

THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY
MATH1005 Statistics

Winter	Course Overview	2016
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Aim of Course

To develop foundational statistical literacy which can be transferred to any discipline:
how to understand data (Part1), how data arises from populations (Part2), and how to use data to test hypotheses (Part3).

Day	Lecture (3-5pm)	Tutorial Labs (5-7pm)	Assessment
Preparation	Please pre-read Lecture Notes 1. EDA.	Please complete Intro to R	
1 M 27/6	1. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) Topic1: Data and Graphical Summaries Topic2: Numerical Summaries	Topic1: Graphical Summaries Topic2: Numerical Summaries	
2 W 29/6	Topic3: Bivariate Data	Topic3: Bivariate Data	
3 F 1/7	2. Probability and Distribution Theory Topic4: Probability, Random Variables and Distributions	Topic4: Probability, Random Variables and Distributions	
4 M 4/7	Topic5: Discrete Random Variables	Topic5: Discrete Random Variables	Report1 10% Quiz1 5%
5 W 6/7	Topic6: Continuous Random Variables	Topic6: Continuous Random Variables	
6 F 8/7	Topic7: Combinations of Random Variables	Topic7: Combinations of Random Variables	
7 M 11/7	3. Hypothesis Testing Please Pre-read Topic8: Hypothesis Testing Topic9: Test for Proportion	Topic8: Hypothesis Testing Topic9: Test for Proportion	Report2 5% Quiz2 5%
8 W 13/7	Topic10: Tests for Means	Topic10: Tests for Means	
9 F 15/7	Topic11: Test for Goodness of Fit	Topic11: Test for Goodness of Fit	
10 M 18/7	Topic12: Confidence Intervals	Topic12: Confidence Intervals	Report3 5% Quiz3 5%
11 W 20/7	Summary Lecture (9-11am) Consultations (11am-1pm)		
Exam F 22/7	12:50-2:30pm (TBC)		65%

Aim of Quizzes

The Quizzes test basic statistical skills.

Quiz Content	Complete in Tute
Quiz1 5% Basic skills in Part 1: summation notation, numerical and graphical summaries, and bivariate data.	4/7
Quiz2 5% Basic skills in Part2: probability, random variables, distributions and the CLT.	11/7
Quiz3 5% Basic skills in Part3: calculating test statistics and p-values for hypothesis tests (excluding Topic 12).	18/7

Quiz Instructions

- Each Quiz consist of 5 short questions requiring a numerical answer.
- If the answer requires rounding, use up to 2dp.
- Use both hand working and R to doublecheck your calculations.
- Quizzes are completed in the first 20 minutes of your designated tutorial class.
- You may use a calculator and refer to the MATH1005 website but not have any hard copies of notes.
- To prepare, work through the practise questions and revise the relevant lectures and tutes.
- The better mark principle automatically applies to the Quizzes and Stats Reports. If any assessment task is not completed (whether due to sickness or own choice), then the proportion of marks for that task is added to the exam. For example, if Quiz1 is not completed, then the exam will count for 70% (rather than 65%).

Stats Reports

The Stats Reports test statistical literacy and communication.

Report Content	Due Date
Report1 10% (Written Report 7% + Verbal Report 3%) Investigate your own data and present a short talk to your class. Report1 is designed to give you experience with analysing data of your choice to illustrate the transfer of Statistics to any discipline.	4/7 1pm: Submit PDF of Verbal Report through Turnitin 4/7 1pm: Submit PDF of Written Report through Turnitin 4/7 5pm: Present Verbal Report in Tute class
Report2 5% Investigate the use of statistics in the media.	11/7 1pm: Submit PDF of Written Report through Turnitin
Report3 5% Investigate the use of statistics in a given research paper.	18/7 1pm: Submit PDF of Written Report through Turnitin

Report Instructions

- Reports can be submitted individually or by a pair of students. This helps to develop the skill of collaboration and usually improves the result.
- If you choose to work in a pair, then both students must submit the same PDFs through Turnitin, (for both the Verbal and Written Reports). If the Verbal Report is presented as a pair, then both students must be part of the presentation (whether speaking or operating the slides).
- The page limit for each Report must be followed exactly, as any extra pages will not be marked by the tutors. You may create your own word document of the Templates, but they must remain on 1 A4 page, and the final work must be exported as a PDF.
- Reports must be submitted as a PDF through Turnitin - no other form of document will be marked (eg .docx, Pages).

FAQ on Report1

Can I use Excel rather than R?

No. These Reports are designed to increase your proficiency in R.

Where do I put my R output?

Attach your R code to the Template and save as a PDF. Only include the relevant R output within the Report Template.

What size data set should I use?

Pick something that is interesting to you, ideally something related to your Major, or potential field of career. Often a larger data set is more interesting, but dealing with small data sets is also an important skill.

Can I bring my PDF of the Verbal Report on a USB to the Tute class?

No. You can only the PDF of the Verbal Report submitted through Turnitin.

Do I have to use a PDF for my Verbal Report?

No, but a PDF is usually very useful. Alternatively you could present a poster or use the whiteboards.

Does the content of my Verbal Report have to be the same as the Written Report?

No. Include whatever will be interesting for your class.

What length should my presentation be?

Whatever is interesting for the class. You will get a warning at 2 minutes, and a strict maximum of 3 minutes.

How is the Verbal Report marked?

1 mark: Student presents the Report with PDF (or another method: eg poster, whiteboards).

1 mark: Student explains an appropriate presentation of the data.

1 mark: Student explain the motivation for the Report (eg impact or usefulness).

Does each peson in the pair submit separately?

You will both need to submit the same PDFs of the Verbal and Written Reports through Turnitin. P

Stats Report1: Exploratory Data Analysis

Submit this 1 Page Template, plus the data and R Code attached.

Analysis	Details	Mark
Data	What is your data? (Eg 2016 road fatalities in Australia)	1
Source	Where did you find your data? (Eg Provide the url.) Attach your data.	
Integrity	Give 1 reason that you trust its integrity.	
Numerical Summaries	Present both a location and spread summary from R. What do they tell you about the data?	3
Graphical Summary	Present an appropriate summary from R. What does it tell you about the data?	2
Usefulness	Who might benefit from this analysis?	1
Research	What is a question that could be investigated by further data analysis?	
R Code	Attach the R Code.	
Communication	Report with data presentation and motivation (max 3mins).	3
Total		/10

Stats Report 2: Statistics in the Media

Submit this 1 Page Template, plus the Article attached.

Analysis	Details	Mark
Article	What is the title and author of the article?	1
Source	Where did you find the article? (Eg Provide the url.) Attach the article, with the relevant sections highlighted.	
Integrity	Give 1 reason that you do or don't trust its integrity.	
Summary	How was statistics used in this article? For what purpose? Does the use of statistics support the author's conclusion?	3
Research	What is a question that could be investigated by further data analysis?	1
Total		/5

Stats Report3 - Statistics in Research

Submit this 1 Page Template.

Analysis	Details	Mark
Article	Choose 1 of the given articles. List the title and author of the article and the journal reference.	
Purpose	What research question is being investigated?	1
Summary	How was statistics used in this article, and for what purpose?	2
Conclusion	In your own words in 1 sentence, explain the conclusion of the article. Who would it be useful for?	1
Research	What is a question that could be investigated by further data analysis?	1
Total		/5