

SPRING 2015 - STAT 854 G100

**BIOMETRICS: METHODS IN BIOMEDICAL STUDIES (4)***Class Number: 4826 Delivery Method: In Person***COURSE TIMES + LOCATION:**

Tu, Th 2:30 PM – 4:20 PM

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**PREREQUISITES:**

Prerequisite: : STAT 450 or permission of the instructor.

## Description

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

Principles, methods and applications of basic statistical approaches in biomedical studies are presented. Topics include introduction to epidemiology; design of cohort and case-control studies; experimental versus observational data, and cross-sectional versus longitudinal studies; issues of confounding, causation and missing data; design of clinical trials; data monitoring and interim analysis.

**COURSE DETAILS:****Course Outline:**

1. History, concepts and terminology of epidemiology.
2. Measures of disease occurrence and association.
3. Design of medical studies: cohort and case-control studies; controlled clinical experiments.
4. Models and analysis in prospective and retrospective studies.
5. Confounding, causal diagrams, and missing data.
6. Clinical trial design principles: bias control, random error control, randomization, blocking, masking
7. Types of clinical trials: phases of trial, translational, dose-finding, cross-over, safety and efficacy, and comparative trials.
8. Study monitoring: sequential methods.

## Grading

Assignments	40%
Projects	50%
Class Participation	10%

**NOTES:**

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

## Materials

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**RECOMMENDED READING:**

*Fundamentals of Clinical Trials*, L M Friedman, C D Furberg, and D L DeMets, Springer-Verlag, New York.

*Clinical Trials: A Methodologic Perspective*, Second Edition, Piantadosi S., New York, NY: John Wiley & Sons.

*Epidemiologic Methods: Studying the Occurrence of Illness*. T D Koepsell and N S Weiss, Oxford University Press.

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