Did you use any software regularly as part of your course?

**Yolanda:** Well I use LaTeX quite a lot, in my case I use the online version because it saves automatically and if your computer dies you still have your essay online. LaTeX is for, it’s software for typing mathematical formulas that look very pretty and yeah, it’s a very useful programme. And quite easy to learn how to use it as well, because it’s online resources because it’s free, then a lot of people use it and then a lot of people teach you how to use it.

**Alexandre:** So for, for, the dissertation some people used Stata, and I’m one of those people, so I already knew how to use Stata some- somehow, but just the basics, but I really had to go further with what I learned before and usually because everyone would use a different software for the dissertation you would have to learn by yourself, but luckily there are many online resources and you can also find books in the library to help you.

I think some of the students may use MatLab or some other Economics software, but I think Stata is the main one, so if you can have an idea on how to use Stata before you start the course, that would be useful.

**Tooshan:** I’m a little bit new to social science research and so just basic foundational tools of quantitative, erm, analysis and qualitative analysis likes SPSS or NVivo coding – those are some tools that I was not aware of before, and those are some things that I’ve gained a little bit of skill after coming here.

**Yolanda:** I’ve also had to use Mathematica, not for the computations but for the visuals, it has some really cool contour plotting, 3D stuff. And it’s also not too difficult to learn how to use Mathematica.