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Degree	Type	Year	Semester
4313805 Economic Analysis	OT	2	1

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Teaching groups languages

You can check it through this link. To consult the language you will need to enter the CODE of the subject. Please note that this information is provisional until 30 November 2023.

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Prerequisites

No specific prerequisits.

Objectives and Contextualisation

This module provides students with advanced econometric techniques for analyzing micro and macro data. These techniques can be applied to (and be learned from) the areas of Health economics, labor economics, public economics, experimental economics, empirical finance, trade and International economics, development economics and political economy.

Competences

- Apply the methodology of research, techniques and specific advanced resources to research and produce innovative results in a specific area of specialisation
- Capacity to articulate basic economic theory, analytically deriving them from mathematical reasoning
- Capacity to identify basic statistical analysis and econometric techniques deriving them from the laws of probability and statistics

- Conceptually analyse a specific economic problem using advanced analytical tools
- Demonstrate an open , innovative and analytical attitude towards research questions
- Develop the ability to assess sex and gender inequalities in order to design solutions.
- Find, compile and analyse economic data using advanced econometric techniques
- Make independent judgements and defend them dialectically
- Possess and understand knowledge that provides a basis or opportunity for originality in the development and/or application of ideas, often in a research context
- Student should possess the learning skills that enable them to continue studying in a way that is largely student led or independent
- Students should be able to integrate knowledge and face the complexity of making judgements based on information that may be incomplete or limited and includes reflections on the social and ethical responsibilities associated with the application of their knowledge and judgements
- Students should know how to apply the knowledge they have acquired and their capacity for problem solving in new or little known fields within wider (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to the area of study
- Students should know how to communicate their conclusions, knowledge and final reasoning that they hold in front of specialist and non-specialist audiences clearly and unambiguously
- Use new technology for the collection and organisation of information to solve problems in professional activities
- Use the main computer packages to program economic data analysis

Learning Outcomes

1. Adapt empirical methodologies to the questions posed, the models used to represent them and the existing data
2. Apply the methodology of research, techniques and specific advanced resources to research and produce innovative results in a specific area of specialisation
3. Carry out a microeconometric analysis using the information packages available
4. Demonstrate an open , innovative and analytical attitude towards research questions
5. Frame a question of applied economics in a mathematical problem and derive the answer using mathematical logic
6. Implement empirical analysis, including all its stages, using the available data
7. Know how to apply the instruments of gender perspective in the analysis of organisations.
8. Know how to carry out a gender-sensitive analysis.
9. Know how to carry out research with a gender perspective.
10. Know how to integrate the conditions and needs of women and men, in addition to a human- rights approach, into development-cooperation policies.
11. Know how to make an inclusive and non-sexist use of language.
12. Make independent judgements and defend them dialectically
13. Possess and understand knowledge that provides a basis or opportunity for originality in the development and/or application of ideas, often in a research context
14. Produce, collect and interpret empirical data in a gender-sensitive manner.
15. Recognise the elements that enable the construction of a model in more specific fields of microeconomics, such as health, economic policy
16. Student should possess the learning skills that enable them to continue studying in a way that is largely student led or independent
17. Students should be able to integrate knowledge and face the complexity of making judgements based on information that may be incomplete or limited and includes reflections on the social and ethical responsibilities associated with the application of their knowledge and judgements
18. Students should know how to apply the knowledge they have acquired and their capacity for problem solving in new or little known fields within wider (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to the area of study
19. Students should know how to communicate their conclusions, knowledge and final reasoning that they hold in front of specialist and non-specialist audiences clearly and unambiguously
20. Understand the possibilities and limitations of microeconometric analysis
21. Use new technology for the collection and organisation of information to solve problems in professional activities

Content

- Microeconometrics
- Policy Evaluation
- Macroeconometrics
- Development Economics
- Spatial Economics

For a detailed description of the content of topics in this module go to https://sites.google.com/view/idea-program/master-program.

Methodology

The course will consist of sessions where the instructor presents the material, and sessions specifically dedicated to problem solving. Students are encouraged to form study groups to discuss assignments and readings.

The proposed teaching methodology may undergo some modifications according to the restrictions imposed by the health authorities on on-campus courses.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Theory classes	75	3	1, 2, 4, 12, 5, 20, 3, 6, 17, 18, 19, 16, 15, 13, 21
Type: Supervised			
Practical classes,learning based on problems sets, tutorials	25	1	1, 2, 4, 12, 5, 20, 3, 6, 17, 18, 19, 16, 15, 13, 21
Type: Autonomous			
Personal study, study groups, textbook readings, article readings	150	6	1, 2, 5, 20, 3, 6, 17, 18, 19, 16, 15, 13, 21

Assessment

This modul does not contemplate an evaluation from a single comprehensive exam

Midterm Exam	26%

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Problem sets, assignments & Class attendance and active participation	22%

The proposed evaluation activities may undergo some changes according to the restrictions imposed by the health authorities on on-campus courses.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Class Attendance and Problem sets and assignments	22%	0	0	1, 2, 4, 12, 5, 20, 3, 6, 14, 17, 18, 19, 16, 15, 7, 9, 11, 8, 10, 13, 21
Midterm Exam	26%	0	0	1, 2, 4, 12, 5, 20, 3, 6, 14, 17, 18, 19, 16, 15, 7, 9, 11, 8, 10, 13, 21
Midterm Exam	26%	0	0	1, 2, 4, 12, 5, 20, 3, 6, 14, 17, 18, 19, 16, 15, 7, 9, 11, 8, 10, 13, 21
Midterm Exam	26%	0	0	1, 2, 4, 12, 5, 20, 3, 6, 14, 17, 18, 19, 16, 15, 7, 9, 11, 8, 10, 13, 21

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Additional references will be provided during the course.

Software

- Matlab
- R
- Phyton
- Stata