

UKMOD Training course

11 – 14 April 2022

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UKMOD Model and Data

- Register for the model and the data, following the instructions here: <https://www.microsimulation.ac.uk/ukmod/access/>. Pay attention to providing evidence of access to the 2019 FRS data (instructions at the link above), and requesting the 2019 UKMOD input data. You can also request previous input datasets if you wish, as long as you provide evidence of access to the underlying FRS data in your registration form. In the training we will use the 2019 data only.
- Download model version A3.0+ and 2019 data from Redmine (NB: use the link, username and password that you will be provided upon registration).

Join the meeting via Zoom

- Click on the Zoom links (see below in the programme).
- If you have problems, please email iser-ukmod@essex.ac.uk and we will try to help.
- Course timetable is in GMT (**UK time**).

During the course

- You will be muted upon joining the meeting.
- Feel free to unmute yourself when you want to speak/ask a question, raise a hand or write in the chat.
- The course is organised as a mixture of lectures and hands-on exercises. We will be showing you a step-by-step solution for each exercise.
- Each session includes time for questions as well as a dedicated Q&A session.
- We would welcome your feedback on what went/did not go well and on how we can improve!

Pre-course Technical Session

Setting up the model, data & software – 9am (UK time) 11 April 2022

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://essex-university.zoom.us/j/96226024365?from=addon>

Meeting ID: 962 2602 4365

Join by Skype for Business: <https://essex-university.zoom.us/skype/96226024365>

(UK Time)	Topic
09:00 – 10:00	Session on: • Downloading the EUROMOD model • Installing the EUROMOD software • Linking the model and software

Course Programme

Day 1 – Tuesday, 12 April 2022

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://essex-university.zoom.us/j/93407601677?from=addon>

Meeting ID: 934 0760 1677

Join by Skype for Business: <https://essex-university.zoom.us/skype/93407601677>

(UK Time)	Topic
9.00 – 10.00	Session 1 • Introduction: static tax-benefit models, distributional analysis and the UKMOD project • How UKMOD works • Exercise 1: Running the model and using the <i>Statistics Presenter</i> for analysis
10.00 – 10.10	Break
10.10 – 11.10	Session 2 • Exercise 1: Running the model and using the <i>Statistics Presenter</i> for analysis (cont'd) • EUROMOD tax-benefit microsimulation language • Exercise 2: Implementing a reform to the UK model and using the <i>Statistics Presenter</i> for analysis
11.10 – 11.40	Break
11.40 – 13.00	Session 3 • The Policy Spine • The Policy functions <i>Elig</i> & <i>ArithOp</i> and the parameters <i>amounts</i>, <i>formula</i>, <i>queries</i> • (5min break) • Q&A
13.00	End of Day 1

Day 2 – Wednesday, 13 April 2022

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://essex-university.zoom.us/j/95476613437?from=addon>

Meeting ID: 954 7661 3437

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(UK Time)	Topic
9.00 – 10.00	Session 4 • Re-cap of Day 1 • Exercise 3: Implementing a reform to the Child Benefit, using Elig & ArithOp • Handling errors
10.00 – 10.10	Break
10.10 – 11.10	Session 5 • Types of function • The Policy function <i>BenCalc</i> • Exercise 4: Implementing a reform to the Child Benefit, using BenCalc
11.10 – 11.40	Break
11.40 – 13.00	Session 6 • The policy function <i>SchedCalc</i> • (5min break) • Q&A
13.00	End of Day 2

Day 3 –Thursday, 14 April 2022

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://essex-university.zoom.us/j/91028442734?from=addon>

Meeting ID: 910 2844 2734

Join by Skype for Business: <https://essex-university.zoom.us/j/91028442734>

(UK Time)	Topic
9.00 – 10.00	Session 7 • Re-cap of Day 2 • The system functions <i>DefConst</i> & <i>DefIL</i> • Exercise 5: Modifying the income tax in the UK, using SchedCalc and DefConst
10.00 – 10.10	Break
10.10 – 11.10	Session 8 • (Extra Exercise 6: Modifying the benefit cap in the UK, using DefIL) • The Policy function <i>Allocate</i> • Assessment units and the system function <i>DefTU</i> • Exercise 7: Modifying the benefit unit in the UK, using DefTU
11.10 – 11.40	Break
11.40 – 13.00	Session 9 • Uprating indices and the system function <i>Uprate</i> • Variable types and system function <i>DefVar</i> • (5min break) • Q&A
13.00	End of Day 3