

SUMMER 2017 - STAT 201 D100

**STATISTICS FOR THE LIFE SCIENCES (3)**

Class Number: 2490 Delivery Method: In Person

**COURSE TIMES + LOCATION:**Mo, We, Fr 2:30 PM – 3:20 PM  
SSCB 9201, Burnaby**EXAM TIMES + LOCATION:**Aug 8, 2017  
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
SSCC 9001, Burnaby**INSTRUCTOR:**Jack Davis  
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30 units. Students with credit for any of STAT 101, 203 or 270 may not take STAT 201 for further credit,

## Description

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

Research methodology and associated statistical analysis techniques for students with training in the life sciences. Intended to be particularly accessible to students who are not specializing in Statistics. Quantitative.

**COURSE DETAILS:****This course may be applied to the Certificate in Liberal Arts****Lab Instructor: Marie Loughin****Outline:**

Aimed at a non mathematical audience, this course discusses procedures that are most commonly used in the summary of statistical surveys and in the interpretation of experimental data. This course covers Chapters 1-12, 14-22, and 24-27 of the textbook. Chapters 7, 11, 19, and 24 are section reviews (and thus are optional). Details of the other chapters are as follows:

1. **Descriptive Statistics (Chapters 1, 2, and 4 of text)** Basic graphical statistics (e.g. bar graphs, pie charts, histograms, time plots, scatterplots) and basic numerical statistics (e.g. mean, median, mode, quartiles, standard deviation, correlation) are discussed. Scales of measurement are distinguished (e.g. nominal, ordinal, ratio and interval).
2. **Probability (Chapters 3, 12, and 14 of text)** The normal and binomial distributions are introduced along with probability rules.
3. **Sampling (Chapter 8 of text)** Various sampling designs such as simple random sampling are discussed. The implementation of sampling procedures is also presented.
4. **Experiments and Observational Studies (Chapters 8 and 9 of text)** The design of experiments is introduced with an emphasis on randomization, treatments, subjects, factors, pairing and controls. Comparisons are made with observational studies.
5. **Data Ethics (Chapter 10 of text)**
6. **Inference (Chapters 15, 16, 17, 18)** Concepts related to the construction of confidence intervals (e.g. sampling distributions, confidence level, width, interpretation, the effect of sample size) are discussed. Also basic concepts related to the testing of hypotheses (e.g. hypotheses, p-values, statistical significance) are presented.

7. **Estimation and Testing for One Sample Problems (Chapters 20 and 22 of text)** Procedures for means and proportions are discussed with an emphasis on the use of SPSS software and the interpretation of results.
8. **Estimation and Testing for Two Sample Problems (Chapters 21 and 23 of text)** Procedures for means and proportions are discussed with an emphasis on the use of SPSS software and the interpretation of results.
9. **One Way ANOVA (Chapter 27 of text)** One way analysis of variance procedures are discussed with an emphasis on implementation using SPSS software and the interpretation of results.
10. **Chi-Square Tests (Chapters 6 and 25 of text)** Procedures for testing in contingency tables are discussed with an emphasis on the use of SPSS software and the interpretation of results. Measures of association are discussed.
11. **Regression (Chapter 5 and 26 of text)** Simple linear regression is introduced with an emphasis on carrying out regression on actual data using SPSS software and the interpretation of results. Related concepts including residuals, least squares fit, testing and the construction of confidence intervals is addressed.

## Grading

Assignments	4%
Midterm 1	25%
Midterm 2	25%
Final	40%
Participation on Top Hat	6%

### NOTES:

***All grading is subject to change.***

## Materials

### MATERIALS + SUPPLIES:

R statistical software can be downloaded <link to <https://cran.r-project.org/>> free of charge from the CRAN website.

Access to Top Hat, which can be purchased at [www.tophat.com](http://www.tophat.com)

### RECOMMENDED READING:

#### Recommended Textbook:

***The Basic Practice of Statistics (7th ed.)***, by D. S. Moore, W. I. Notz, M. A. Fligner. Publisher: W.H. Freeman The textbook package is available at the SFU Bookstore. You do not need to purchase the Statistics Portal Edition or add ons. Alternately, students may purchase the online text at the Freeman website: <http://www.bfwpub.com/>

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