

EMLE (RLE 14)
Empirical Legal Studies
Spring 2019
Klick

The goal of this course is to make you sophisticated consumers of modern empirical research.

Lecture 1: Descriptive Statistics

Suggested Reading: Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence, Chapter on Statistics
<https://www.fjc.gov/sites/default/files/2015/SciMan3D01.pdf>

Lecture 2: Inferential Statistics

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<https://www.fjc.gov/sites/default/files/2015/SciMan3D01.pdf>

Lecture 3: Linear Regression

Suggested Reading: Reference Manual on Scientific Evidence, Chapter on Multiple Regression
<https://www.fjc.gov/sites/default/files/2015/SciMan3D01.pdf>

Lecture 4: Formulating Hypotheses

Suggested Reading: "Salvation as a Selective Incentive," International Review of Law and Economics, 26(1): 15-32 (2006)
<https://www.law.upenn.edu/fac/jklick/26IRLE15.pdf>

Lecture 5: Causality

Lecture 6: Causal Inference in Observational Studies

Suggested Reading: "The Effect of Abortion Legalization on Sexual Behavior: Evidence from Sexually Transmitted Diseases," Journal of Legal Studies, 32(2): 407-434 (2003).
<https://www.law.upenn.edu/fac/jklick/32JLS407.pdf>

Lecture 7: Natural Experiments

Suggested Reading: "Using Terror Alert Levels to Estimate the Effect of Police on Crime," Journal of Law and Economics, 48(1): 267-279 (2005)
<https://www.law.upenn.edu/fac/jklick/48JLE267.pdf>

“The Effect of Private Police on Crime: Evidence from a Geographic Regression Discontinuity Design,” *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A*, 179(3): 831-846 (2016).

<https://www.law.upenn.edu/fac/jklick/179JRSS831.pdf>

Lecture 8: Event Studies

Suggested Reading: “Agency Costs, Charitable Trusts, and Corporate Control: Evidence From Hershey's Kiss-Off,” *Columbia Law Review*, 108(4): 749-838 (2008).

<https://www.law.upenn.edu/fac/jklick/108CLR749.pdf>

Lecture 9: Empirical Evidence in Litigation

Lecture 10: Empirical Evidence in Regulation

Potentially helpful references:

Two books by Joshua D. Angrist & Jörn-Steffen Pischke

Mostly Harmless Econometrics: An Empiricist's Companion

Mastering 'Metrics: The Path from Cause to Effect