

	Course	STAT 3332.001 Statistics for Life Sciences
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General Course Information

Prerequisite	<i>MATH 1325 (Applied Calculus I)</i> or the equivalent is required.
Course Description	<p>With <i>probability concepts</i>, one builds models for random phenomena, under given assumptions. With such a model, one can predict the properties of data acquired through observation of the corresponding random phenomenon. Given such a data set, <i>statistical methods</i> focus on interpretation, with the aim of obtaining information about the parent model or the situation.</p> <p>This course introduces basic concepts of probability and statistics and examines a variety of practical tools, emphasizing the setting of the life sciences, especially the handling of health data. Key topics include <i>descriptive statistics, common probability models, estimation, hypothesis testing, nonparametric methods, regression and correlation, experimental design, and analysis of variance.</i></p>
Desired Learning Outcomes	<p>A working knowledge of the most basic methods used in the life sciences literature, an ability to follow typical statistical discussions found in that literature, and an appreciation of statistical thinking in general. In particular, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognize the required statistical method (confidence interval or hypothesis testing) appropriate for statistical decisions based on the nature of the problem (one-sample or two-sample inference, one-tailed or two-tailed tests, etc.), 2. Apply statistical procedures to data and interpret the results obtained, using relevant sampling distributions (binomial, normal, t-, chi-square, F, etc.), and 3. Develop and fit linear regression models to correlated variables, and evaluate the performance and accuracy of the model.

Required Text	Rosner, B., <i>Fundamentals of Biostatistics</i> , 6 th edition, Duxbury, 2006.
Other Materials	Various further readings will be suggested throughout the course.

Syllabus

(subject to revision – except schedule for quizzes, tests, and final exam)

<i>Day</i>	<i>Text Sections and Schedule for Quizzes, Tests, and Final Exam</i>
R 8/16	<u>General Overview</u> – Chapter 1; <u>Descriptive Statistics</u> – §§ 2.1-2.4
T, 8/21	§§ 2.5-2.9
R, 8/23	§§ 2.10-2.11; <u>Probability</u> – §§ 3.1-3.3
T, 8/28	§§ 3.4-3.6
R, 8/30	Quiz 1 (on §§ 2.1-2.8); § 3.7 (skip §§ 3.8-3.10)
T, 9/4	<u>Discrete Probability Distributions</u> – §§ 4.1-4.6
R, 9/6	§§ 4.7-4.9
T, 9/11	Quiz 2 (on §§ 3.1-3.7); §§ 4.8-4.13
R, 9/13	<u>Continuous Probability Distributions</u> – §§ 5.1-5.5
T, 9/18	§§ 5.6-5.8; Review Chapters 1-4
R, 9/20	Midterm Test 1 (on Chapters 1-4)
T, 9/25	<u>Estimation</u> – §§ 6.1-6.6
R, 9/27	§§ 6.7-6.10
T, 10/2	<u>Hypothesis Testing: One-Sample</u> – §§ 7.1-7.4
R, 10/4	§§ 7.5-7.7 (skip §§ 7.8-7.9) § 7.10 (skip §§ 7.11-7.13)
T, 10/9	Quiz 3 (on Chaps. 5-6); <u>Hypothesis Testing: Two-Samples</u> -- §§ 8.1-8.5, 8.7
R, 10/11	§§ 8.4, 8.6 (skip §§ 8.8-8.11)
T, 10/16	<u>Nonparametric Methods</u> – §§ 9.1-9.3
R, 10/18	§9.4; Siegel-Tukey Test of Two-Sample Scale Difference
T, 10/23	<u>Hypothesis Testing: Categorical Data</u> – §§ 10.1-10.2 (skip §§ 10.3-10.5)
R, 10/25	Midterm Test 2 (on Chapters 5-8)
T, 10/30	§ 10.6
R, 11/1	§ 10.7 (skip § 10.8)
T, 11/6	<u>Regression and Correlation Methods</u> -- §§ 11.1-11.5
R, 11/8	§§ 11.6-11.7 (skip § 11.8)
T, 11/13	Quiz 4 (on Chs. 9-10); §§ 11.9-11.11
R, 11/15	<u>Multi-sample Inference (ANOVA)</u> – §§ 12.1-12.3
T, 11/20	§ 12.7; Review Chapters 1-11 for Final Exam
11/22-11/24	Thanksgiving Holiday ☺
R, 11/29, 8 am	Final Examination (two hours, on all up through Chapter 11)

