**Reference group report**

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| **Date: 13.05.15**  **Course code and title:** Computer Intensive Statistical Methods (TMA4300)  **Dates of reference group meetings held:**  03.02.15  20.03.15  17.04.15  **Students who have participated in the reference group. Name and programme of study:**  1: Luca Fenzi (ERASMUS)  2: Martin Walderhaug (MTKJ)  3: Abdul Ghaffar Rehman Malik (BMAT) |

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| **The reference group's report on the quality of the course:**  . The course was quite relevant to the outline learning objectives.  . Precise and informative slides.  .The division of the whole course in 3 blocks, and subdivision within each block was nicely done.  . Everything was available online, hence making it easier to keep track.  . The availability of slides before the lecture helped immensely.  . Professor Andrea was quite proficient in explaining the course.  . Code examples in R made learning more conceptually clear.  . Exercises were quite well designed and helpful.  . Some students had problems understanding the TA’s explanations during exercise hours, some of these thought the problem was related to his English.  . But he was almost always available for help, and responded very clearly on e-mails regarding queries.  . The comments on the graded exercise were very detailed.  . The Oral R presentations were pretty helpful.  . Some students complained about the lack of office hours.  . The course dealing with recent topics, such as INLA, is useful for the students in order to find a job or a PhD. |

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| **Measures proposed by the reference group:**  . Possibility to set up office hours.  . Additional articles and reviews can be posted on the lecture plan to have a complete overview of the state of art of the subject.  . Additional information about how R code should be presented in the oral presentation could be useful. |