Syllabus
Math/Stat 3850 Foundations of Statistics
Spring 2020

Course
MATH/STAT 3850 Section 2 meets MWF 1:10-2pm in Morrissey 0200
http://math.slu.edu/~clair/stat3850

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Office Hours
I am frequently in the department chair office. Please check RH 103 if I’m not in RH 109.

Text
The textbook for this course is Speegle, Clair, Foundations of Statistics with R. It is freely available online. There is a link on our course web page.

Technology
We will be using the free, open source statistical software package RStudio in this course. RStudio is a modern graphical front-end to the R computer language. You will need to install RStudio and R on your own computer. Help is available on our course webpage.

Homework
Homework will be due weekly. This will be a mix of R programming, by-hand work, and DataCamp online courses.
You will need to print results of R computations, but are welcome to write other solutions by hand. Homework must be stapled. We do not accept electronically submitted homework.
I encourage you to work together on homework, but write up results separately. Write your own R scripts, even if you are helping each other.
We grade homework on a 10 point scale, although you cannot get less than 6 for a good faith effort handed in on time:

10  All concepts well understood, at most a few minor mistakes.
9   Most important concepts understood.
8   Some conceptual issues. Important problems incorrect or missing.
7   Lack of understanding of some key points. Many problems incorrect or missing.
6   Serious difficulty understanding the material.
5   Late

Late written homework is always accepted for half credit, but will not receive comments.

Exams
I give makeup exams only for severe and documented reasons.

Exam 1  Wednesday, February 19
Exam 2  Wednesday, April 8
Final Exam  Monday, May 11, 12-1:50pm.

There will also be a few short take-home quizzes. There will be no makeup quizzes.

Grading
Grading is on a straight scale (uncurved), with 90%, 80%, 70%, 60% guaranteeing A, B, C, D respectively. Grading is weighted as follows:
Homework: 30%
Quizzes: 10%
Exam 1: 15%
Exam 2: 15%
Final Exam: 30%

Course Description and Objectives

Descriptive statistics, probability distributions, random variables, expectation, independence, hypothesis testing, confidence intervals, regression and ANOVA. Applications and theory. Taught using statistical software.

Prerequisite: MATH 1520 Calculus II

At the completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. compute probabilities of an event, given a description of the experiment that defines the event.
2. use conditional probabilities; in particular, Bayes Rule and the Law of Total Probability.
3. recognize the type of random variable that an experiment describes.
4. determine whether random variables are independent, and make computations based on independence.
5. compute expected values of random variables, from the definition and from formulas.
6. find confidence intervals for means and proportions.
7. perform hypothesis testing of means and proportions.
8. perform and interpret single and multiple regression using R.
9. perform and interpret ANOVA using R.
10. write R code which simulates an experiment in order to compute a probability.

Approximate Schedule

Week 1: R basics. Elementary probability.
Week 2: Probability, conditional probability, independence.
Week 4: Discrete RVs: geometric, binomial, Poisson.
Week 5: Continuous RVs: Exponential, normal.
Week 6: Exam 1. Data manipulation with dplyr.
Week 7: Graphics with ggplot2.
Week 8: Data visualization.
Week 9: Sampling.
Week 10: Confidence intervals. Hypothesis testing.
Week 11: t-tests.
Week 12: Exam 2. Non-parametric tests. Significance and power.
Week 13: Linear regression.
Week 14: Analysis of variance.
Week 15: Multiple regression.

Academic Integrity

In this course: You are allowed to use any and all outside resources to help you complete your homework. Students who work together must write up results separately.

Exams and quizzes are open book and require computer use. The main restriction during these tests is that you must not communicate with other people, either in or outside of class. In cases when two or more students collaborate on an exam, all will be subject to penalties.
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https://www.slu.edu/provost/policies

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For most students on the St. Louis campus, the appropriate contact is Anna R. Kratky (DuBourg Hall, room 36; anna.kratky@slu.edu; 314-977-3886). If you wish to speak with a confidential source, you may contact the counselors at the University Counseling Center at 314-977-TALK. To view SLU’s sexual misconduct policy, and for resources, please visit the following web addresses: [https://www.slu.edu/here4you](https://www.slu.edu/here4you) and [https://www.slu.edu/general-counsel](https://www.slu.edu/general-counsel).

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