

SYLLABUS

STATISTICS FOR ENGINEERS: EE 517

Spring 2016

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Course Summary: The course presents modern statistics with engineering applications. Emphasis is on *statistical reasoning*. Each student must develop and present a novel application of statistical multiple regression—on-site attendance is mandatory.

Required: Mendenhall, W., and Sincich, T., *Statistics for Engineering and the Sciences*, 5th edition, Prentice Hall, 2007.

Required: Hogg, R. V., and Tanis, E. A., *Probability and Statistical Inference*, 8th edition, Prentice Hall, 2010.

Recommended: Field, A., *Discovering Statistics Using SPSS*, 4th edition, Sage, 2013.

Recommended: Carlin, B. P., and Louis, T. A., *Bayesian Methods for Data Analysis*, 3rd edition, CRC Press, 2009.

COURSE OUTLINE

JAN 15	Overview of statistics. Probability review.
JAN 22	Sampling distributions.
JAN 29	More sampling distributions. Point estimation.
FEB 5	Confidence intervals.
FEB 12	Hypothesis testing.
FEB 19	MIDTERM I. Tests for probability densities. Contingency tables.
FEB 26	Sufficient statistics. Cramer-Rao bound. Ratio hypothesis tests.
MAR 4	Sequential tests. Linear regression. Heteroscedasticity.
MAR 11	Multiple regression. Multicollinearity diagnostics.
MAR 18	No class: Spring Break.
MAR 25	Stepwise regression. Statistical process control charts.
APR 1	MIDTERM II. Other regression types. ANOVA
APR 8	<u>Project proposals due.</u> Runs. Experimental design. Bayesian statistics.
APR 15	Hierarchical Bayes and Gibbs samplers. Nonparametric/robust tools.
APR 22	Class projects I—extended session. <i>Mandatory attendance.</i>
APR 29	Class projects II—extended session. <i>Mandatory attendance.</i>

GRADING PROCEDURE

Summary: Class grade depends on two midterm exams and a final project. Homework problems are optional extra credit.

1. **Midterms.** Two midterms. Each worth 25 points. Closed book. NOTE: Satisfactory performance required on both midterms to proceed to final project.

2. **Homework.** Checked and recorded. Not graded. A perfect set of worked homework problems can earn 10 points. Lesser homework sets earn fewer points. Grade stays as is if only some homework turned in. How much homework counts for how many points lies at the discretion of the instructor and teaching assistant. Students may discuss the homework problems among themselves but each student must work his or her own problems. Cheating warrants a course grade of F.

3. **Project.** Well prepared and presented *approved* project that demonstrates a *novel application* of statistics—but only after performing satisfactorily on both midterms. The project counts as the final exam and is worth 50 points. Exceptional projects can earn an automatic course grade of A. Hence: *Project excellence trumps all else*. Projects must have the instructor's written approval. Failure to present a project on schedule results in automatic course grade of F. Students who perform badly on both midterms (such as scoring a standard deviation below the class mean on the second midterm) will not qualify for a project and so will have a course grade of F. Project evaluation is at the sole discretion of the instructor. Attendance *and participation* during the project-presentation session are mandatory.

4. **Course Grade.** 100 points possible in course.

A	if	90 - 100
B	if	80 - 89
C	if	70 - 79
D	if	60 - 69
F	if	0 - 59

5. **Cheating.** Not tolerated. Common errors in homework and exams can count as written evidence of cheating. Penalty ranges from F on exam to F in course to recommended expulsion.

6. Academic Conduct

Plagiarism – presenting someone else’s ideas as your own, either verbatim or recast in your own words – is a serious academic offense with serious consequences. Please familiarize yourself with the discussion of plagiarism in *SCampus* in Section 11, *Behavior Violating University Standards* <https://scampus.usc.edu/1100-behavior-violating-university-standards-and-appropriate-sanctions>. Other forms of academic dishonesty are equally unacceptable. See additional information in *SCampus* and university policies on scientific misconduct, <http://policy.usc.edu/scientific-misconduct>.

Discrimination, sexual assault, and harassment are not tolerated by the university. You are encouraged to report any incidents to the *Office of Equity and Diversity* <http://equity.usc.edu> or to the *Department of Public Safety* <http://capsnet.usc.edu/department/department-public-safety/online-forms/contact-us>. This is important for the safety of the whole USC community. Another member of the university community – such as a friend, classmate, advisor, or faculty member – can help initiate the report, or can initiate the report on behalf of another person. *The Center for Women and Men* <http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/cwm/> provides 24/7 confidential support, and the sexual assault resource center webpage <http://sarc.usc.edu> describes reporting options and other resources.

7. Support Systems

A number of USC’s schools provide support for students who need help with scholarly writing. Check with your advisor or program staff to find out more. Students whose primary language is not English should check with the *American Language Institute* <http://dornsife.usc.edu/ali>, which sponsors courses and workshops specifically for international graduate students. *The Office of Disability Services and Programs* http://sait.usc.edu/academicsupport/centerprograms/dsp/home_index.html provides certification for students with disabilities and helps arrange the relevant accommodations. If an officially declared emergency makes travel to campus infeasible, *USC Emergency Information* <http://emergency.usc.edu> will provide safety and other updates, including ways in which instruction will be continued by means of blackboard, teleconferencing, and other technology.