

## Stata Tutorial Topics

- Preliminary commands for every file:

version 7.0

capture log close

cd *pathname* (unless you keep everything in one big junky directory)

log using *logname.log*, replace

capture program drop \_all (necessary only if your do file includes programs)

- Good programming hygiene:
  - Put everything in a do file
  - Document
  - Always run do files from the beginning
  - Separate data management from data analysis:
    - do file for merging, variable creation etc.—then save permanent data set for analysis
    - do file for data analysis—generally don't save data altered by analysis
- Homework tips
  - Get your code running early
  - Run the models *exactly* as specified (all the variables listed and nothing else)
  - Don't just copy the sample code: document in your own words and give variables your own names—you'll understand it better now and later
  - For homework help with coding:
    - email me and describe the problem **and**
    - attach your do file **and**
    - attach your log file

It is **very** important that you attach both your log and do files when you email me—I will be much more likely to be able to help you quickly