



The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

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Description: Statistical Inference

Subject	Cat-nbr	Class	Term	Mode	Units	Campus
STA	2302	78225	2, 2008	EXT	1.00	Toowoomba

Academic group:	FOSCI
Academic org:	FOS003
Student contribution band:	2
ASCED code:	010103

STAFFING

Examiner: Shahjahan Khan
Moderator: Ashley Plank

REQUISITES

Pre-requisite: STA2301 or Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MSBN or MSMS

RATIONALE

Methods of Statistical Inference are the basis of much decision making. A basic understanding of the concepts and techniques of statistical inference is highly desirable for a practitioner of statistics.

SYNOPSIS

This course provides the students with a firm grounding in the theory and methods of statistical inference and builds on the material covered in STA2301 Distribution Theory. Parametric and non-parametric applications are covered.

OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course students should be able to:

1. determine point and interval estimators for distributional parameters and discuss the properties and distributions of those estimators; (Assign. 1, Exam)
2. understand the principles of hypothesis testing and power of a test; (Assign. 2, Exam)
3. apply the principles of hypothesis testing to a wide range of situations including parametric and non-parametric testing; (Assign. 3, Exam)
4. solve for and make inferences about the parameters of a linear model. (Assign. 3, Exam)

TOPICS

	Description	Weighting (%)
1.	Sampling Distributions: chi-squared, t- and F- distributions	10.00
2.	Estimation: properties of estimators, methods of maximum likelihood and moments, interval estimation, sample size determination	20.00
3.	Hypothesis Testing: concepts, Type I and II errors, normal-based tests of proportions, means and variances, large and small samples, one and two samples, Neyman-Pearson Lemma, likelihood ratio tests	20.00
4.	One-way analysis of variance: Concept, F-test, Kruskal-Wallis test	10.00
5.	Regression: the linear model, matrix approach to ordinary least squares, inference in the linear model	20.00
6.	Distribution-Free tests: concepts, one and two sample tests of location, goodness-of-fit tests	20.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at <http://bookshop.usq.edu.au> click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

Wackerly, DD, Mendenhall, W & Schaeffer, RL 2002, *Mathematical statistics with applications*, 6th edn, Duxbury, Boston.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Berry, DA & Lindgren, BW 1996, *Statistics: theory and methods*, 2nd edn, Duxbury, Belmont.

Freund, JE & Walpole, RE 1987, *Mathematical statistics*, 4th edn, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs.

Larsen, RJ & Marx, ML 2005, *An introduction to mathematical statistics and its applications*, 4th edn, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Assessments	40.00
Examinations	2.00
Private Study	125.00

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Description	Marks out of	Wtg (%)	Due date
ASSIGNMENT 1	100.00	15.00	29 Aug 2008
ASSIGNMENT 2	100.00	15.00	03 Oct 2008
ASSIGNMENT 3	100.00	15.00	24 Oct 2008
2 HR RESTRICTED EXAMINATION	100.00	55.00	END S2 (see note 1)

NOTES

1. Examination dates will be available during the Semester. Please refer to Examination timetable when published.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- 1 Attendance requirements:
There are no attendance requirements for this course. However, it is the students' responsibility to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.
- 2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each assessment item.
- 3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
If students submit assignments after the due date without (prior) approval of the examiner then a penalty of 5% of the total marks gained by the student for the assignment may apply for each working day late up to ten working days at which time a mark of zero may be recorded. No assignments will be accepted after model answers have been posted.
- 4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must achieve at least 50% of the total weighted marks available for the course.
- 5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the aggregate of the weighted marks obtained for each of the summative assessment components (the examination and assignments) in the course.
- 6 Examination information:
The only materials that candidates may use in the restricted examination for this course are: writing materials (non-electronic and free from material which could give the student an unfair advantage in the examination); calculators. Students whose first language is not

English may, with the Examiner's approval, take an appropriate non-electronic translation dictionary (but not technical dictionaries) into the examination. This will be subject to perusal and, if it is found to contain annotations or markings that could give the candidate an unfair advantage, it may be removed from the candidate's possession until the appropriate disciplinary action is completed.

- 7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held during the examination period at the end of the semester of the next offering of this course.
- 8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL <http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm> or in the current USQ Handbook.