

Econometric Evaluation of Education Policies

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This advanced Master (MQE, MSc) course is a reading-&-paper course. The main part consists of each participant developing her/his own applied paper project, and the main course requirement is a term paper in the form of a first draft of a small empirical paper. The course is devised for participants to learn about education policy, about evaluation methods, and about (the reality of) how to do applied research. At the same time, it tries to convey the enjoyment of doing economic research and requires participants to be creative and productive.

After a brief introduction on research methods for empirical identification and on selected current topics in education economics, the main part of the course consists of sessions to discuss papers that everyone has to read in advance and of sessions where everybody presents and discusses her/his ongoing paper project, including ideas and practical problems that turn up while working on it. The main content of the meetings will be well-founded discussions of policy and of research strategies. The specific topics covered in the course will partly emerge from the specific interests expressed by participants.

After discussion of the individual project ideas and the final definition of everyone's empirical project, participants have four weeks working period for finalizing their term papers.

Studiengang: <i>Program:</i>	MSc
Termin Vorbesprechung (tt.mm.jjjj): <i>Date of preliminary meeting (dd.mm.yyyy):</i>	-
*Bearbeitungszeitraum für die Hausarbeit: <i>*Working period for term paper:</i>	4 weeks
*Seminartermin: <i>*Seminar date:</i>	Six full-day meetings: 16 + 23 October 2026, 13 November 2026, 4 December 2026, 15 + 22 January 2027
Veranstaltungsort: <i>Venue:</i>	LMU or ifo
falls außerhalb: Kostenschätzung: <i>if out of Munich: estimated costs:</i>	- €
Sprache: <i>Language:</i>	English
Empfohlene Vorkenntnisse: <i>Recommended courses:</i>	-Econometrics (Master level) -Advanced knowledge and interest in applied econometrics -Experience in working with Stata (or R) -Willingness to conduct own empirical research
Methodischer Schwerpunkt: <i>Methodological background:</i>	Applied Econometrics

*Grundlagenliteratur: <i>*Basic references:</i>	Hanushek, Eric A., Stephen Machin, Ludger Woessmann, eds. (2023). Handbook of the Economics of Education. Vol. 6-7. Amsterdam: North Holland.
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* Optional (wenn der genaue Termin nicht bekannt ist, bitte Zeitraum angeben) / optionally (If the exact date is unknown, please provide an approximate time period)