STAT - Statistics

STATISTICS Courses

STAT 130M. Elementary Statistics. 3 Credits.
Topics include: data description, elementary probability, binomial and normal distributions, interval estimation, hypothesis testing, and correlation. The role of probability in inference is emphasized. Prerequisites: qualifying score on a placement test administered by the University Testing Center, qualifying SAT or ACT score, a C or better in MATH 101M, or a higher level math course.

STAT 306. Introductory Statistics. 3 Credits.
A general probability and statistics course designed specifically to accommodate the needs of school teachers and health professionals. Topics include: descriptive statistics, basic probability, discrete random variables, continuous random variables, interval estimation, regression and correlation, hypothesis testing, and applications. (May not be used to satisfy the upper-division elective requirement of the math major program.) Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in MATH 102M or MATH 162M.

STAT 310. Introductory Data Analysis. 3 Credits.
Topics include measures of location, dispersion, and strength of relationships; parametric and nonparametric tests of location; one-way analysis of variance; complete block designs; simple and multiple regression; correlation; measures of association for categorical data. Microsoft EXCEL will be used extensively as an aid in data analysis. Written interpretation of results will be a routine component of daily assignments. Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in STAT 130M or MATH 211.

STAT 330. An Introduction to Probability and Statistics. 3 Credits.
Topics include: descriptive statistics, probability theory and probability distributions, mathematical expectation and its role in decision making, hypothesis testing, point and interval estimation, numerous applications. (Not open to students with credit in STAT 331.) Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in MATH 211.

STAT 331. Theory of Probability. 3 Credits.
An introduction to probability theory including probability functions, continuous and discrete random variables, combinatorics, special probability distributions, moment generating functions, and limit laws. Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in MATH 211.

STAT 405/505. Introduction to Data Handling. 3 Credits.
Use of SAS and R to handle data sets. Topics for SAS include data input, creating permanent data sets, merging data sets, creating new variables, sorting, printing, charting, formatting, IML programming, macro programming, and an overview of proc SQL and other statistical procedures. Topics for R include data structure, control structure, writing functions, and graphics. Prerequisites: grade of C or better in STAT 130M or equivalent and a grade of C or better in MATH 316 or equivalent or permission of instructor.

STAT 431/531. Theory of Statistics. 3 Credits.
Topics include point and interval estimation, tests of hypotheses, introduction to linear models, likelihood techniques, and regression and correlation analysis. Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in STAT 331 or departmental permission.

STAT 432/532. Sampling Theory. 3 Credits.
Sampling from finite populations is discussed. Topics such as simple random sampling, stratified random sampling and ratio and regression estimation are included. Also discussed are aspects of systematic sampling, cluster sampling, and multi-stage sampling. Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in STAT 431/531.

STAT 435/535. Design and Analysis of Experiments. 3 Credits.
Topics include analysis of variance with one or more factors, multiple comparisons, randomized blocks, Latin squares and related designs: multifactor factorial experiments; blocking and confounding in the 2(k) factorial design; two-level fractional factorial designs. Statistical software will be used to analyze real life data. Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in STAT 405 or STAT 505 and STAT 437 or STAT 537.

STAT 437/537. Applied Regression and Time Series Analysis. 3 Credits.
Topics include theory of least squares, simple linear regression, multiple regression and residual analysis. Multicollinearity issues, regression on dummy variables, extensions to dependent errors and introduction to elementary time series, including auto-regressive and moving-average models will also be discussed. Fitting and interpreting the models using SAS and R software for real data is emphasized. Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in STAT 330 or STAT 310 or STAT 431/STAT 531. Pre- or corequisites: STAT 405/STAT 505.

STAT 440/540. Clinical Trials. 3 Credits.
An introduction to statistical methods used in the design, conduct, and analysis of clinical trials. Topics include: study designs, treatment allocation, sample size and power, clinical life tables, log rank test, cross-over designs, and sequential methods of monitoring clinical trials. Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in STAT 431/STAT 531.

STAT 442/542. Environmental Statistics. 3 Credits.
Topics include nonlinear and generalized linear models, quantitative risk assessment, analysis of stimulus-response and spatially correlated data, methods of combining data from several independent studies. Regression settings are emphasized where one or more predictor variables are used to make inferences on an outcome variable of interest. Applications include modeling growth inhibition of organisms exposed to environmental toxins, spatial associations of like species, risk estimation, and spatial prediction. SAS is used extensively in the course. Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in STAT 431/STAT 531 or permission of the instructor; STAT 437 or STAT 537 recommended.

STAT 447/547. Analysis of Longitudinal Data. 3 Credits.
Topics include general linear models, weighted least squares (WLS), maximum likelihood (ML), restricted maximum likelihood (REML) methods of estimation, analysis of continuous response repeated measures data, parametric models for covariance structure, generalized estimating equations (GEE) and quasi least squares (QLS), models for discrete longitudinal data: marginal, random effects, and transition models. Limitations of existing approaches will be discussed. Emphasis will be on the application of these tools to data related to the biological and health sciences. Methods will be implemented using statistical software. Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in STAT 431/STAT 531. Pre- or corequisite: STAT 405/STAT 505.

