

SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE

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Course Code, Number, and Title: De

PSYC 2321: Data Analysis for Psychology

Course Format:

Course format may vary by instructor/section. The typical course formats would be:

Face to Face: in Class format: Lecture 4 h

Mixed Mode: Lecture 2h; Online 2h (in BrightSpace)

Fully Online: All Online (in BrightSpace)

Credits: 3.0

Transfer Credit: For information, visit bctransferguide.ca

Course Description, Prerequisites, Corequisites:

How do we know if a therapy works? How can we be certain of the existence of a psychological disorder? How are researchers able to make sense out the randomness that surround us to make accurate predictions in psychology? Are there actual "fake news" or is it all a matter of opinion? It does not matter if you are a consumer or a producer of psychological science: you need to know statistics! This course will provide an introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics, covering some of the most common statistical analyses and their rationale.

Prerequisite(s): A minimum "C+" grade in PSYC 1115 and 1215. A minimum "C" grade in one of Foundations of Mathematics 11, Pre-calculus 11, Foundations of Mathematics 12, or Pre-calculus 12; or "S" in MATH 1150; or a satisfactory score (053) on the statistics version of the Mathematics & Statistics Diagnostic Test (MDT).

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to meet the following minimal requirements:

1. Distinguish between descriptive and inferential statistics
2. Discriminate various distribution shapes and predict the shape of a distribution for a given variable
3. Draw the normal distribution and identify its key features
4. Distinguish between a distribution of raw scores and a distribution of statistics
5. Calculate by hand a variety of statistics commonly used in psychology, such as means, variance, correlation, regression, z-scores, t-tests, and ANOVA.
6. Identify the relationships among major statistical concepts (e.g., alpha, confidence intervals, effect size, power, variability, sample size)

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7. Choose and apply the appropriate statistic to analyze a dataset, when provided with a study design and a researcher's purpose
8. Generate a conclusion for a research hypothesis based on the analysis of data
9. Recognize the logic underlying the statistical analyses
10. Evaluate statistical procedures and conclusions found in a variety of media.

Instructor(s): TBA

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Textbook and Course Materials:

[Textbook selection may vary by instructor. An example of texts and course materials for this course might be:]

Nolan & Thomas E. Heinzen *Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences, 4th Edition*.

Note: This course may use an electronic (online) instructional resource that is located outside of Canada for mandatory graded class work. You may be required to enter personal information, such as your name and email address, to log in to this resource. This means that your personal information could be stored on servers located outside of Canada and may be accessed by U.S. authorities, subject to federal laws. Where possible, you may log in with an email pseudonym as long as you provide the pseudonym to me so I can identify you when reviewing your class work.

Assessments and Weighting:

Final Exam 20%

Other Assessments 80%

(An example of other assessments might be:)

Homework Assignments: 20%

Tutorial Exercises: 20%

Midterm: 20%

Term Paper: 20%

Grading System:

Specific grading schemes will be detailed in each course section outline.

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Topics Covered:

[Topics covered may vary by instructor. An example of topics covered might be:]

- Introduction to Statistics and Research Design
- Displaying Data
- Central Tendency, Variability, Sampling, and Probability

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- The Normal Curve
- Hypothesis Testing with z test
- Confidence Intervals, Effect Size, and Power
- Single- and Paired-Sample t Test
- Independent-Sample t
- ANOVAs
- Correlation
- Regression

As a student at Langara, you are responsible for familiarizing yourself and complying with the following policies:

College Policies:

[E1003 - Student Code of Conduct](#)

[F1004 - Code of Academic Conduct](#)

[E2008 - Academic Standing - Academic Probation and Academic Suspension](#)

[E2006 - Appeal of Final Grade](#)

[F1002 - Concerns about Instruction](#)

[E2011 - Withdrawal from Courses](#)

Departmental/Course Policies:

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