

1 General Information

Instructor: Dr. Aixin Tan, aixin-tan@uiowa.edu
Course Format: Class meets 12:30 – 1:20pm on Thursdays in 60 SH
Instructor Office Hours: Th 1:20 – 2:10pm. Also, feel free to email me to make an appointment.
Course website: Announcements and course materials will be posted in ICON.

Notes.

In the later half of the semester, we will mostly spend time on small simulation projects, write-ups, practicing self-assessment, peer-review, etc.. By then, the format of the course will adapt to suit our needs, and we won't necessarily meet at class time every week.

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Course Home: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) is the home of this course, and CLAS governs the policies and procedures for its courses. Graduate students, however, must adhere to the academic deadlines set by the Graduate College.

2 Course Description

The goal of this course is to orient, guide, and perhaps build some community among first-year graduate students in Statistics. Included in that is ensuring that you understand the program requirements and what it takes to succeed; become acquainted with the research interests of our faculty and learn what is involved in statistical research; learn about statistical organizations, the statistics profession and career opportunities; ethics; and gain some understanding of how to access the statistical literature.

The class will be rather informal and no huge time demands will be placed on you to prepare for each week. However, that does not mean you can be passive. You will have an occasional reading/writing/computing assignment, constructed with the above goals in mind.

3 Attendance

Attendance is required. If you must be gone for a class, please inform me in advance and we will discuss options for you to make-up the absence.

See the college of liberal arts and science (CLAS) policy on student attendance and absences
<https://clas.uiowa.edu/faculty/student-attendance-and-absences>

4 Grading

Grading is S/U. If you come to classes, participate, and complete the required assignments, you will receive a grade of S = satisfactory.

University Policies

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

<https://provost.uiowa.edu/teaching-resources/course-syllabi-information#accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities>

Basic Needs and Support for Students

<https://provost.uiowa.edu/teaching-resources/course-syllabi-information#basic-needs-and-support-for-students>

Classroom Expectations <https://provost.uiowa.edu/teaching-resources/course-syllabi-information#classroom-expectations>

Exam Make-up Owing to Absence <https://opsmanual.uiowa.edu/students/absences-class#8.1>

Free Speech and Expression <https://provost.uiowa.edu/teaching-resources/course-syllabi-information#free-speech-and-expression>

Mental Health <https://provost.uiowa.edu/teaching-resources/course-syllabi-information#mental-health>

Military Service Obligations <https://opsmanual.uiowa.edu/students/absences-class#8.2>

Non-discrimination <https://provost.uiowa.edu/teaching-resources/course-syllabi-information#non-discrimination-s>

Religious Holy Days <https://opsmanual.uiowa.edu/students/absences-class#8.3>

Sexual Harassment/Misconduct and Supportive Measures

<https://provost.uiowa.edu/teaching-resources/course-syllabi-information#sexual-harassment--sexual-misconduct>

Sharing of Class Recordings <https://provost.uiowa.edu/teaching-resources/course-syllabi-information#sharing-of-class-recordings-if-appropriate>