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STAT 494. Entrepreneurship in Statistics. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to help students enhance their personal and professional development through innovation guided by faculty members and professionals. It offers students an opportunity to apply their knowledge of statistics to the development of a new product, business, nonprofit program, or other initiative. The real world experiences that entrepreneurs provide will help students understand how academic knowledge leads to transformations, innovations, and solutions to different types of problems. This course is administered as an independent project for individual students, or as group projects. Prerequisites: 3.0 GPA and permission of the chief departmental advisor.

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STAT 597. Topics in Statistics. 1-3 Credits.
The advanced study of selected topics. Prerequisites: permission of the instructor.

STAT 613. Applied Statistical Methods I. 3 Credits.
Intended for graduate students in all academic disciplines; not available for credit to graduate students in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Topics include descriptive statistics, probability computations, estimation, hypothesis testing, linear regression, analysis of variance and categorical data analysis. Emphasis will be on statistical analysis of data arising in a research setting. The rationale for selecting methods to address research questions will be emphasized. Examples will be given from the health sciences, social sciences, engineering, education and other application areas. Prerequisites: A grade of C or better in STAT 130M or STAT 330 or MATH 211 or MATH 226 or permission of the instructor.

STAT 625. Mathematical Statistics I. 3 Credits.
An introduction to probability. Topics include axiomatic foundations of probability, conditional probability, Bayes formula, random variables, density and mass functions, stochastic independence, expectation, moment generating functions, transformations, common families of distributions, multiple random variables, covariance and correlation, multivariate distributions, convergence concepts, law of large numbers, limit theorems. Prerequisites: A grade of C+ or better in STAT 531.
STAT 626. Mathematical Statistics II. 3 Credits.
An introduction to statistical inference. Principles of data reduction, sufficiency, completeness, ancillary, likelihood principle, point estimation, method of moments, maximum likelihood and Bayes estimation, Cramer-Rao inequality, hypothesis testing, likelihood ratio tests, Bayesian tests, most powerful tests, Neyman-Pearson Lemma, interval estimates, pivotal quantities, asymptotic evaluations, consistency and asymptotic relative efficiency. Prerequisites: A grade of C+ or better in STAT 625.

STAT 627. Linear Statistical Models. 3 Credits.
Topics include the multivariate normal distribution, distributions of quadratic forms, the general linear model, estimability, the Gauss-Markov theorem and general linear hypotheses, analysis of variance (ANOVA) and covariance (ANCOVA) with special attention to unbalanced data, and analysis of mixed effects and variance components models including repeated measures and split-plot designs. Prerequisites: STAT 626.

STAT 628. Applied Multivariate Analysis. 3 Credits.
Topics include the multivariate normal distribution, graphical display of multivariate data and tests for normality, Hotelling's T2, multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA) and regression, profile analysis, growth curve models, canonical correlation analysis, principal components, factor models, clustering, and discriminant analysis. All methods are implemented using the SAS statistical software. Prerequisites: STAT 537 or STAT 627 or permission of the instructor.

STAT 630. Time Series Models. 3 Credits.
This course examines the principles and concepts of time series and forecasting. Study includes theory, methods, and model parameter estimation taking into account correlation and autocorrelation structures with data applications from pollution, economics, seasonal trends, and the stock market. Notions of autoregressive, moving, average, stationary and nonstationary ARIMA models will be discussed. The multivariate version and state-space models will also be introduced. Simulation of time series data will be discussed in depth. Prerequisites: STAT 626, STAT 505, and STAT 537.

STAT 632. Master's Project. 3 Credits.
Under the guidance of a faculty member in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, the student will undertake a significant data analysis problem in a scientific setting outside the department. A written report and/or public presentation of results will be required. Prerequisites: permission of graduate program director.

STAT 635. Statistical Consulting. 3 Credits.
This course is intended to teach statistical consulting techniques to graduate students in statistics. Students are expected to work on statistical consulting problems brought by faculty and graduate students in various fields. Prerequisites: STAT 626.

STAT 640. Survival Analysis. 3 Credits.
Survival time models, clinical life tables, nonparametric methods for estimating survival functions, Cox regression, survival distributions, mathematical and graphical methods for goodness of fit, proportional hazards models, comparison of treatment groups, regression models. Prerequisite: STAT 626.

STAT 667. Cooperative Education. 1-3 Credits.
1-3 credits. Student participation for credit based on academic relevance of the work experience, criteria, and evaluative procedures as formally determined by the department and the cooperative education program prior to the semester in which the work experience is to take place.

STAT 697. Topics in Statistics. 1-3 Credits.
Advanced study of selected topics. Prerequisites: permission of the instructor.

STAT 727. Advanced Statistical Inference I. 3 Credits.
Topics to be covered include introduction to measure theoretic probability, properties of group and exponential families, sufficiency, unbiasedness, equivariance, properties of estimators, large sample theory, maximum likelihood estimation, EM algorithm, information inequality, asymptotic optimality. Prerequisites: A grade of C+ or higher in MATH 517 and STAT 626.