

Georg-August-Universität Göttingen		6 C 2 WLH
Module M.WIWI-VWL.0182: Evaluating Development Effectiveness		
Learning outcome, core skills: Students learn about the most recent literature on aid effectiveness considering concrete policy examples. By replicating a paper on development aid effectiveness, students get exposed to the econometric toolkit used to evaluate effective policies and critically assess existing scholarly work. Moreover, students practice presenting research in front of an academic audience.		Workload: Attendance time: 28 h Self-study time: 152 h
Course: Evaluating Development Effectiveness (Seminar) <i>Contents:</i> The course provides an overview of the evolution of the academic literature on development effectiveness and also introduces students to the current policy debate, including the current debate on the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development. Students will learn how to provide a clean and systematic overview on the related literature. Moreover, students are introduced to state-of-the-art methods for evaluating development effectiveness and how to critically reflect on data quality and methods. The seminar content varies depending on current developments in the academic and policy debate. Typically, the topics covered include the effects of development aid and policies on economic growth, health, education as well as the private sector. Applications may also cover aid allocation and negative side effects of development cooperation.		2 WLH
Examination: Term Paper (max. 15 pages) with presentation (approx. 20 minutes) ! Evaluating Development Effectiveness Examination prerequisites: Regular attendance.		6 C
Examination requirements: Students must demonstrate an overview on a specific strand of the development effectiveness literature. By replicating a recent paper, students demonstrate their ability to apply econometric methods and their ability to go beyond the results of previous research, which they critically reflect on in a term paper. In presenting the term paper, they show their ability to concisely present complex theoretical and/or empirical concepts. Moreover, during oral discussions, students demonstrate their ability to defend, as well as critically reflect upon arguments from the empirical literature.		
Admission requirements: none	Recommended previous knowledge: M.WIWI-QMW.0004 Econometrics I, while facultative, the module M.WIWI-VWL.0175 International Development Policy introduces underlying theories and methods	
Language: English	Person responsible for module: Dr. Lennart Kaplan	
Course frequency: irregular	Duration: 1 semester[s]	

Number of repeat examinations permitted: twice	Recommended semester: 3 - 4
Maximum number of students: 10	
Additional notes and regulations: Explanation of Course Portfolio: Replication of one research article and discussion of results in a term paper [70%]; Presentation of term paper and oral peer discussions of one paper [30%].	