

## STAT 704, Data Analysis I -- Fall 2007

### **Instructor:**

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### **Classes:**

Meeting Times:  
MWF 11:15AM-12:05PM, LeConte College, Room 201A

### **Office Hours:**

Mon 10:00-10:50, Tue 1:30-2:30, Wed 10:00-10:50, Thu 11:00-12:00, Fri 10:00-10:50.  
Please feel free to make appointments to see me at other times.

### **Textbook:**

*Applied Linear Statistical Models, 5th edition*, by Kutner, Nachtsheim, Neter and Li.

**Purpose:** To provide an overview of normal-model inference and a strong background in regression modeling.

**Prerequisite/Corequisite:** Prerequisite is the completion of an elementary statistics course or consent of department. Corequisite is STAT 712 or consent of department.

**Official Course Description:** Primarily for graduate students in statistics and the mathematical sciences. Probability concepts, inferences for normal parameters, regression, correlation, use of computer statistical packages.

**Course Outline:** Random Variables and Moments; Important Probability Distributions. Single-Sample Inference; Two-Sample Inference; Nonparametric Alternatives. Simple Linear Regression and Correlation; Multiple Regression. Nonlinear Regression; Logistic and Count Regression; Nonparametric Regression.

### **Homework:**

Homework exercises from the textbook (and possibly other sources) will be assigned on the course web page. Due dates are given on the course web page. Late homework will be penalized. Please write up homework papers neatly and clearly.

Each student's homework must be done independently. You may ask each other informal questions about the homework, but I want everyone to do his or her own work. If homework is found to have been copied, all students involved will receive a 0. Of course, you may always ask me questions about the homework.

**Project:**

A project involving the analysis of real data using methods learned in this class will be due near the end of the semester. More information will be given out later.

**Exams:**

There will be two in-class midterm exams and a final exam on Wednesday, December 12 at 5:30 p.m. Exams may not normally be made up, except in extreme circumstances, for which written documentation of excuse (doctor's note, funeral notice, etc.) is required. If you suspect you may miss an exam day, it is important to contact me well in advance of the test date.

**Grading:**

The course grade will be based on homework/quizzes (20%), 2 midterm exams (20% each), and a final exam (25%) and a data analysis project (15%). A course average of 90-100 will result in an A, 87-89 a B+, 80-86 a B, etc.

**Computing:**

Some problems in this course involve significant computations, and for these, we will learn to use the software packages SAS and R. You will have an account on the MATHSTAT domain. Currently the computers in LC 124 and LC 303A (and some in PSC 102) have SAS and R. Student copies of SAS for home use are also available for purchase; for information, call Barbara Koski (803-777-4657) at USC Computer Services (corner of Blossom and Sumter). R is a free, open-source statistical programming language. Details about how to download R for free onto your home computer are posted on the course web page.

It is not assumed that you have much previous experience with SAS or R. In many industries and jobs, SAS is the standard statistical computing package used, and this course will introduce you to some of the most common SAS procedures. R is an extremely useful statistical programming language that has become widely used in recent years.

**Tentative Course Schedule:** MWF, August 24 through December 7, except:

No class (Labor Day): September 3 (Monday)

No class (Fall Break): October 12 (Friday)

No class (Thanksgiving): November 21, 23 (Wednesday, Friday)

Friday, September 28 (tentative): Exam 1

Wednesday, November 7 (tentative): Exam 2

Wednesday, December 12 (5:30 p.m.): final exam

**\*\* Homework Due Dates will be posted on the course web page with each homework assignment.**