

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

QUANTITATIVE METHODS 830:200 Spring 2012

LECTURE: Hill 114 **DAYS/TIMES:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:40 – 8:00

RECITATION: See below for day/time/location your section will meet

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RECITATION SECTIONS

10	T 8:10-9:30pm	SEC 209	name of ta & EMAIL
11	W 5:00-6:20pm	SEC 208	
12	TH 3:30-4:40pm	LCB 109	
13	TH 5:00-6:20pm	TIL 204	

Textbook: Basic Statistical Analysis (9th Edition). Sprinthall, R. C. (2012). Needham Hts., MA: Allyn & Bacon. *Note: Do not purchase an earlier edition. Page numbers and problems differ and the consequences will be disastrous.* You will need the book for every recitation session and should bring it to lecture as well.

Goals: RELAX...you know all the math you need to know right now! If you can add, subtract, multiply, and divide, you can handle this course without any problem. Let go of your anxieties – in this course, they are your worst enemy. The subject matter is not difficult. The intent is to focus on what you need to know from a scientific perspective and to avoid the irrelevant. What you need to know I will make sure you understand very well. If you put in the effort, it is my mission to make sure that you succeed.

Course Requirements: Two (2) Hourly Exams. These will consist of two parts administered separately during 2 consecutive lecture sessions. One part will be conceptual (no calculations, written answers to objective questions); the other will be computational (calculating the appropriate statistics, determining whether or not to reject the null hypothesis, and describing results in layperson's terminology). Except for the actual numbers, the structure and process involved in solving the computational problems will be identical to those used in class. For the computational portion of the exam you will be permitted to bring one 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper with any formulas or notes on it. Only calculators are permitted – no other electronic devices may be used **The score on these two exams will account for 1/3 of your grade (100 pts. – 50 pts. each).**

Comprehensive Final Exam. This will consist of two parts administered separately during the final exam session. One part will be conceptual (no calculations, written answers to objective questions); the other will be computational (calculating the appropriate statistics, determining whether or not to reject the null hypothesis, and describing results in layperson's terminology). Except for the actual numbers, the structure and process involved in solving the computational problems will be identical to those used in class. For the computational portion of the exam you will be permitted to bring one 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper with any formulas or notes on it. Only calculators are permitted – no other electronic devices may be used **This score will account for 1/3 of your grade (100 pts.).**

Classwork assignments. You will be doing many computational assignments in class during your recitation section. You will turn them in for credit. Obviously, if you're not there, you can't get the credit for in-class assignments. "Forgiveness" will be granted for up to 2 missed classwork assignments (i.e., you will get credit for the ones you miss, but only 2 of them). **No make-up will be allowed for these assignments. These assignments account for 1/3 of your grade (100 pts.).**

Extra Credit Sakai Quizzes. There will be 3 on-line quizzes made available on Sakai at specific points in the semester (see class calendar below). You need to use a computer with access to the web to take these quizzes. These are extra credit – not required, but recommended. Each quiz will consist of 20 multiple-choice and true/false questions, and will be available and must be completed only during the designated time period. **They cannot be made up if you miss them. You can earn up to 30 pts. by getting correct answers on these quizzes (1/2 pt for each correct answer).**

Make-up Exams:

In order to qualify for a make-up for the midterm or the final exam you must notify me ***in advance*** by telephone or email ***and*** provide documentation (i.e., an MD's note, an obituary or funeral notice, police report, etc.). If you don't meet **all** of these criteria, you will not be permitted to take a make-up.

Academic Integrity: Collusion (getting any form of assistance from other students or outside sources) on exams or quizzes is prohibited. Students suspected of doing so will be brought up on charges before university's Office of Student Conduct, and penalties, up to and including expulsion, will be imposed for those found guilty. (See <http://policies.rutgers.edu/PDF/Section10/10.2.13-current.pdf> for specifics)

Attendance: Class attendance is not mandatory; however, since the in-class assignments during recitation constitute a large portion of your grade, and you cannot make them up if you miss them. Missing lecture puts your conceptual understanding and procedural knowledge in jeopardy, so you should not skip those either.

Grading: Based on the total points you have accumulated on the 2 hourly exams (50 each), the final (100), the in-class recitation assignments (100) (a maximum of 300 total), and the points earned on the extra credit quizzes (a maximum of 30), grades will be assigned as indicated below:

270-300 = A	225-239 = C+	< 195 = F
255-269 = B+	210-224 = C	
240-254 = B	195-209 = D	

General Principle Please ask questions! It's the only reliable way we have of knowing whether you've understood what we're trying to convey. Even if you can't articulate what it is you don't understand, just say "I have no idea what you're talking about," or "I'm lost," or "Help!" Chances are that if you don't get it, there are a number of your classmates who are also floundering. Help everyone out by asking, please!

Materials A simple electronic calculator is all you need. They cost as little as \$3 - \$5.

Access to a PC (with internet access) is necessary to take the Sakai quizzes.

