



# A/B Testing and Beyond:

# **Designed Experiments for Data Scientists**

# A Continuing Education Certificate Offered by The University of San Francisco's Data Institute

September 4 – October 16, 2018

#### **Schedule of Topics**

#### Week 1: Tuesday September 4th

- Introduction
  - o Structured Problem Solving
  - o Advantages and Disadvantages of Experimentation
  - o Fundamental Design Principles: Replication, Randomization, Blocking
  - o Statistical Prerequisites

### Week 2: Tuesday September 11th

- A/B/n Testing Part I
  - o Two-group comparisons
  - Hypothesis testing via *t*-tests, *z*-tests and  $\chi^2$ -tests
  - o Power analysis and sample size calculations

#### Week 3: Tuesday September 18th

- A/B/n Testing Part II
  - Multiple group comparisons
  - Hypothesis testing via F-tests and  $\chi^2$ -tests
  - o Multiple testing issues and the Bonferroni correction

## Week 4: Tuesday September 25th

- Factorial Experiments
  - o Efficient investigation of multiple factors
  - o Design and analysis of full factorial experiments
  - $\circ$  Design and analysis of  $2^k$  factorial experiments

## Week 5: Tuesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Fractional Factorial Experiments
  - o The importance of economically designed screening experiments
  - O Design and analysis of  $2^{k-p}$  fractional factorial experiments

# Week 6: Tuesday October 9th

- Response Surface Methodology
  - o Response optimization via Central Composite Designs

## Week 7: Tuesday October 16th

- Multi-Armed Bandit Experiments
  - Exploration of the Bayesian alternative to standard hypothesis testing and A/B/n experiments