

## GENE:6234 - Basic Biostatistical Methods with Genetics Applications - Spring, 2021

**Purpose:** To introduce the terminology, fundamental concepts, and methods of biostatistics as they are applied to genetic research. Examples drawn from various areas of genetic investigation will be used to illustrate statistical approaches. Applications to be considered will include Hardy-Weinberg evaluation, goodness of fit testing for experimental crosses, assessment of linkage-disequilibrium, case-control designs, transmission disequilibrium testing, genotypic-phenotypic correlations, and covariate adjustment. Special attention will be given to the problems of multiple testing, false discovery, and ascertainment bias. More advanced topics will be introduced, emphasizing concept and interpretation. The primary objective of this course is to enable the student to understand basic statistical principles, to gain fluency with selected statistical methodology, and to become an informed reader of the scientific literature.

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**Text:** None required.

**Class Schedule:** Tuesdays from 10:30 – 11:20 a.m. Class will meet on Zoom.

There is no spring break this year, but there are scheduled holidays on March 2 and April 14. **Regular attendance is expected and required.** Please notify the instructor in advance of any planned absences, including absences for professional travel, and religious holidays, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

**Assignments:** There will be regular homework assignments on the topics covered. Collaboration is permitted and encouraged, but each must be written up individually. Assignments will be graded as pass/fail, with pass being greater than 80%. Failed assignments may be resubmitted. The midterm will be a take-home exam, based on the content that has been covered to that point. Final presentations will be scheduled at the end of the semester, either as a single presentation or in pairs.

**Examinations:** There will be two take-home examinations during the semester. The **final examination** will consist of presentations; the date will be set in February. ***All students should plan to be present.***

**Evaluation:** Course grades will be made up of three parts, a take-home midterm (40%), a final presentation (30%) and weekly assignments and discussion (30%).

**Web Course:** <https://myweb.uiowa.edu/collin/gene6234.html>

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