

Program Evaluation

Course title - Intitulé du cours	Program Evaluation CM
Level / Semester - Niveau /semestre	M1 / S2
School - Composante	Toulouse School of Economics/ Ecole d'Economie de Toulouse
Teacher - Enseignant responsable	Thierry MAGNAC
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Lecture Hours - Volume Horaire CM	30
TA Hours - Volume horaire TD	0
TP Hours - Volume horaire TP	12
Course Language - Langue du cours	English/Anglais
TA and/or TP Language - Langue des TD et/ou TP	English/Anglais

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Course's Objectives - Objectifs du cours :

In this course, we shall study the main empirical methods used in program or policy evaluations from the design of samples to the estimation of treatment parameters and the construction of counterfactuals. It aims at evaluating, in a rigorous and comprehensive way, the quantitative impact of a policy by the public sector or a strategy by firms on outcomes and welfare of participants. Important examples in economics are subsidies given to unemployed and their impact on unemployment exits, the incentive effects of taxes and exemptions on households' labor supply and consumption or the impact of a pricing policy by firms on their sales.

Content of the course: Randomized control trials, social and natural experiments, definition of treatment effects, difference-in differences, matching methods, instrumental variables, regression discontinuity designs and structural evaluation

Content of the tutorial sessions: computer classes in which empirical applications are worked out using Stata.

Prerequisites - Pré requis :

Econometrics of the linear model including instrumental variable methods and econometrics of discrete variables.

Grading system - Modalités d'évaluation :

Assessment:

50% for final exam

25% for midterm

25% for homework given in computer classes

Bibliography/references - Bibliographie/références :

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Blundell R., and M. Costa-Dias, 2009, "Alternative Approaches to Evaluation in Empirical Microeconomics", *Journal of Human Resources*, 44, 565-640.

Imbens, G. and Wooldridge, J., 2009, "Recent Developments in the Econometrics of Program Evaluation", *Journal of Economic Literature*, 47, 5-86

Khandker, S. R., G.B. Koolwal, H.A. Samad, 2010, *Handbook on Impact Evaluation*, The World Bank.

More advanced:

Abadie A., and M.D. Cattaneo, 2018, "Econometric Methods for Program Evaluation", *Annual Review of Economics*, 10, 465-503.

Imbens, G., & Rubin, D. , 2015, *Causal Inference for Statistics, Social, and Biomedical Sciences: An Introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/CBO9781139025751

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