Course Policies

<p align="center">Homework, Quizzes, Midterm Tests, and Final Exam</p>	<p>Specific homework problems will be recommended but not graded. Four closed-book 15-minute quizzes and two closed-book midterm tests will be given, each based on a specified range of course content (text, class lectures, recommended homework). The closed-book final exam will be comprehensive, covering the course from the beginning up to a designated cut-off point.</p> <p>The closed-book quizzes, tests, and final exam are not intended to strain memory. As a practical matter, however, we do need to be able to call forth from memory at least some basic information and details. Thus, for example, I would not ask a student to state complicated formulas from memory but might require selecting the correct one from given choices.</p> <p>Note. Students must bring their UTD IDs to every quiz and exam, in case IDs are checked before or after the exam.</p>
<p align="center">Grading Criteria</p>	<p>Recommended homework will not be graded. The four quizzes, with the lowest grade dropped, will together count for 25% of the course grade. Each of the two midterm tests will count for 25%, and the final exam will count for 25% also. Further, <i>for each student, the final exam grade will replace the lowest of the two test grades, if the final exam grade is higher.</i></p>
<p align="center">Missed Quizzes and Exams</p>	<p>If one quiz is missed, it will count as the dropped quiz or test. For a further missed quiz, or for a missed test, if the absence is excused, then the final exam grade will be used for the missing grade. Otherwise, the missed quiz or test receives the grade of zero.</p>
<p align="center">Student Conduct and Discipline</p>	<p>The University of Texas System and The University of Texas at Dallas have rules and regulations for the orderly and efficient conduct of university business. It is the responsibility of each student to be knowledgeable about those which govern student conduct and activities. General information on student conduct and discipline is contained in the UTD publication, <i>A to Z Guide</i>, provided to all registered students each academic year.</p>
<p align="center">Academic Integrity</p>	<p>The faculty expects from students a high level of responsibility and academic honesty. Because the value of an academic degree depends upon the absolute integrity of the work done by the student, each student must demonstrate a high standard of individual honor in his or her scholastic work. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, statements, acts, or omissions that are related to the submission as one's own work of material that is not one's own. This may include cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and falsifying of academic records. Students suspected of academic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary proceedings.</p>
<p align="center">Email and Technical Support</p>	<p>The University of Texas at Dallas encourages faculty to consider email from students official only if it originates from a UTD student account. This allows the university to maintain a high degree of confidence in the identity of all individuals corresponding and in the security of the transmitted information. UTD furnishes each student with a free email account, and the Department of Information Resources at UTD provides a method for students to forward their UTD email to other accounts. If you experience any problems with your UTD account you may send an email to: assist@utdallas.edu or call the UTD Computer Helpdesk at 972-883-2911.</p>

Withdrawal	Deadlines for withdrawal from courses are published in each semester's course catalog. A faculty member cannot drop or withdraw a student. Rather, it is the student's responsibility to handle withdrawal procedures from any class. The proper paperwork and procedure must be used to avoid receiving a final grade of "F" in a course in which the student remained enrolled but did not participate.
Incomplete Grades	As per university policy, incomplete grades are granted only in the case of work unavoidably missed (and excused) by the semester's and not already covered by the professor's policy on missed work or activities, and only if 70% of the course work has been completed. An incomplete grade must be resolved within eight weeks from the first day of the subsequent long semester. If the required work to complete the course and to remove the incomplete grade is not submitted by the specified deadline, the incomplete grade becomes changed automatically to the grade of F.
Disability Services	Disability Services seeks to provide students with disabilities educational opportunities equivalent to those of their non-disabled peers. The Office of Disability Services is located in room 1.610 in the Student Union, and its hours are Monday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Essentially, the law requires colleges and universities to make reasonable adjustments necessary to eliminate discrimination on the basis of disability. For example, it may be necessary to remove classroom prohibitions against tape recorders or animals (in the case of dog guides) for students who are blind. Occasionally, an assignment requirement may be modified (for example, a research paper versus an oral presentation for a student who is hearing impaired). Classes including students with mobility impairments may have to be rescheduled in accessible facilities. The college or university may need to provide special services such as registration, note-taking, or mobility assistance. It is the student's responsibility to notify his or her professors of the need for such accommodations. Disability Services provides students with letters to present to faculty members.
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