



**STATISTICS 402-3
GENERALIZED LINEAR AND NONLINEAR MODELLING**

**Spring 2006
DAY COURSE**

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Prerequisites:

STAT 302 or STAT 350.

Textbook:

An Introduction to Generalized Linear Models (2nd edition) by: A.J.Dobson; publisher: Chapman & Hall.

Calendar Description:

A skills-oriented unified approach to a broad array of non-linear regression modelling methods including classical regression, logistic regression, probit analysis, dilution assay, frequency count analysis, ordinal-type responses, and survival data.

Outline:

NOTE: This course extends the concepts, methods and approach of STAT 302-3 to cover a wide variety of types of outcome data. It employs a modern unified approach to a broad array of nonlinear regression problems.

1. Brief Review of Fundamental background.
2. Overview: Empty model, link function, simple examples of structuring a mean value vector with link function and design matrix, and of structuring variance with a variance function; iterated reweighted least squares estimation.
3. Examples from exponential-type likelihood models: Normal, including classical linear regression and other links; Poisson, including log-linear regression; Binomial, including logit, probit, and dilution assay. Examples allowing overdispersion.
4. Other Examples.
5. Inference: The variance-covariance matrix of the estimated regression vector and confidence intervals for linear predictors, fitted values, other relevant estimated quantities; comparative evaluation of models, deviance, Pearson statistic, residuals.
6. Logistic Regression.
7. Contingency tables and log-linear models.
8. Ordinal-type outcome: Proportional odds model, proportional hazards model.
9. Survival data.

(or as much of the above as time permits)

Grading:

Assignments (5) – 50%

Midterm (1) – 20%

*Final (1) – 30%

*Students must achieve 50% on the final exam in order to pass the course.

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