11.45am at Campus Griebnitzsee, house 6, room H06.

- **Registration:**

To register for practical sessions, send us your full name and immatriculation number by Monday, April 15, 6pm via email to [huber3\[at\]uni-potsdam.de](mailto:huber3[at]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 [huber3\[at\]uni-potsdam.de](mailto:huber3[at]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, randomly 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 exceed 20 minutes. If you cannot participate in a presentation due to sickness, please hand in a medical certificate and send it to [huber3\[at\]uni-potsdam.de](mailto:huber3[at]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](mailto:Stata@Wiso) and follow the instructions.

Here is the link: <https://moodle2.uni-potsdam.de/course/view.php?id=26153>. We also booked the PC pool in house 1, room 1.65a for you on Monday and Friday, 10-12am. You can use this time to practice or to solve the problem sets with your group.

- **Stata help:**

Katrin Huber will be available via Zoom at 11am on the day (usually Monday) prior to the practical presentations. Some help sessions will be on a Friday due to bank holidays on Monday (see time schedule). 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.