STAT:3510 (22S:101) CCC  Biostatistics  Spring 2011

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Course Prerequisite: 22M:001 (Basic Algebra) or equivalent.


Computer Software: We will use the free statistical software R, for statistical computing and graphics. R can be downloaded from http://cran.r-project.org/.

Instructor Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 11:00am - 12:00 pm or by appointment.
TA Office Hours: TBA

Course Website: I will post announcements, homework problems, lecture notes, and other course information on ICON.

Course Description and Objectives: The main objective of this course is to help students learn the basic statistical concepts and methods for summarizing, presenting and analyzing data from biological and health sciences. Upon completion of the course students are expected to be able to understand standard statistical analysis results in the biological and health sciences literature. We will cover chapters 1-3, 6-12, 14-15, 17-19.

Grading
Your semester grade will consist of the following components:

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A plus-minus grading system will be used. As a rough guide: >97%, A+; 88-97%, A; 85-88%, A-; 82-85%, B+; 77-82%, B; 74-77%, B-; 71-74%, C+; 62-71%, C; 58-62%, C-; 50-58%, D; <50%, F.

- **Homework**
  Homework will be usually assigned on Mondays and due on the following Monday at the beginning of the class. Due to time constraints, the grader may grade only some of the assigned questions, but you are responsible for understanding all questions. Unless prior arrangements are made for reasons judged to be acceptable by me, late homework will receive zero credit as solutions will be posted soon after the homework is due.

- **Exams**
  There will be two 50-minutes in-class midterms and a two-hour final exam. Calculators may be used for exams, and any necessary statistical tables will be provided. Two 8.5”x11” formula sheets (both sides) may be used for each exam. If an exam is missed, a make-up exam will be permitted only if the circumstances of missing the exam satisfy university policies (documentation will be required in such a case).

  1. Midterm One: 3:30 pm, Monday, February 28
  2. Midterm Two: 3:30 pm, Monday, April 4
  3. Final: 2:15 pm, Monday, May 9

- **Quizzes**
  There will be five closed-book 15-minute quizzes towards the beginning of class period.
Calculators may be used for quizzes, and any necessary statistical tables will be provided. The policy on make-ups for quizzes is identical to the policy for exams.

1. Quiz One: Monday, February 7
2. Quiz Two: Monday, February 21
3. Quiz Three: Monday, March 7
4. Quiz Four: Monday, March 28
5. Quiz Five: Monday, April 18

Attendance
Regular attendance at lecture and discussion is expected.
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Policies and Procedures

Administrative Home of the Course  The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is the administrative home of this course and governs matters such as the add/drop deadlines, the second-grade-only option, and other related issues. Different colleges may have different policies. Questions may be addressed in 120 Schaeffer Hall or see the CLAS Student Academic Handbook:
www.clas.uiowa.edu/students/academic_handbook/index.shtml

Electronic Communication  University policy specifies that students are responsible for all official correspondences sent to their standard University of Iowa e-mail address (@uiowa.edu). Students should check this account frequently. (Operations Manual, III.15.2. Scroll down to k.11.)

Academic Fraud  Plagiarism and any other activities when students present work that is not their own are academic fraud. Academic fraud is a serious matter and is reported to the departmental DEO and to the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs and Curriculum. Instructors and DEOs decide on appropriate consequences at the departmental level while the Associate Dean enforces additional consequences at the collegiate level. See the CLAS Student Academic Handbook.

Making a Suggestion or a Complaint  Students with a suggestion or complaint should first visit the instructor, then the course supervisor, and then the departmental DEO. Complaints must be made within six months of the incident. See the CLAS Student Academic Handbook.

Accommodations for Disabilities  A student seeking academic accommodations should first register with Student Disability Services and then meet privately with the course instructor to make particular arrangements.  www.uiowa.edu/~sds/ 

Understanding Sexual Harassment  Sexual harassment subverts the mission of the University and threatens the well-being of students, faculty, and staff. All members of the UI community have a responsibility to uphold this mission and to contribute to a safe environment that enhances learning. Incidents of sexual harassment should be reported immediately. See the UI Comprehensive Guide on Sexual Harassment at www.uiowa.edu/~eod/policies/sexual-harassment-guide/index.html for assistance, definitions, and the full University policy.

Reacting Safely to Severe Weather  In severe weather, class members should seek appropriate shelter immediately, leaving the classroom if necessary. The class will continue if possible when the event is over. (Operations Manual, IV.16.14. Scroll down to e. h. and i.)