

Course Syllabus

This is an abbreviated course syllabus. Particularly because this is our first time using this text, it is almost certain to change.

Weeks: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, break, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

	Date	Topic	Preparation	Work Due	Handouts
Week 1					
01	Wednesday, 23 January 2008	Introduction to MAT/SST115 Preliminaries. Why are you here? What is statistics, anyway? Some silly (or not-so-silly) examples. A bit about the course. Comparing sections. Parting thoughts.		Introductory Statistics Survey	
02	Friday, 25 January 2008	Data, Variables, and Distributions Quick review of Topic 1. Workshop activity: Topic 2. Debriefing.	All of Topic 1: Data and Variables (on your own); Preliminaries for Topic 2: Data and Distributions	Course Survey	
Week 2					
03	Monday, 28 January 2008	An Introduction to Linux and R A bit about Linux. A bit about R. Work with R.	No preparatory work required	Activities 2-9, 2-11, 2-14	
04	Wednesday, 30 January 2008	An Introduction to R, Continued Detour: Comments on Topic 3. Short review. Lab, continued. Reflection.		Topic 3	
05	Friday, 1 February 2008	Topic 4: Random Sampling Bias in sampling. How do you select “randomly”? Activities!	Overview for Topic 4	Activities 3-7, 3-12, 3-20, 3-28	
Week 3					

06	Monday, 4 February 2008	Topic 5: Designing Experiments Cause-and-effect analyses. Experimental design.	Overview and Preliminaries 1-3 of Topic 6	Activites 4-6, 4-7, 4-8, 4-9, 4-12, 4-20	
07	Wednesday, 6 February 2008	Topic 6: Two-Way Tables Summary of Unit 1. Looking ahead to Unit 2. Topic 6: Two-Way Tables		Activities 5-8, 5-10, 5-12, 5-16, 5-25, 5-27, 5-28	
08	Friday, 8 February 2008	Topic 7: Displaying and Describing Distributions Reporting on quantitative variables. Group activity: The Matching Game. Topic 7. Computer activity: Histograms.	Overview and Preliminaries for Topic 7	Activities 6-6, 6-10, 6-26, 6-30 [cancelled]	
Week 4					
09	Monday, 11 February 2008	Topic 8: Measures of Center A few past topics: Homework, skew, etc. Ways to think about center.	Overview and Preliminaries for Topic 8	Activities 6-26, 6-30, 7-8, 7-12	
10	Wednesday, 13 February 2008	Topic 9: Measures of Spread Beyond centers and shape: Spread.	Overview and Preliminaries 1-3 for Topic 9	Activities 8-9, 8-17, 8-18, 8-22, 8-23	
11	Friday, 15 February 2008	Topic 10: More Summary Measures and Graphs Some past topics: Spread, IQR, etc. Visualizing summary statistics.	Overview and Preliminaries for Topic 10	Activities 9-14, 9-15, 9-20, 9-23	
Week 5					
12	Monday, 18 February 2008	Review / Project Discussion Quick review of Unit 1. Quick review of Unit 2. About the exam. Studying for the exam. Questions and answers.			
13	Wednesday, 20 February 2008	Exam 1 Exam			
14	Friday, 22 February 2008	Topic 11: Probability On to a new Unit. Simulation. Probabilities.	Overview and Preliminaries for Topic 11		

Week 6					
15	Monday, 25 February 2008	Topic 12: Normal Distributions Thinking about normal distributions. From z scores to percentages.	Overview and Preliminaries for Topic 12	Activities 11-6, 11-7, 11-20, 11-22, 11-23	
16	Wednesday, 27 February 2008	Topic 13: Sampling Distributions: Proportions The normal distribution, revisited. Normal probability plots. How the normal distributions help you think about samples (and vice versa).	Overview and Preliminaries for Topic 13	Activities 12-5, 12-9, 12-17, 12-18	
17	Friday, 29 February 2008	Pause for Breath		Activities 13-7, 13-9, 13-13, 13-18	
Week 7					
18	Monday, 3 March 2008	Topic 14: Sampling Distributions: Means Means of samples vs. population means. How does CLT help?			
19	Wednesday, 5 March 2008	Topic 15: Central Limit Theorem Reflections on Unit 3 Today's activities: Putting it Together		Activities 14-6, 14-7, 14-9, and 14-12	
20	Friday, 7 March 2008	Topic 16: Confidence Intervals: Proportions Samples vs. Populations, Revisited. Estimating Population Proportions from Sample Proportions. Exploring the Confidence of Our Estimates.		Activities 15-7, 15-8, 15-13, 15-14, and 16-1	
Week 8					

