

MAIN DEGREE OR QUALIFICATIONS, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES HELD

Approximate Dates	Educational Institution
1 _____	_____
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MOST RECENT EMPLOYMENT (ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET IF REQUIRED)

Employer _____
 Position held _____
 Dates of employment _____
 Please describe briefly the work involved _____

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO LEARN FROM ATTENDING THIS COURSE?

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR LEVEL OF STATA KNOWLEDGE

INTENDED SOURCE OF FUNDING

Self Financing Sponsor

If being sponsored please send a letter of confirmation from your sponsor no later than 4 June 2010.

Declaration and signature of candidate seeking admission:

I declare that the information given on this application form is correct. I have read and understood the arrangements for payment of tuition fees to which arrangements I will adhere. I confirm that if admitted and while in attendance at the School I will follow the instructions given to me by the course organisers and the authorities of the School. I understand that the School may cancel courses two weeks before the start date if numbers prove insufficient and in those circumstances course fees will be refunded.

Signed _____ Date ____/____/____

Course Fees:

If the course fee is to be paid on the candidate's behalf, please send a letter from the sponsors to confirm this no later than 4 June 2010. Otherwise the applicant will be held responsible for payment. Fees are payable in advance by 4 June 2010 and attendance on a course may not begin until fees are fully paid. Cancellation of attendance on a course may lead to loss of all or part of the fee.

Applications should be sent, with a CV, to: Registry, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, 50 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3DP, UK. Tel: +44 20 7299 4648 Fax: +44 20 7323 0638 Email: shortcourses@lshtm.ac.uk Web: www.lshtm.ac.uk

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) has an internationally excellent reputation in public health and tropical medicine, is a leading postgraduate medical institution in Europe and is Britain's national school of public health. It is a major national and international focus of collaboration in teaching and research, where clinical, population, laboratory and social sciences are integrated to address the broad issues of health. Associated with the School as a teaching hospital is the Hospital for Tropical Diseases.

Courses take place either in the Keppel Street building, or in our teaching rooms at Bedford Square, two minutes walk away. The School is situated in the heart of London, in Bloomsbury, between the City (London's financial quarter) and the busy West End, with its unparalleled shopping and entertainment facilities. There is easy access to the rest of central London and its many places of interest.

Applications

Applicants should complete the application form attached or download it from the School's website, and return it as soon as possible to:

Registry
 London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
 50 Bedford Square
 London WC1B 3DP
 UNITED KINGDOM

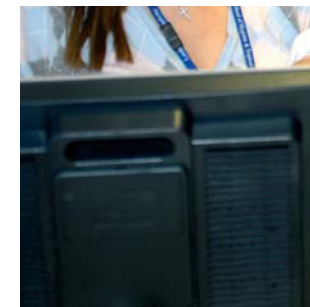
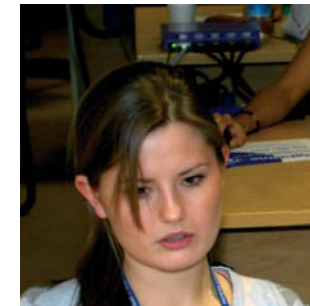
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Those requiring further information about the course should contact Course Organisers, Milly Marston and Emma Slaymaker:

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ADVANCED STATA: PROGRAMMING
AND OTHER TECHNIQUES TO MAKE
YOUR LIFE EASIER

SHORT COURSE
12 – 16 July 2010

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Advanced Stata: Programming and other techniques to make your life easier

FURTHER INFORMATION: www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/short

Course Outline

The course will be held in central London at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and will run from **12 – 16 July 2010**.

The aim of the course is to teach competent Stata users the techniques that allow you to get the most out of Stata and speed up the output of your work.

The course is aimed at researchers and other professionals, from any discipline, who regularly use Stata for analysis but want to learn how to work more efficiently. It would be particularly suited to those who are about to embark on large analyses and who would like a quick guide on how to automate the repetitive parts of the process.

The course is taught by research staff from the Centre for Population Studies. The examples used in the course are drawn from the background of the tutors and are, therefore, from the population and health sciences. However, none require any specialist knowledge of the field.

We use Stata 11 in a Windows environment; users of other operating systems should note that, although almost everything is the same, there are some differences between operating systems and these are not covered in the course.

Who Should Attend?

The course is designed for people who want to be more efficient in their use of Stata. Those who are already experienced in using Stata for data analysis will benefit most from the course. As a minimum, you should be able to use Stata for an analysis of some sort (linear regression, for example) and be comfortable writing comprehensive do files.

Course Content

The course can be divided broadly into three sections:

- **Data handling and manipulation**
 - commands needed to combine data from different datasets (appending and merging) and to rearrange data from wide format to long format
 - searching for duplicate records, and managing these, reordering the variables in the dataset, generating summary variables and summary datasets
- **Accessing and outputting results**
 - outputting well formatted, concise and relevant results from Stata
- **Programming Stata**
 - automated data cleaning and data management

If you are already familiar with the merge, collapse, reshape and append commands, have used foreach or forvalues loops and can understand a simple Stata program, then this course may be too basic for you. If, on the other hand, none of that sounds familiar, then this could be exactly what you need.

If you have any doubt about whether the course would be suitable for you, please do get in touch with the organisers who will be able to advise you further.

Applicants should have a good command of English.

Methods of Assessment

None. There will be an opportunity on the last afternoon for students to practice with their own datasets. A certificate of attendance will be provided on completion of the course.

Course Fee

The fee for the course is **£945** which includes instruction and refreshments, it does not include lunch, accommodation or travel. **The full fee must be paid by 4 June 2010.**

Accommodation & Meals

The School cannot provide accommodation for participants. A list of hotels and other accommodation located in the vicinity of the School can be provided on request to Registry.

Lunch can be purchased from the School refectory. Evening meals are not catered for at the School, but there is a large choice of restaurants and coffee shops nearby.

Aim & Objectives

By the end of the course you should be able to:

- Generate variables that contain summaries of the data
- Create a summary dataset using collapse
- Navigate a dataset using `_n`, `_N` and subscripted variables.
- Rearrange a dataset using reshape
- Combine multiple datasets using merge and append
- Identify duplicate observations
- Export data to a spreadsheet
- Create tailor-made publication quality graphs
- Understand what macros and scalars are
- Be able to use foreach and forvalues loops
- Understand and use if statements
- Understand how Stata stores estimation results
- Be able to access and use stored estimation results
- Know how to export results using user-written commands: estout, outreg, tabout
- Understand how Stata programs work
- Be able to write and use a simple Stata program
- Be able to write a do-file which exports results using file write

APPLICATION FORM

**Advanced Stata:
Programming and other techniques to make
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PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

Surname or Family name: _____

Forename(s): _____

Title: (Dr/Mr/Mrs etc) _____ Male Female

Date of Birth: _____

Nationality: _____

Country of Birth: _____

Country of normal residence: _____

Address for correspondence: _____

Postcode: _____

Daytime Telephone No: _____

Mobile No: _____

Fax No: _____

Email address: _____

How and where did you hear about the School and the course to which you have applied?

Advertisement in _____

Friend or Colleague Email list Employer

From an ex-student of the School

Website / email list _____

Conference or Fair (name/location) _____

Other, please give details _____

If you have any medical condition, physical or other disability of which the School should be aware or which might call for special arrangements or facilities, you should attach a confidential letter with your application form.