

POP 502 Research Methods in Demography

Preceptor Introduction

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Hello, I am glad you have decided to enroll in Pop 502. Let me introduce myself. I am a third year Ph.D. student in the Office of Population Research. I took Pop 502 two years ago and this is my second time serving as preceptor. Below is some introductory information about problem sets, office hours and email policy, precepts, and exam reviews. Cheers, Kristin.

1 Contact Information

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2 Office Hours and Email Policy

I plan to hold office hours on Wednesday from 4:30-5:00. If this time does not work for you, feel free to email me and we can find a time to meet. I am generally in the office during normal business hours.

My email policy is to reply within 24 hours. Because of this policy, if you email me less than 24 hours before a problem set is due, I may not respond in time, so don't leave questions to the last minute. If you have a complicated question, please arrange to meet me. Also, Tod is happy to answer questions.

3 Problem Sets

- Please turn your problem sets in via email (kbietsch@princeton.edu)
- Your problem sets are due at midnight. While I do not give extensions, I do accept incomplete problem sets.

- I do all my grading electronically, so please don't print something to hand into me.
- Your graded problem sets will be returned to you via email.
- When turning in problem sets, please send me two attachments:
 - A single **PDF** that includes your answers and code
 - A .do file of your code (yes, I will have your code in the PDF document and as a .do file!)

4 Precepts

- Precepts will be on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:30.
- Most will be held in the OPR computer lab (Wallace 217), I will let you know of any changes.
- If you have questions you would like answered in precept, please email them to me 24 hours before precept, so that I have sufficient time to prepare detailed answers.

My goal is to make precepts as useful as possible for preparing you to do demographic research and to succeed on your exams. For precepts using Stata, I have handouts posted on my website: princeton.edu/~kbietsch that you should print out and bring with you. This will generally include information from the Preston textbook and Stata code which will help you in the computer sessions.

5 Exam Review

I will schedule review sessions before the midterm and final. I will not be holding a review for the general exam, but I am happy to answer any questions throughout the semester about preparing for the exam. Check your inbox for more information as the time comes closer!