



MODULE SPECIFICATION

Academic Year (student cohort covered by specification)	2020-21
Module Code	2031
Module Title	Introduction to Statistical Computing
Module Organiser(s)	Antonio Gasparini and Manuela Quaresma
Faculty	Epidemiology & Population Health
FHEQ Level	Level 7
Credit Value	CATS: 10 ECTS: 5
HECoS Code	100956 : 100755
Term of Delivery	Term 1
Mode of Delivery	For 2020-21 this module will be delivered online only. Where specific teaching methods (lectures, seminars, discussion groups) are noted in this module specification these will be delivered using an online platform. There will be a combination of live and interactive activities (synchronous learning) as well as recorded or self-directed study (asynchronous learning).
Mode of Study	Full-time
Language of Study	English
Pre-Requisites	None
Accreditation by Professional Statutory and Regulatory Body	Not currently accredited by any other body
Module Cap (Maximum number of students)	30 (numbers may be capped due to limitations in facilities or staffing)
Target Audience	This module is compulsory for the MSc Medical Statistics.
Module Description	An introduction to the statistical packages Stata and R.
Duration	5 weeks at 1.5 to 2 days per week (plus one session in orientation week)
Timetabling slot	Term 1
Last Revised (e.g. year changes approved)	September/2020

Programme(s)	Status
This module is linked to the following programme(s)	
MSc Medical Statistics	Compulsory

Module Aim and Intended Learning Outcomes

Overall aim of the module
The overall module aim is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce students to the statistical packages Stata and R.

Module Intended Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of the module, for each of Stata and R, a student will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Be familiar with the working environments Be able to assess the strengths and limitations Be able to create, manage and manipulate data/datasets Be able to effectively communicate results in tables and figures Understand good practice for managing data and statistical analysis Be able to solve problems using use the help facilities Be able to construct problem specific programs

Indicative Syllabus

Session Content
The module is expected to cover the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An introduction to the statistical package Stata An introduction to the statistical package R

Teaching and Learning

Notional Learning Hours

Type of Learning Time	Number of Hours	Expressed as Percentage (%)
Contact time	18	18
Directed self-study	67	67
Self-directed learning	15	15
Assessment, review and revision	0	0
Total	100	100

Student contact time refers to the tutor-mediated time allocated to teaching, provision of guidance and feedback to students. This time includes activities that take place in face-to-face contexts such as lectures, seminars, demonstrations, tutorials, supervised laboratory workshops, practical classes, project supervision as well as where tutors are available for one-to-one discussions and interaction by email. Student contact time also includes tutor-mediated activities that take place in online environments, which may be synchronous (using real-time digital tools such as Zoom or Blackboard Collaborate Ultra) or asynchronous (using digital tools such as tutor-moderated discussion forums or blogs often delivered through the School's virtual learning environment, Moodle).

The division of notional learning hours listed above is indicative and is designed to inform students as to the relative split between interactive and self-directed study.

Teaching and Learning Strategy

Each session will consist of a series of short presentations followed by supervised computer work. The computer work will involve material that the students can work through at their own pace during each session followed by exercises.

Assessment

Assessment Strategy

The content of this module is assessed through Paper 1.

Summative Assessment

Assessment Type	Assessment Length (i.e. Word Count, Length of presentation in minutes)	Weighting (%)	Intended Module Learning Outcomes Tested
Exam (Papers 1 & 2)	Various	100%	1-7

Resitting assessment

Resits will accord with the LSHTM's [Resits Policy](#)

Resources

Indicative reading list

A recommended reading list is provided with the module course notes for Stata and R.

Other resources

Example datasets, used for each module, will be made available electronically.



Teaching for Disabilities and Learning Differences

Students are provided with access to module information, lecture notes, practical exercise notes with solutions, datasets, STATA and R scripts via Moodle. The module also provides additional support for students with disabilities and learning differences in accordance with the Student Support Services section of the Student Handbook. Reasonable adjustments and support can be arranged, such as rest breaks, or any other necessary provisions discussed and agreed with the Student Advisor.

The module-specific site on Moodle provides students with access to lecture notes and copies of the slides used during the lecture prior to the lecture (in pdf format). All lectures are recorded and made available on Moodle as quickly as possible. All materials posted up on Moodle areas, including computer-based sessions, have been made accessible where possible.

The LSHTM Moodle has been made accessible to the widest possible audience, using a VLE that allows for up to 300% zoom, permits navigation via keyboard and use of speech recognition software, and that allows listening through a screen reader. All students have access to “SensusAccess” software which allows conversion of files into alternative formats.

For students who require learning or assessment adjustments and support this can be arranged through the Student Support Services – details and how to request support can be found on the [LSHTM Disability Support pages](#).