21	Monday, 10 March 2008	Topic 17: Tests of Significance: Proportions Assessing hypotheses about proportions. The role of samples. Null and alternate hypotheses. Test statistics. p -values.	Overview and Preliminaries (as appropriate) for Topic 17	Activities 16-7, 16-9, 16-10, 16-19, 16-21	
22	Wednesday, 12 March 2008	Topic 17: Tests of Significance: Proportions (Continued) Why this issue is so important. From English to Math and back again. Continue work from the previous class. Begin Topic 18 (if time permits).	Review your work from the previous class		
23	Friday, 14 March 2008	Class Cancelled			
Spring Break!					
Week 9					
24	Monday, 31 March 2008	Pause for Breath Review of confidence intervals and tests of significance. Discussion of Topic 18.		Topic 18 (in-class activities)	
25	Wednesday, 2 April 2008	Topic 19: Confidence Intervals: Means Quick review of confidence intervals. Confidence Intervals, Revisited.			
26	Friday, 4 April 2008	About the Projects Purpose: Independent Statistical Analysis. Dataset: Information on Grinnell Students. Activities (Mini-Project): Memo, Lightning Presentations. Activities (Full Project): Short paper (2-3 pages), Poster.		Activities 19-7, 19-12, 19-13, 19-19, 19-22	
Week 10					

27	Monday, 7 April 2008	Review for Exam 2 Form of the exam. The big picture. Some key ideas. Free-for-all.			
28	Wednesday, 9 April 2008	Exam 2			
29	Friday, 11 April 2008	Topic 21: Comparing Two Proportions Sampling from multiple populations. New formulate for confidence and intervals and test statistics.			
Week 11					
30	Monday, 14 April 2008	Topic 24: Goodness-of-Fit Tests Exploring categorical variables. The chi-squared test. Using the chi-squared table.		21-9, 21-10, 21-11, 21-22, and 21-23	
31	Wednesday, 16 April 2008	Mini-Project Presentations Presentations. Debriefing (if time).		Mini-Project Presentations	
32	Friday, 18 April 2008	Topic 25: Inference for Two-Way Tables Presentation Debriefing. Today's Topic: Inferences from Samples for Categorical Variables, Continued. Some R.		24-6, 24-7, 24-9, 24-15, 24-20	
Week 12					
33	Monday, 21 April 2008	Time to Work on Projects Q&A. An example analysis. Time to work.		Mini-Project Memos	
34	Wednesday, 23 April 2008	Review of Key Concepts Notes on chi-square tests. Questions and answers on the exam. More fun with the project.			

35	Friday, 25 April 2008	Topic 20: Tests of Significance: Means Tests of significance, reviewed. From proportions to means.	Overview and Preliminaries for Topic 20	Poster (email me a Powerpoint)	
Week 13					
36	Monday, 28 April 2008	Topic 22: Comparing Two Means Comparing two means. A complication: Degrees of freedom. Using R.		20-8, 20-9, 20-18, 20-20	
37	Wednesday, 30 April 2008	Topic 23: Analyzing Paired Data What are paired data? How should we analyze paired data?		22-5, 22-6, 22-9, 22-14, 22-27	
38	Friday, 2 May 2008	Topic 27: Correlation Coefficient The Past: Quantitative Variables. The Present: Two Quantitative Variables per OU. Today: Numeric Measures of Relationships.		26-1, 26-2, 26-3, 26-4 (not to be turned in)	
Week 14					
39	Monday, 5 May 2008	Topic 28: Least Squares Regression Where we've been, where we're going.		27-9, 27-12, 27-18	
40	Wednesday, 7 May 2008	Topic 29: Inference for Correlation and Regression Making inferences about populations (once again). Important R.		28-5, 28-10, 28-24, 28-25	
41	Friday, 9 May 2008	Wrapup			

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