

STA 6166 – Statistical Methods in Research I

Fall 2013

Sections 15GH: MWF 2 (8:30-9:20) in TUR 2319

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Course Description: Prerequisite: STA 2023 (or equivalent)

Introduce basic data analysis tools and to train graduate students in statistical tools associated with hypothesis testing and linear models. The aim is to promote sound scientific research and experimentation based on good statistical thinking and practice. Class notes will be posted online.

The course will be moving at a fast pace and it is expected that students put in the time necessary to keep up.

Course Materials Required:

- 1) *A First Course in Statistical Methods*, by Ott and Longnecker, 2004
- 2) Calculator capable of calculating means and standard deviations

Software:

You will need a computer for the homework assignments and practise. The main software used in class will be R (<http://www.r-project.org/>) although you can use any other software you wish that yield similar results. Minitab is a user-friendly alternative.

Homework and Quizzes:

There will be homework assigned on a weekly basis containing data analysis problems and/or book exercises. Information will be provided on the class website. Students are allowed to collaborate. Instead of handing in the homework assignment, a random question will be chosen as an in-class quiz (at any time during the class). The lowest quiz grade will be dropped.

Exams: There will be three (in class) exams, given on the dates listed below.

Exam 1: September 25th

Exam 2: November 1st

Exam 3: December 12th

Each exam is composed of multiple choice questions (approximately 60%) and some open-ended questions.

If a student is unable to take an exam at the scheduled time, they must notify the instructor as early as possible. If an emergency situation precludes an advance arrangement, you should let the instructor know within 24 hours of the missed exam. Each case will be reviewed individually. You will be required to provide official documentation to be eligible for make-up examination.

Grades:

Exams (1, 2 and 3) are worth: 25% (each).

Homework/Quizzes: 25%.

Attendance: Round up of final grade.

Note: Scores may be curved.

Grading Scale:

The grading scale will be as follows:

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| A: | 91-100%, | A-: | 87- <91%, | | |
| B+: | 84- <87%, | B: | 80- <84%, | B-: | 77- <80%, |
| C+: | 74- <77%, | C: | 70- <74%, | C-: | 67- <70%, |
| D+: | 64- <67%, | D: | 56- <64%, | | |
| E: | < 55%. | | | | |

Note: Final grade (in % points) may be a decimal figure, however, there will be no rounding up or down of the grade.

Course Policies:

Academic Dishonesty: I adhere to the University of Florida rules and guidelines for handling instances of academic dishonesty. Please refer to the Office of Students Services for detailed information about the current policies.

Instructor's Honor Code: We the members of the University of Florida community pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Grading: Grades will be changed only when an error has been made by the instructor.

Incomplete: Incompletes are only assigned when extraordinary circumstances, arising after the date for dropping off the course, prevent the student from completing the course requirements. The student must be currently passing the course and discuss the circumstances with the instructor before the final exam takes place. Having a failing grade in the course is not a valid reason for requesting an incomplete.

Getting Help: Students may ask questions during the lectures (preferred) or the office hours. The TAs will answer questions during office hours. A list of private tutors (if needed) may be obtained from Griffin Floyd 103.

Students with disabilities: Students requesting extra accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students office. The Dean of Students will provide documentation to the students who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting information.

Privacy Policies: Student records are confidential. Only information designated "UF directory information" may be released without your written consent. UF views each student as the primary

contact for all communication. If your parents contact me about your grade, attendance or other information that is not “UF directory information”. I will ask them to contact you.

Tentative schedule:

| | Subjects | Sections |
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| | Introduction, Data Collection/Summaries, Populations/Samples | 1.1-3.9 |
| | Probability, Random Variables, Graphical Representation | 4.1-4.10 |
| | Sampling and Sampling Distributions, Estimating a Mean | 4.11-4.13,5.1-5.3 |
| | Statistical Test for a Mean | 5.4-5.7 |
| | Comparing Two Population Means and Medians | 6.1-6.6 |
| | Categorical Data Analysis: Estimating and Comparing Proportions | 10.1-10.3 |
| | Introduction to F , chi-square Distributions, Inference on Variances | 7.1-7.4 |
| | Contingency Tables, chi-square-Tests, Odds Ratios | 10.5-10.6 |
| | Introduction to Linear Regression | 11.1-11.5 |
| | Multiple Linear Regression | 12 |
| | Introduction to Analysis of Variance and Experimental Design | 8.1-8.3 |
| | 1-Way ANOVA: Assumptions, Rank-Based Tests, Post-hoc tests | 8.4-8.6 |
| | Randomized Complete Block Design | 9.1-9.2 |

The instructor reserves the right to update any parts of this syllabus as necessary. Students will be notified of any changes.

Note: There will be no classes/office hours on the following days

September 2nd : Labor Day

November 8th : Homecoming

November 11th : Veteran's Day

November 27th - 29th : Thanksgiving