

ECON 120: Section Notes

Week 1

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Introduction

- 5th-year economics PhD student
- Primary field: development economics
- Ongoing RCT projects in Liberia and Malawi, with topics ranging cash transfers, intimate partner violence, health access, and taxation.
- How to reach me:
 - TA sections: Monday 4:00-5:05pm or Monday 5:20-6:25pm
 - Office hours: Wednesdays 3-5pm (Zoom link is the same as for TA sections)
 - Email: davidspark@ucsc.edu
 - Homepage: dshpark.github.io/econ120_f20/ (all section material will be posted here)

Protocol for Zoom

- Log into whichever time works for you (not necessarily the one you enrolled for). TA sections won't be recorded/uploaded.
 - Monday 4:00-5:05, or
 - Monday 5:20-6:25
- I strongly encourage everyone to **turn on their camera**, except for circumstances not allowing to do so.
- Whenever you have questions, feel free to interrupt me by
 - just speaking out,
 - physically showing/waving your hand in the camera, or
 - writing down your questions in the chat room embedded in Zoom.
- All other times, please mute your microphone.

Problem Sets: general submission guidelines

1. It's your responsibility to check whether the files are properly uploaded on Canvas. You can check this by downloading them after you upload them. If you find any problem, you should let me know right away (ideally before the deadline).
2. Generally, you would need to submit 2 files:
 - a. **Single combined PDF file** with your solutions to each question, including tables/figures.
*Note: you can use any word processor you want (e.g. LaTeX, MS Word, Google Docs, etc.), but please submit everything in a **single PDF file**.*
 - b. **Stata do-file** (or R/Python scripts) you used for calculating summary stats, running regressions, or creating tables/figures.
3. You might not get full credit if you don't work independently (e.g. identical do-files).