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Prerequisite:

ACMA 320. Cannot repeat for credit if taken as STAT 490 or ACMA 490 previously.

Textbook:

Introduction to the Mathematics of Demography, 3rd ed. By Robert L. Brown. Publisher: ACTEX

Calendar Description:

Data: Sources and Errors. Measures of mortality and fertility: Crude rates, Age-specific mortality rates, Adjusted measures of mortality. Construction of Life Tables from census data: 1989-91 U.S. Life Table, 1990-92 Canadian Life Table. Stationary Population Theory: survivorship group, Lexis diagram. Stable Population Theory: Sharpe-Lotka theorem, growth rate, quasi-stable populations. Population Projections: logistic curve, component method. Uses of Census Data: Funding Social Security.

Quantitative

Outline:

1. DATA: SOURCES AND ERRORS.

- Definition of demography.
- Collection of demographic statistics.
- Censuses.
- Sources of errors and their corrections.
 - o Coverage errors; Response errors; Misstatement of age; Processing errors; Sampling errors; Gross/net error ratio.

2. MEASURES OF MORTALITY AND FERTILITY.

- Terminology.
- Crude rates.
- Age-specific mortality rates.
- Adjusted measures of mortality.
- Measures of infant mortality.
- Age-specific fertility rates.

3. CONSTRUCTION OF LIFE TABLES FROM CENSUS DATA.

- A generic method for constructing the survival curve of a hypothetical birth cohort.
- The 1989-91 U.S. Life Table.
 - o Under 2 years; Ages 2 to 94 years; Ages over 94 years; Other Life Table values.
- The 1990-92 Canadian Life Table.
 - o Infant Tables ; Adults Tables.
- Abridged Life Tables.
- Analysis of the Life Table by cause of death.

4. STATIONARY POPULATION THEORY.

- Definitions: stationary population, L_x , T_x , Y_x .
- Analysis of the survivorship group.
- Characteristics of stationary populations.
- The Lexis diagram.
- Applications.

5. STABLE POPULATION THEORY.

- Definitions.
- The Sharpe-Lotka theorem.
- The characteristic equation (or renewal equation).
- The growth rate.
- Applications.
- Quasi-stable populations.

6. POPULATION PROJECTIONS.

- Inter-censal and immediate post-censal estimates.
 - o Linear interpolation; Polynomial interpolation; Geometric modeling.
- The logistic curve.
- The component method.

7. USES OF CENSUS DATA.

- Examples.
- Funding Social Security.

Grading Scheme:

Assignments & Term Project: 30%

2 Midterms: 35% each

The grading is subject to change

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