



Evaluating Social Programs Course Schedule 2011

May 23, 2011 – May 27, 2011
MIT, Building E51 – Room 395

Monday, May 23

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Opening Remarks (Rachel Glennerster)
9:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Lecture 1: What is Evaluation? <i>Lecturer: Rachel Glennerster (J-PAL)</i>
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM	<u>Case 1 (Women as Policy Makers): Group discussion</u>
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Lecture 2: Outcomes, Indicators, and Measuring Impact <i>Lecturer: Rema Hanna (Harvard University)</i>
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Group Project: choose topics for presentation, theory of change
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Dinner at “The Elephant Walk” 2067 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA http://www.elephantwalk.com/

Tuesday, May 24

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Group Project: theory of change
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	<u>Case 2 (Learn to Read Evaluations): Group discussion</u>
10:15 AM – 11:45 AM	Lecture 3: Impact Evaluation – Why Randomize? <i>Lecturer: Dan Levy (Harvard University)</i>
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM	<u>Exercise 1: Mechanics of Randomization</u> <u>Case 3 (Extra Teacher Program): Group discussion</u>
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Lecture 4: How to Randomize? <i>Lecturer: Rachel Glennerster (J-PAL)</i>
5:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Group Project: evaluation design



Wednesday, May 25

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	<u>Exercise 2: Random Sampling and Law of Large Numbers</u>
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Lecture 5: Sampling and Sample Size <i>Lecturer: Simone Schaner (Dartmouth College)</i>
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	<u>Case 4 (Deworming in Kenya): Group discussion</u>
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Lecture 6: Threats and Analysis <i>Lecturer: Shawn Cole (Harvard University)</i>
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Group Project: evaluation design, power calculations

Thursday, May 26

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Lecture 7: Randomized Evaluation: Start-to-Finish <i>Lecturer: Nava Ashraf (Harvard University)</i>
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<u>Exercise 3: Power Calculations, Sample Size</u>
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Group Project: power calculations
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Lecture 8: Cost Effectiveness and Scaling Up <i>Lecturer: Iqbal Dhaliwal (J-PAL)</i>
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Group Project: potential challenges

Friday, May 27

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Group Project: finalize presentations
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Group Presentations
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Group Presentations
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Course Wrap Up (Rachel Glennerster)