

STAT 441, APPLIED STATISTICAL METHODS FOR DATA MINING, Winter 2020

Revised Amendment to Existing Syllabus

Shared with students via eClass on March 26, 2020

INSTRUCTOR Ivan Mizera, imizera@ualberta.ca

In response to the 2020 COVID-19 global pandemic, all courses at the University of Alberta moved to remote delivery, effective March 17, 2020. Subsequently, a decision was made to adjust the grading scheme for all University of Alberta courses for the Winter 2020 term to award one of the following grades: CR (credit) or NC (no credit) as indicated in the University Calendar.

Based on this ruling, and also on recommendations of the University of Alberta, of the Faculty of Science, and of the Department of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences, the syllabus is modified as follows (changes are indicated in **bold**).

GRADING POLICY, AND COMPONENTS

The raw cumulative score will be computed from the performance in

- five equally weighted homework assignments (**49%**)
- midterm examination (21%)
- final examination (**30%**)

This redistribution of weights is substantiated by the fact that in the CR/NC grading system, more emphasis is placed on acquired skills rather than on demonstrated knowledge: and in this course, this aspect is carried especially by the assignments—they bring experience that is hardly testable in examinations.

The scores thus obtained will determine the final grade in the following manner: those who achieve **51% or more** will get **CR**. (This cutpoint may be lowered if circumstances render it necessary—but it is assumed that it rather will not.)

The final exam will be conducted in a remote fashion, in (or slightly around) the originally scheduled time.