Universidad Zaragoza

27429 - Econometrics III

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5.1.Methodological overview

The teaching method for the subject "Econometrics III" implies the use of different techniques aimed at the achievement of specific objectives.

The part of the subject that deals with more theoretical and methodological issues will be presented in lectures. In these sessions, the teacher will explain the main concepts of the econometric method, stressing economic interpretation and practical uses. To support knowledge in econometric method, we will introduce regular theoretical-practical sessions in

which the students, supported by the teacher, will solve small problems or study cases with the purpose of illustrating the use of the instruments previously studied.

To stress the practical dimension of the subject, students will work with different software packages which deal with the search and use of useful statistical information and its treatment for econometric purposes. This work will be regularly distributed throughout the course in sessions specifically aimed at the use of econometric software .

5.2.Learning tasks

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The syllabus of "Econometrics III" consists of the following activities:

Theoretical sessions: They make up, approximately, 50% of the teaching activities and they are aimed at presenting the main concepts of the subject, conveniently structured into units. The teacher will formally present the corresponding material, which students have to strengthen and extend using the recommended bibliography. We recommend students to attend lessons, participate, take notes about the teachers' explanations as well as asking about any doubts and further explanations they might need.

Theoretical-practical sessions: The teacher will provide students with a problem collection, as well as theoretical-practical questions related to the subject, well in advance. The main purpose of this material is for students to feel confidence with the use of all the instruments involved in the theoretical perspective of this course.

Practical sessions in the computer lab : This activity will be developed in the computer rooms that the Centre has reserved for the subject. The objective is twofold. On the one hand, we aim at getting students used to managing large amounts of quantitative information, which is a key aspect for their skills. On the other hand, it is important for students to gain confidence in the use of econometric software, at user level. In these sessions, practical cases will be solved by the teacher, who will guide the students' learning process.

Tutorial: The teacher will schedule a tutorial calendar which will be published well in advance, with the objective of solving individual doubts and offering a more direct support to students.

5.3.Syllabus

Part I: Statistical Concepts: Foundations and Revision

Unit 1 . Foundations

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- Relevant questions
- Causality and experiments
- Economic data types
- Uses of econometric models

Unit 2 . Revision of Statistics

- Conditional distribution
- The maximum likelihood method
- Maximum likelihood estimators: restricted and unrestricted
- Asymptotic Tests: LR. LM and W

Part II : Cross-Section Data: Stochastic Regressors

Unit 3 . Multiple Regression Model

- Assumptions
- OLS estimators
- Omitted variable bias
- Proxy variables
- Instrumental variables

Unit 4. Validation and Selection

- Internal and external validity
- Estimation of causal effects: Threats to internal validity
- Evaluation of validity in models for prediction
- Selection criteria

Part III: Time Series Models

Unit 5 . Time Series Econometric Model

- Univariate Analysis
- Deterministic and stochactic trends
- Model specification

Unit 6 . Multivariate Analysis

- VAR model
- Cointegration
- Error correction model

Part IV: Other Topics

Unit 7 . Models with a Binary Dependent Variable

- The Linear Probability Model
- Probit regression
- Logit regression

Unit 8 . Panel Data Regression Models

- Motivation
- Panel data with two time periods
- Fixed efects regression

5.4.Course planning and calendar

The subject of Econometrics III has assigned a total of 150 hours (6 credits ECTS), which are structured into 75 class hours and 75 non-class hours. With respect to the first, 30 will have a theoretical content, 30 will be devoted to practical lessons and the remaining 15 will be tutorials. The distribution of the lessons among the four units of the syllabus will depend on their complexity. In general terms, teachers will adopt the following schedule:

Table 1. Hours in Econometrics III

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Total

Theoretical sessions	6	6	12	6	30
Blackboard sessions	6	4	8	6	24
Computer lab sessions	0	2	4	0	6
Tutorials	2	6	6	1	15
Total sessions	14	22	26	13	75

Table 2. Distribution of independent learning in Econometrics III

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Total
Individual study	8	12	15	10	45
Individual practical work	4	10	12	4	30
Total hours	12	22	27	14	75

The sessions will be given following the calendar published by the centre for this degree.

5.5.Bibliography and recommended resources