

Master of Financial Management and Control

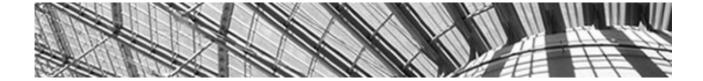
Course outline (concept, due to change) Academic year 2020-2021

Program	Master of Financial Management and Control
Course title	Data Analytics
Lecturer	J.H. van der Zwan
Program variant	Part-time
Credit points (ECTS)	5
Phase	Q1
Amount of sessions (total)	16
Contact hours (total)	32
Hours of study (total)	140
Minimum result required in all assessments in order to obtain credits for this module	5.5

Course Overview

In the 21st century, organizations are more and more data driven. This requires managers to have insight into how to create value from (big) data. In this course, a number of data analysis skills are added to the student's toolbox. The aim is not to train the student to become a data scientist but to learn what possibilities data analysis offers and to be able to deal critically with the results of data analyses. In addition, this course focuses on the use of statistical techniques in scientific quantitative research and the method of reporting the results according to Harvard/ APA style.

Besides descriptive statistics, the student is introduced to a couple of techniques used in inferential statistics - estimating parameters and testing of hypotheses - and the use of association analysis to describe and measure the relationship between variables.



Objectives

- 1. Introduction to the importance of data analysis in modern organizations
- 2. Collecting, cleaning and transforming data into information that adds value to the organization
- 3. Data analysis using visualizations and descriptive statistics
- 4. Techniques to analyze relationships between variables
- 5. Testing of hypotheses; understanding the concepts and apply them to different kind of tests
- 6. Being able to write up the results of statistical outcomes in a scientific report (Harvard/ APA).

Learning outcomes

Overall: the student is able to analyze company data in a scientific way Learning outcomes:

- 1. Operationalize a quantitative research question.
- 2. Use statistical techniques in a variety of contexts (techniques: visualization, descriptive statistics, estimation, significance tests, association analysis).
- 3. Evaluate the results of the use of statistical techniques in quantitative research.
- 4. Present the results from the use of statistical techniques like hypotheses testing in a scientific paper.

Assessment

Individual: homework assignments Group (max. 2 students) assignment

Test Matrix group assignment

			Blooms Taxonomie		
Comp.	Comp.	Learning Outcomes	%Apply	%Analyze, Evaluate, Create/synthesize	check
		The student is able			
1		to operationalize a quantitative research question	10%		10%
1		use the appropriate statistical techniques in different contexts	40%		40%
1		to evaluate the results of a quantitative research		40%	40%
3		to report the results of statistical research in a scientific report		10%	10%
				Total	100%



Week	37
Session nr. 1:	Introduction to this course
	The use of statistical techniques in quantitative research
	Data visualization
Preparation to	Rumsey (2010), CH1, CH2 en CH3
be done by	Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZxnzfnt5v8 (6 min),
students for this	types of Data: Nominal, Ordinal, Interval/Ratio, SLC (Statistical Learning
session:	Centre)
	Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAU0qqh_I-A (14 min),
	basics of constructing charts in MS Excel
	Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3A0IUkpAko (6 min),
	introduction to inferential statistics (SLC)

Week	38	
Session nr. 2:	Summarizing data: graphs and statistics. Data wrangling:	
	 select variables, filter observations, group data, summarize data using pivot tables in MS Excel 	
	- long and wide data format	
Preparation to	Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NUjHBNWe9M (15 min),	
be done by	introduction to MS Excel pivot tables	
students for this	Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAN6DBctgJ0&t=4s (5 min),	
session:	measures for central tendency (SLC)	
	Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dq_D30kyR1A (17 min),	
	meaning of the standard deviation (Nystrom)	

Week	39
Session nr. 3:	Data modelling: theoretical distributions
	Uniform, binomial and normal distributions
	Concept of hypotheses testing
Preparation to	Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EZbX2ftCUk (6 min),
be done by	binomial distributions (SLC)
students for this	
session:	Watch the videos below to refresh your knowledge about normal
	distributions (or, if you have never heard about these distributions, to get
	acquainted with them).
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c11d3vVM5v8 (4 min)
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZWd56VIN7w (11 min)
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ER-e1wwhjXY (10 min)

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Week	40
Session nr. 4:	Association analysis (1)
	Association between categorical variables.
	Association between numerical variables: regression analysis
Preparation to	Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ohp1PpzrRhE .
be done by	Scatterplot in Excel.
students for this	Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ma_yCWKYKEc.
session:	Regression analysis in Excel.
	Think about a test to perform on the data in your dataset and perfom this test using Excel or another tool.

Week	41
Session nr. 5:	Association analyses (2)
	Multiple regression analysis, dummy variables, multicollinearity.
	Panel data analysis
Preparation to	Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQNpSa-bq4M
be done by	multiple regression (20 min.)
students for this	
session:	Collect the data needed for the take-home assignment.

Week	42	
Session nr. 6:	nr. 6: Testing of hypothesis (single variable)	
	Binomial test	
	t-test	
Preparation to	Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPX0NBrJfRI , a video about	
be done by	sampling distributions (caution: the lecturer is a bit hyperactive).	
students for this	Watch https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTczWL7qJ-Y .	
session:	A good and simple introduction to hypothesis testing.	
	Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyknGvncKLw	
	Explanation of the meaning of the p-value in significance testing.	
	Study: course notes 04, the first two paragraphs.	

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Week	44
Session nr. 7:	Testing of hypotheses, different tests such as:
	- difference between population means
	- difference between population proportions
	- chi-square goodness of fit test
	Modern hypothesis testing: bootstrapping
Preparation to	Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zZYBALbZgg (7 min),
be done by	t-test (SLC)
students for this	Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2ryZyytW5w&t=20s .
session:	Two means t-test in Excel (SLC)
	Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rullUAN0U3w.
	Which test is appropriate in a given situation (SLC)
	Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3o_hjWKgQw.
	Chi-square goodness of fit test.

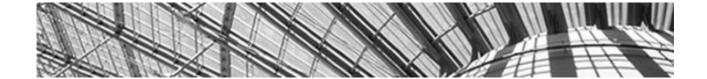
Week	45
Session nr. 8:	Wrap up
	Individual consult about assignment
Preparation to	
be done by	
students for this	
session:	

Literature

Compulsory	Van der Zwan, J.H. (2020). Handouts. https://bookdown.org/jhvdz/mfmc
literature	Ismay C. & Kim A. Y. (2019) Modern Dive. https://moderndive.com
	Saunders, M., Lewis, P. & Thornhill, A. (2015). Research methods for
	business students (7th ed.). Harlow: Prentice Hall.

Recommended	Rumsey Deborah, J. (2010) Statistical Essentials for Dummies. Hoboken:
literature	Wiley Publishing, Inc.
	Schmuller, J. (2013) Statistical Analysis with Excel for Dummies. Hoboken:
	Wiley Publishing Inc.
	https://explorable.com/operationalization
	Article about the importance of operationalization in research.
	https://depts.washington.edu/psych/files/writing_center/stats.pdf
	Examples how to report results of a significance test in a scientific
	paper.

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Assessment

Item	Assessment task	Individual / Group	Length (in case of final exam)	Weight
1.	Homework assignments	Individual presentations		0% (a pass is required to make the group assignment)
2.	End Assignment	Group (max. 2 students)		100%
			Total	100%