Bring your book and calculator to every recitation session – you will need them! It is also recommended that you bring your textbook to every lecture, as I will often be referring to specific tables or examples in the text.

CLASS CALENDAR
QUANTITATIVE METHODS 830:200:10-13 SPRING 2012

DATE	TEXT CHAPTERS	TOPICS & EVENTS	SAKAI QUIZ
Tues. 1/17		Orientation and review of syllabus and resources available.	
Thurs. 1/19	Chapter 1 Chapter 9 (pp. 198-208)	Types of measurement – nominal, ordinal, interval, ratio. Independent vs. dependent variables. Issues in scientific measurement: Reliability and validity	
Tues 1/24 Thurs 1/26	Chapter 2 (pp. 25-46) Chapter 3 (pp. 54-59; 61-66)	Measures of central tendency – mean, median, mode. Graphing frequency distributions. Measure of variability – range, variance, and standard deviation. Kurtosis and skew.	
Tues 1/31	Chapter 4	Characteristics of the normal distribution and the use of z-scores.	
Thurs 2/2 Tues 2/7	Chapters 6 and 7(pp. 144-151; 156-167)	Basic probability. The Sampling Distribution of the Mean and its characteristics. The Z-test and confidence intervals.	
Thurs. 2/9	Chapter 8 (pp. 170-173; (ignore p. 174); 175-193)	The t-test – Testing for mean differences. Single-sample t-test. Inferences about populations from samples. Null and alternative hypotheses. Alpha levels and statistical significance.	Quiz available from 2/9 to 2/16. 20 min. time limit – can be taken only once.
Tues 2/14	Chapter 10	The Sampling Distribution of the Difference and the independent samples t-test. The use of 1- vs. 2-tailed testing.	
Thurs. 2/16	Review Ch 8 and 10 concepts and calculations	When do we use the single-sample t vs. the independent samples t-test? When do we use the 1 vs. 2 tailed test? What's the distinction between the sampling distribution of the mean and the sampling distribution of the difference, etc.?	
Tues. 2/21	Chapter 13 (pp. 374-385, 395)	Nominal data and the chi-square test	

Thurs. 2/23	Review for Midterm Exam	Covers all material up to and including 2/21. If we are behind, we will catch up here	
Tues. 2/28	HOURLY EXAM 1 CONCEPTUAL	RECITATION SECTIONS DO NOT MEET THIS WEEK	
Thurs 3/1	HOURLY EXAM 1 COMPUTATIONAL	RECITATION SECTIONS DO NOT MEET THIS WEEK	
Tues. 3/6	Chapter 11 (pp. 287-306; 310-311)	The Correlation Coefficient: Pearson's r	
Thurs. 3/8	Chapter 15 (pp.447-453)	Repeated-measures (within-subjects) t-tests.	
Tues. 3/20	Chapter 12 (pp. 330-350)	The 1-way Analysis of Variance – Testing for mean differences among more than 2 groups. Post-hoc testing (Tukey test).	Quiz available from 3/20 to 3/27. 20 min. time limit – can be taken only once.
Thurs. 3/22	Chapter 12 (Factorial ANOVA) pp. 350-360; 363-365	Factorial ANOVA – Testing for the effects of more than 1 independent variable on a dependent variable. Main effects and interactions.	
Tues. 3/27	Chapter 12 (Factorial ANOVA) Continued.	Factorial ANOVA – Continued	
Thurs. 3/29	Review for hourly exam 2	.	
Tues. 4/3	HOURLY EXAM 2 CONCEPTUAL	RECITATION SECTIONS DO NOT MEET THIS WEEK	
Thurs 4/5	HOURLY EXAM 2 COMPUTATIONAL	RECITATION SECTIONS DO NOT MEET THIS WEEK	

Tues. 4/10	Chapter 14	Linear Regression Analysis: Predicting values on a criterion using a predictor and the regression equation.	
Thurs 4/12	Chapter 14	Multiple Regression Analysis: Predicting values on a criterion using a set of many predictor variables	
Tues. 4/17		Topics to be announced. If we are behind, we will catch up here.	Quiz available from 4/17 to 4/24. 20 min. time limit – can be taken only once.
Thurs 4/19	Review – Basics of inferential statistics	Null hypothesis, alpha levels, t-tests, direction and non-directional hypotheses, chi-square test	
Tues. 4/24	Review – Additional inferential statistics	Pearson's r, within-Ss t-test, 1-way ANOVA and post hoc testing	
Thurs 4/26	Review – Multivariate inferential statistics	Factorial ANOVA and the principle of interactions. Linear and multiple regression analysis.	
Thurs. 5/3	FINAL EXAM	This is a comprehensive final assessing all topics that have been covered throughout the entire semester	

Academic Accommodations: Should you require academic accommodations, you must file a request with the Office of Educational Affairs (BC 114, extension 3327). It is your responsibility to self-identify with the Office of Educational Affairs and to provide me with the appropriate documentation from that office at least one week prior to any request for specific course accommodations. There are no retroactive accommodations.