

FALL 2017 - STAT 203 J100

**INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES (3)***Class Number: 3596 Delivery Method: In Person***COURSE TIMES + LOCATION:**Th 5:30 PM – 8:20 PM  
HCC 1425, Vancouver**EXAM TIMES + LOCATION:**Dec 7, 2017  
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM  
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**PREREQUISITES:**

Recommended: a research methods course such as SA 255, CRIM 220, POL 213 or equivalent is recommended prior to taking STAT 203.

## Description

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

Descriptive and inferential statistics aimed at students in the social sciences. Scales of measurement. Descriptive statistics. Measures of association. Hypothesis tests and confidence intervals. Students in Sociology and Anthropology are expected to take SA 255 before this course. Intended to be particularly accessible to students who are not specializing in Statistics. Students cannot obtain credit for STAT 203 if they already have credit for - or are taking concurrently - STAT 101, 201, 285, or any upper division STAT course. Quantitative.

**COURSE DETAILS:**

**This course may be applied to the Certificate in Liberal Arts**

**Lab Instructor: Marie Loughin**

**Software:** The SPSS statistical software package will be used for assignments and output interpreted on exams

**Outline:**

This course covers Chapters 1-9, 11, 12, 15-22, 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 and 12 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. **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.
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **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.
9. **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.
10. **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	10%
Midterm 1	20%
Midterm 2	20%
Final Exam	50%

### NOTES:

***Above grading is subject to change.***

## Materials

### RECOMMENDED READING:

#### Recommended Textbook:

***The Basic Practice of Statistics (7th ed.)*** by D. S. Moore, W. I. Notz, and M. A. Fligner. Publisher: W.H. Freeman Publishers

Loose-leaf ISBN: 9781319019334 (available at SFU Bookstore)

Other options are available through the [MacMillan Learning](#) website.

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