

Be ready for your master thesis in empirical Economics (E413)

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Objectives:

This course is designed to support master students in the process of writing their thesis. Throughout the course, students will explore various sources of data, learn to build a literature review and ultimately write a research proposal.

Prerequisites:

There are no formal prerequisites for this course. However, it is strongly advised that students have a basic understanding of econometrics and are able to read and interpret output tables and mathematical equations typically found in empirical economic research. The course will be taught in English.

Credits:

6 ECTS.

Method of Assessment:

Assessment for this course will be based on the submission of an individual research proposal.

Content

The course will cover the following key components:

1. Finding a topic

- (a) Identification of relevant data sources for research.
- (b) Evaluation of data availability to ensure the feasibility of the proposed thesis topics.
- (c) Techniques for locating scholarly papers and research articles.
- (d) Methods for identifying the most relevant and credible sources.

2. Thesis Structure:

- (a) Best practices for structuring an empirical thesis.
- (b) Detailed guidance on each section of the thesis, including introduction, methodology, results, and discussion.

(a) Literature Review:

- i. Instruction on proper citation practices.
- ii. Comprehensive guidance on writing a coherent and insightful literature review.

3. **Latex:**

(a) Learning to work with an academic software to write

- i. Academic-looking Presentations.
- ii. Research articles with appropriate citation.

4. **Thesis Proposal Development:**

- (a) Step-by-step guidance on developing a solid thesis proposal.

Registration

Please register in ILIAS. You should be able to access it with the password given in class. If you do not succeed, please send me an email (camila.cisneros-acevedo@uni-tuebingen.de).

All course material will be posted in the ILIAS page. Also, if there are any schedule changes, you will be informed via ILIAS.