

## MODERN METHODS IN APPLIED STATISTICS (4)

Class Number: 4151 Delivery Method: In Person

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### COURSE TIMES + LOCATION:

Mo 1:30 PM – 3:20 PM  
TASC2 8500, Burnaby

We 2:30 PM – 4:20 PM  
AQ 4120, Burnaby

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### PREREQUISITES:

STAT 830 and STAT 853 or permission of instructor.

## Description

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### CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

An advanced treatment of modern methods of multivariate statistics and non-parametric regression. Topics may include: (1) dimension reduction techniques such as principal component analysis, multidimensional scaling and related extensions; (2) classification and clustering methods; (3) modern regression techniques such as generalized additive models, Gaussian process regression and splines.

### COURSE DETAILS:

#### Course Outline:

1. Problems with high dimensions,
2. Variable selection: stepwise, shrinkage, LASSO, and penalized likelihood
3. Modern regression techniques: Splines, trees, generalized additive models
4. Ensemble learning methods
5. Classification and clustering methods
6. Dimension reduction techniques: Principal components and multidimensional scaling

## Grading

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Assignments	50%
Projects	50%

### NOTES:

***All grading is subject to change.***

## Materials

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### REQUIRED READING:

***The Elements of Statistical Learning: Data Mining, Inference, and Prediction (2nd ed.)*** by Trevor Hastie, Robert Tibshirani, Jerome Friedman. Publisher: Springer

**Book is available on-line:** <http://statweb.stanford.edu/~tibs/ElemStatLearn/>

### RECOMMENDED READING:

***Modern Multivariate Statistical Analysis*** by Alan J. Izenman. Publisher: Springer

**Book is available on-line:** <http://link.springer.com/book/10.1007%2F978-0-387-78189-1>

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### GRADUATE STUDIES NOTES:

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