

Introduction into Multilevel Modelling of Clustered Data

Facilitators

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Description

Real data are often clustered such as repeated measurements on the same subject or measurements in grouped subjects (e.g. family or school studies). Failure to allow for clustering results in erroneous standard errors and confidence intervals. The aim of the course is to provide participants with an understanding of the basic concepts and general techniques in the analysis of clustered data. Valid analysis methods appropriate for clustered data will be introduced. The course software will be Stata and R.

Main concepts to be covered include: clustering, random intercept, random slope, linear and logistic random-effects models (multilevel models, mixed models, hierarchical models), robust standard errors, generalized estimating equations (GEE), modelling strategy, model diagnostics.

Objectives

By the end of the course participants will be able to define the appropriate analysis method for a clustered data set. Participants will be able to perform and evaluate own analyses of clustered data.

Dates

20 – 22 October 2026

Eligibility

The course is aimed at SSPH+ PhD students, clinicians, researchers, public health specialists and other health care professionals who want to perform analyses of data with clustered structures. This is an advanced statistical course. Participants should know the principals of linear and logistic regression modelling and practical experience with linear regression analysis is required. Basic knowledge of Stata is an advantage. Alternatively, skilled R users are also welcome but have to expect less technical support for their scripts.

Course Structure

This is a statistical methods course. We will follow a nonmathematical approach and focus on the practical application of the techniques on datasets from epidemiology and prevention research. The course consists of interactive lectures and computer practicals. You have to bring your own laptop to the course with either Stata or R installed. We will conclude with a workshop discussing your own data.

Assessment

Written exam

Credits

1 ECTS

Preparation Work: 4 h, Contact: 24 h, Follow Up: 2 h

(1 ECTS corresponds to appr. 25-30 hours workload)

Location

Swiss TPH, Kreuzstrasse 2, Allschwil / Seminar room 2

Course Fees

IGC course fees	1 ECTS
SSPH+ IGC PhD and MD Students	30 CHF
Postdocs from SSPH+ partner institutes with a SSPH+ Faculty Member as line manager	30 CHF
External PhD students, external MD Students, postdocs from SSPH+ partner institutes without a SSPH+ Faculty Member as line manager and Swiss Public Health Doctors in training	300 CHF
Others	800 CHF

Registration

<https://www.confTool.com/ssph-phd-courses2026/>

Deadline for Registration

20 September 2026