

Syllabus

Kursbeschreibung

Titel der Lehrveranstaltung	Data Science für die Sozialwissenschaften
Code der Lehrveranstaltung	27276
Zusätzlicher Titel der Lehrveranstaltung	
Wissenschaftlich- disziplinärer Bereich	SECS-S/01
Sprache	Italienisch
Studiengang	Bachelor in Ökonomie, Politik und Ethik
Andere Studiengänge (gem. Lehrveranstaltung)	
Dozenten/Dozentinnen	Prof. Francesca Marta Lilja Di Lascio, Marta.DiLascio@unibz.it https://www.unibz.it/en/faculties/economics- management/academic-staff/person/32845
Wissensch. Mitarbeiter/Mitarbeiterin	
Semester	Zweites Semester
Studienjahr/e	2
KP	8
Vorlesungsstunden	48
Laboratoriumsstunden	12
Stunden für individuelles Studium	-
Vorgesehene Sprechzeiten	24
Inhaltsangabe	The course is related to the scientific area of Statistics and Mathematics and covers data science methods applied to the social sciences. It aims to provide students with advanced statistical methods for the analysis of time series data, dimensionality reduction, and the investigation of underlying data structures. Theoretical concepts are complemented by data analysis using the R and Python programming languages.



Themen der	- Time series analysis, modeling and forecasting
Lehrveranstaltung	- Dimensionality reduction techniques: principal component analysis
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	- Identifying underlying structures: factor analysis
	- Unsupervised learning: distance-based clustering algorithms
	- Model validation and re-sampling
	- Applications with the software R and the programing language Python
Stichwörter	Models for time series, Dimensionality reduction, Unsupervised
	learning methods, Resampling methods, Programming languages
Empfohlene	Basic knowledge of mathematics and statistics, and elementary
Voraussetzungen	familiarity with the R software.
Propädeutische	Prerequisites It is highly recommended both Mathematics for EPE
Lehrveranstaltungen	and Statistics for EPE.
Unterrichtsform	Lectures and laboratory sessions.
Anwesenheitspflicht	Attendance Highly recommended, but not mandatory
Spezifische Bildungsziele	Knowledge and understanding:
und erwartete	At the end of the course, students will have acquired the following
Lernergebnisse	knowledge and understanding:
	- knowledge of mathematical techniques for solving optimisation
	problems;
	- knowledge of probabilistic and inferential tools that allow the use
	of statistical models;
	- ability to model social and economic phenomena;
	- ability to give an economic interpretation to the results of the
	various mathematical-statistical models applied to economics;
	- basic knowledge of data management and computer
	programming for the statistical and econometric analysis of socio-
	economic data;
	- knowledge of the technical vocabulary of the subjects taught in
	this area of learning
	Applying knowledge and understanding:
	- Ability to interact fluently and spontaneously with native speakers
	on economic topics;
	- ability to independently analyse data and identify and explain
	relationships between real phenomena:
	- ability to manage simple databases and perform socio-economic
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data analysis with the support of software;

- ability to use quantitative methods to solve economic problems;
- ability to read, write and communicate in the technical language of quantitative methods in the three official languages of instruction.

Autonomy of judgement

Acquisition of the capacity for judgement and methodological tools useful for the critical analysis of data, sources, assumptions and implications of scientific practice, and of the political, ethical and legal context within which economic phenomena are embedded and with which they interact

Communication skills

Fluency (oral and written) in Italian, German and English, including translation between these languages. Intercultural competence. Conceptual awareness, ability to summarise and express oneself in writing, particularly with regard to the drafting of scientific or science-based documents

Learning skills

Promotion of critical thinking and analytical skills to focus on complex problems in their long-term dynamics and in the variety of their implications, including ethical ones

Spezifisches Bildungsziel und erwartete Lernergebnisse (zusätzliche Informationen)

Knowledge and understanding of multivariate data and time series data and several techniques to analyze them and get information on the phenomena of interest.

Applying knowledge and understanding of advanced quantitative methods to describe and analyze economic and social phenomena through statistical software.

Making judgments on models and statistical tools useful for advanced data analysis.

Communication skills in presenting in a correct and concise way methods and results of a statistical analysis.

Learning skills of different statistical methods useful in data science.

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Art der Prüfung	Written exam with theoretical questions, problem-solving exercises, and interpretation of analysis results in R or Python. A voluntary midterm and obligatory final exam, both written. The midterm grade can be rejected in which case you will take the full final exam. This exam format applies to both attending and non-attending students.
Bewertungskriterien	Attending and non-attending students 100% written exam consisting of theoretical questions and data analysis tasks. The final grade will be a weighted average of the written midterm exam (50%) and the written final exam (50%). Students who do not take the midterm or reject their midterm grade will be given a longer exam that will count for 100% of the final grade. Criteria for written exam: correctness and clarity of answers, knowledge and understanding of statistical methods, ability to interpret outputs and to correctly use formal code.
Pflichtliteratur	 Gareth James, Daniela Witten, Trevor Hastie, Robert Tibshirani, Introduzione all'apprendimento statistico. Con applicazioni in R, Piccin-Nuova Libraria, 2020, ISBN: 978-88-299-3094-4. (Chapters 5, 10) Tommaso Di Fonzo, Francesco Lisi, Serie storiche economiche. Analisi statistiche e applicazioni, Carocci, 2015, Ed. VIII, ISBN: 978-88-430-3423-9. (Chapters 1, 5, 6-7) Alan Agresti, Maria Kateri, Statistica per data scientists. Con R e Python, Egea, 2022, ISBN: 9788823823426. Lecture notes and case studies to analyze.
Weiterführende Literatur	Further readings will be announced during the course.
Weitere Informationen	
Ziele für nachhaltige Entwicklung (SDGs)	Partnerschaften zur Erreichung der Ziele, Hochwertige Bildung