

1. General Information

People and Places

- Lecture Times: Tuesday: 11.30-1.30pm; Class 2.30-4.30pm
- Rooms Lecture: G232.
Class: G236 or M220 and M221 (computer rooms)
- Date of Commencement: 26th September
- Duration: 12 sessions.
- Module Leader: Alvin Birdi and Paul Dunne
- Lecturers: Alvin Birdi, Paul Dunne with support from Mick Brookes and Sam Perlo-Freeman
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Website: Details of the course including datasets will be posted on the website at <http://bobbins.mdx.ac.uk/postgraduate.php3>

Module Aims and Objectives

The general aims of this module are:

- To provide students with an appreciation of the use of econometrics as a tool for studying the economy;
- To familiarise students with the main tools of econometrics at an advanced level;
- To introduce students to computer based methods of econometric investigation.

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Select and use appropriate econometrics techniques to study a variety of economic and business phenomena;
- Be able to use Microfit proficiently;
- Critically evaluate Microfit econometric output for the techniques covered in the module

Prerequisites

The prerequisites for this course are admission to the programmes for which it is offered.

Plan of Semester

The plan is to have 2 hours of lectures and 2 hours of classes, with an extra class for those with little background in the subject.

	Week Beginning	Lecture hours	Class hours
1.	26 th September	2	
2.	3 rd October	2	2
3.	10 th October	2	2
4.	17 th October	2	2
5.	24 th October	2	2
6.	31 st October	2	2
7.	7 th November	2	2
8.	14 th November	2	2
9.	21 st November	2	2
10.	28 th November	2	2
11.	5 th December	2	2
12.	12 th December	2	2

15 th December:	Term Ends
4 th January 2001:	Term Begins
5 th January 2001:	Module Coursework Deadline
8 th January – 19 th January	Exam Period

Problems and Advice

There will be classes every Tuesday at 4.30 pm, where students who have limited background in statistics and econometrics can get extra support.

You may also make use of office hours:

Paul Dunne's are: Tuesday 5-6pm and Thursday 4-5pm, room G304.

Alvin Birdi's are Tuesday 4.30-5.30pm and Wednesdays 4.30-5.30pm room G312. Please indicate you are coming by signing up on the office hour sheet.

Other contributors will provide you with details of their office hour arrangements.