

ECONOMICS 174/274, Sections 101/103
Global Poverty and Impact Evaluation, Section Syllabus

Professor: Fred Finan (ffinan@econ.berkeley.edu)
Office hours: Mondays 2-4pm, Evans 651

Teaching Assistants: Josh Blumenstock (jblumenstock@berkeley.edu)
Office hours: Tuesdays, 10am-12pm, Evans 608-3
Willa Friedman (willa@econ.berkeley.edu)
Office hours: Wednesdays, 9-11am, Evans 608-3

Lectures: Tuesday and Thursday 2-3:30, 120 Latimer

Sections (Josh): **101:** Mon. 4-5pm (183 Dwinelle); **103:** Wed. 1-2pm (258 Dwinelle)

Sections (Willa): Mon. 10-11am (106 Wheeler) - Grad students; **102:** Wed. 8-9am (205 Dwinelle)

Description: This section is for you. The purpose of the section is to answer your questions, to clarify the material presented in lecture, and to help you do well in the course. Normally, I will start section with a short lecture reiterating and elaborating upon the points raised in the prior week's lectures. After that, we will switch to a discussion and question-answer format that focuses on the topics you find most interesting and/or confusing.

The section will be most useful to you if you let me know, either in person or via email, what material you are having trouble with and what you would like me to focus on in the section. For best results, email me your questions before 9am the day of section – that way I will be sure to leave enough time to cover it. However, *it is critical that you review the material covered in lecture before coming to section.* I will not simply repeat Prof. Finan's lectures, I will focus on the parts that *you* want me focus on.

Prerequisites and enrollment: At least one prior term of intermediate economics (i.e., Economics 100A or 100B or equivalent), and some prior coursework in statistics or econometrics. If you have questions about whether this course is appropriate for you, talk to Prof. Finan or one of the TA's. If you have enrollment questions, contact the department's Head GSI at headgsi@econ.berkeley.edu.

Attendance/Absences: Attendance at sections is required.

Switching sections: If you are enrolled in one of my sections, but cannot attend that section time, you can attend my other section as long as you obtain my permission. You can do this without officially switching sections through Telebears – just let me know in advance if you want to do this. However, you cannot switch TA's (me to Willa or Willa to me) unless you officially switch through Telebears.

Provide Feedback: If there is something I can do to improve your learning experience (e.g. if I am going too fast or too slow), please let me know. If you feel uncomfortable speaking to me directly, send me anonymous feedback using a service such as <http://www.anonymousfeedback.net/>

ECONOMICS 174/274, Sections 101/103
Global Poverty and Impact Evaluation, Section Syllabus

Getting started with STATA: During the first few weeks of class, sections will focus heavily on a review of STATA, the statistical software you will need to do your problem sets, and basic concepts of statistics that you will need to succeed in this course. Thus, it is imperative that you get STATA installed and running on your computer as quickly as possible, because you do *not* want to be learning STATA on the fly during your first assignment. See the course syllabus for more information on how to download and install STATA.

Additional Assistance: If you need additional assistance outside of class, come to the office hours of Prof. Finan or one of the teaching assistants. If you choose to meet with a TA, try to go to the office hours of the TA who leads your section; if you can't make that time, you can see the other TA.

Special Accommodations: If you need disability-related accommodations in this class, if you have emergency medical information you wish to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please inform me immediately. Please see me privately after class or in my office.

Email/Facebook policy: I will do my best to respond to all emails within 48 hours. To make this happen, please follow these guidelines. When emailing me, write [Econ174] in the subject, and please do not send me emails with substantive questions that require a response of more than two lines. If I haven't responded within 48 hours, feel free to email me again. For more detailed questions, come to office hours or bring up your question during section. Also, please note that *I will not respond to emails sent after 8pm the day before the exam*. During the course of the semester, I will not accept friend requests on facebook or any such site.

Laptop / Cellphone policy: Please put your cell phone on silent mode during section and lecture. If you are using a laptop, please sit in the last row in the classroom (unless we are doing a STATA tutorial, in which case you may use your laptop anywhere you like).

Additional Campus Resources

- **Disabled Students' Program (DSP):** 642-0518, <http://dsp.berkeley.edu>
- **Student Life Advising Services (SLAS):** 642-4257, <http://slas.berkeley.edu>
- **Ombudsperson for Students:** 642-5754
- **Tang Center Counseling and Psychological Services:** 642-9494, <http://uhs.berkeley.edu>