

# **STA 4210**

## **Regression Analysis**

**Fall, 2023**

**Tuesdays, 8.30-10.25, FLI 0119**

**Thursdays 8.30 – 9.20, FLI 0119**

**Catalog description:** Simple linear regression and multiple linear regression models. Inference about model parameters and predictions, diagnostic and remedial measures about the model, independent variable selection, multicollinearity, autocorrelation and nonlinear regression. SAS implementation of the above topics.

**Prerequisite:** [STA 3024](#) or [STA 3032](#) or ([STA 4321](#) and [STA 2023](#)) or ([MAS 3114](#) and [STA 2023](#)) or ([MAS 4105](#) and [STA 2023](#)).

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**Instructor Office Hour for this course:** Tuesdays 10.30 – 11.30am and by appointment.

**Graduate Teaching Assistant and Office Hours:** Yisen Jin. Zoom link to be provided on our Canvas course site.

**Learning Outcomes:** By the end of the course successful students should have achieved the following learning goals:

- (i) A clear understanding of the principles, assumptions, and methods in regression analysis.
- (ii) The skill to know when and how regression might be useful in a variety of application areas.
- (iii) The selection of appropriate statistical models in regression situations and the ability to validate selected models.
- (iv) The skills to analyze data involving several variables.
- (v) The ability to provide correct interpretations of results and to recommend appropriate decisions.
- (vi) The possession of strong computing skills and familiarity with statistical software.
- (vii) The possession of skills directed to the communication of statistical results to a variety of audiences

## **Part I: Course Requirements**

### **Recommended (but not required) Textbooks:**

Applied Linear Statistical Models, 5th Edition, Author(s): M. Kutner, C. Nachtsheim, J. Neter and W. Li

A Second Course in Statistics: Regression Analysis by William Mendenhall and Terry Sincich. Eighth Edition. (Pearson)

**Calculator:** A calculator capable of basic arithmetic operations and taking square roots will be needed for in-class exams. Internet-enabled electronic devices, such as cell phones or tablets, cannot be used as calculators during exams.

**Software:** In this course, we will use statistical software to conduct analyses. I will be demonstrating concepts using SAS JMP Pro 17 throughout the semester. JMP Pro is available as a free download or as a UF App. Information on how to download this program is posted on our Canvas course page and is discussed during the first week of class. You are free to use either SAS JMP Pro or R to complete course assignments. Please feel free to bring a laptop to class.

### **Course Assignments**

Your final course grade will be based on exams, homework, and investigative tasks. Due dates are posted on the course schedule in Canvas and announced in class.

### **Investigative Tasks (IT's):**

There will be three sets of investigative tasks and these tasks will be completed using statistical software. Answers must be supported and shown to the proper level of accuracy. Your attractively formatted documents are to be submitted on Canvas. Due dates for all IT's are posted on the Course Schedule on Canvas and you will be reminded of these. There will be a 10% penalty per day for late work and no IT's will be accepted more than one day after the due date.

***You have a reasonable time after a graded IT is posted to question a grade. If you do not notify me of any issues concerning your score within that "reasonable" time, then the posted grade stands.***

**Homework:** This will be set periodically and will be marked on a 1-10 scale. The marks obtained will be recorded and will be taken into account for your final grade (see grading scheme below). Late homework will not be accepted.

**Exams:** There will be two in-class exams during the course (a mid-term and a final). You will be provided with a packet of formulae and statistical tables to be used on the exams. A copy of this packet is available for you to print in Canvas so that you will know what information will be provided for you. Cell phones must be turned off and put away during an exam (i.e. they cannot be used as clocks or calculators).

The dates for both exams are posted on the Course Schedule on Canvas and you will be reminded of these. In case of conflict or illness, if a student is unable to take an exam at the scheduled time, they must get in touch with the instructor prior to the exam time for any arrangements to be made for a makeup. Each case will be reviewed individually. Valid and detailed documentation is a prerequisite under such extenuating circumstances.

***The “reasonable” time rule detailed above also stands for Homework and Exam scores.***

There is ***no “extra credit” or forgiven grades*** – you are responsible for all your work done (or left undone). If an exam is scheduled on a religious holiday that you observe, see your instructor to make alternative arrangements.

\* Incompletes are only assigned when extraordinary circumstances (such as an accident, or extended hospitalization), arising after the date for dropping the course, prevent the student from completing the course requirements. Having a failing grade in the course is not a valid reason for requesting an Incomplete. Information on Medical Withdrawal can be found at <https://umatter.ufl.edu/>. Information on how to Drop a class can be found in UF’s Academic Catalog <https://catalog.ufl.edu/> and <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/dropping-courses-withdrawals/>

If you have a disability that requires academic accommodation, contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC), <https://disability.ufl.edu/>. The DRC will provide documentation to the students who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodations.

### **Honor Code on Investigative Tasks**

**IT’s are to be undertaken independently**; all graded work is expected to be your original and independent work. It is not appropriate to: (1) give your work on the assignment to someone else to copy, (2) copy directly from someone else’s solutions, or (3) use someone else’s computer program or output, or a copy of someone else’s computer session. ***You are responsible for making sure that there is no reason to doubt that the work you hand in is your own.***

As only your name appears on an assignment, my expectation and assumptions are that you have done the work yourself, fully and independently. Past sanctions that have been given for an Honor Code Violation on Investigative Tasks (for a student’s first offense) include zero for the assignment, 10% reduction in the student’s final grade, and an Academic Integrity Seminar. Stronger sanctions are given for a second offense. Even stronger sanctions are given for cheating on an exam. It will begin with an E in the course. Please do not cheat. At the end of the story, you are actually cheating yourself and those students working honestly.

I take the UF Honor Code very seriously and will enforce it. Please see the following website for more information. Please review the Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code at [sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code](https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code). The Honor Code will be enforced for all investigative tasks and exams.

**Communication:** The Canvas site for this course will be used to provide you with information relevant to the course. So, please check the Canvas course site regularly for updates. Such information includes announcements, lecture notes, IT Task assignments, reading assignments, homeworks and solutions, data sets, dates of exams, and any changes to posted office hours.

**Study Approach:** You are to read the lecture slides before class to familiarize yourself with the material and its organization. The lecture notes will be posted on Canvas. The best way to learn is to print out the notes before class, annotate them during the class, then study carefully the notes along with your annotations after the lecture to increase understanding.

**Email policy:** You must use your UF email account for all email correspondence having anything to do with your work at UF. Federal laws protecting your privacy rights require that we only communicate student information directly to students – and use of the university email system is our only way to validate your identity. You may forward your campus email elsewhere, but we can respond only to a UF email account.

**Help:** Remember to ask for help! In addition to my office hour, I can also answer some questions via email. *I will try to answer any student emails received during the working week within 24 hours, however emails received over the weekend may not be answered until Monday morning.*

<b>Grading Scheme:</b>	Investigative Task 1	16%
	Mid-term Exam	20%
	Investigative Task 2	16%
	Investigative Task 3	16%
	Homework	7%
	Final Exam	25%

Course letter grades are assigned as follows:

90 – 100 A	80 – 89 B	70-79 C	60 – 69 D	0 – 59 E
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Plusses and minuses will be given but their exact point values will be determined after the last exam.

## **Part 2: University Services and Policies**

### **Grading Policies:**

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course as well as policies regarding absences, religious holidays, illness, and student athletes are consistent with UF Attendance Policies.

**Additional make-up policy requirements:**

- Only extreme situations will warrant a makeup. Contact the instructor prior to the exam - as soon as you realize you will be unable to take the assignment/exam at the scheduled time. Each case will be reviewed individually. Valid and detailed documentation is a prerequisite for scheduling a makeup under such extenuating circumstances.
- If you have an emergency on the day of the assignment/exam, the instructor must be contacted by midnight on the day of the assignment/exam.
- Make-up exams will be scheduled within a week from the assignment deadline. Student is responsible for attending scheduled make-up. Instructor reserves the right to utilize the UF posted final exam day as a make-up date.
- The UF Religious Holidays Policy is available at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/#religiousholidaystext>.
- Additional Note: Being on vacation or booking a trip prior to the completion of the semester is not a valid reason to request a makeup. Please reference the most recent Academic Calendar, <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/dates-deadlines/pdfs/>.

**Classroom Behavior:** During class students should silence their cellular phones and refrain from eating, drinking, reading newspapers, doing homework, listening to music, excessive talking and all other behaviors that are distracting and disrespectful to the instructor and their fellow students.

**Privacy Policy:** Student records are confidential. Only information designated “UF directory information” may be released without your written consent. This applies to parents or anyone else who contacts me about your grades.

**Faculty Course Evaluations:** “Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.”

**U Matter, We Care:** Your well-being is important to the University of Florida. The U Matter, We Care initiative is committed to creating a culture of care on our campus by encouraging members of our community to look out for one another and to reach out for help if a member of our community is in need. If you or a friend is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) so that the U Matter, We Care Team can reach out to the student in distress. A night-time and weekend crisis counselor is available by phone at 352-392-1575. The U Matter, We Care Team can help connect students to the many other helping resources available including, but not limited to, Victim Advocates, Housing staff, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. Please remember that asking for help is a sign of strength. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.

**\*Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS): Student Health Center, 392-1161**

**\*University Police Department, 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies),**

**<http://www.police.ufl.edu>**

**\*Student Health Care Center:** Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need or visit the Student Health Care Center website.

**\*GatorWell Health Promotion Services:** For prevention services focused on optimal wellbeing, including Wellness Coaching for Academic Success, visit the GatorWell website or call 352-273-4450.

### **Academic Resources**

E-learning technical support: Contact the UF Computing Help Desk at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at [helpdesk@ufl.edu](mailto:helpdesk@ufl.edu).

Writing Studio: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.

Student Complaints On-Campus: Visit the Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code webpage for more information.

### **Covid Policy**

In response to COVID-19 and its variants, the following recommendations are in place to maintain your learning environment, to enhance the safety of our in-classroom interactions, and to further the health and safety of ourselves, our neighbors, and our loved ones.

- If you are sick, stay home. Please call your primary care provider if you are ill and need immediate care or the UF Student Health Care Center at 352-392-1161 to be evaluated.
- Course materials will be provided to you with an excused absence, and, as with any excused absence, you will be given a reasonable amount of time to make up missed work.