

STA 4211 — Design & Analysis of Experiments – 14504 – Spring 2026

Tu 2 (8:30-9:20), Th 2-3 (8:30-10:25) – LAR0330 (3 Credit Hours)

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Text: Design and Analysis of Experiments by Larry Winner (Available on Canvas and UF Webpage)
Supplementary Text: Applied Linear Statistical Models, 5th Ed. by Kutner, Nachtsheim, Neter and Li (Chapters 15-30)

Course Description, Objectives, and Goals

This course provides an introduction to the design and analysis of statistical experiments. Experimental design techniques are used in a wide variety of academic, industrial, and scientific areas. We will cover widely used designs, and discuss practical and computational issues regarding their analysis and interpretations. Upon completing the course requirements, students:

- Will be able to design and analyze comparative experiments to answer research questions making use of statistical software packages/libraries.
- Compare various statistical designs to best answer particular research questions.
- Understand and recall general statistical concepts used in applications.

Materials and Supplies Fees: Datasets, assignments, and overheads available on class website and Canvas. There are no fees.

Web Site: UF Canvas and <http://www.stat.ufl.edu/~winner/>

Homework and Exams:

1. **Homework Assignments:** There will be 4 assignments. You will have at least one week to upload them from the time they are posted on Canvas.
2. **Exams:** There will be 3 in-class exams. For each exam, you can bring one hand–written 4x6 index card with formulas and/or notes. There will also be a Take-Home component due by the beginning of the exam. Any exams affected by unexpected campus closures will be given the following class period.
3. **In-Class Activities:** There will be 4 In-Class Data Analysis Activities.
4. **ALC Exam:** Overall statistical assessment used to assess student learning across years.
5. **Final Project and Presentation (STA majors):** A statistical data analysis project will be prepared, along with an approximately 8-10 minute in-class presentation.
6. **Grading:** Grades will be based on points from homework, exams, ALC Exam, and Final Project/Presentation. Grades are not negotiable (unless a mis-calculation is made in totaling points).

7. **Missed Exams:** Any exams that will be missed must be confirmed as soon as possible, **before** the time of the exam. Documentation must be provided. No early exams will be given.
8. **Late Homework:** Will not be accepted and will receive a grade of 0 unless extenuating circumstances are documented.

Prerequisites and Computing:

1. STA 4211 has a pre-requisite of STA 4210.
2. You will need a computer for homework assignments. Examples will make use of EXCEL and R; but you will need to make use of R for assignments.

Tentative Topics by Week

- Week 1: Introduction to Statistical Designs – Chapter 1 / Supplemental Notes
- Week 2: Completely Randomized (Single-Factor) Design – Chapter 2
- Week 3: Comparisons Among Treatment Means – Chapter 3
- Week 4: Alternative Tests – Chapter 4
- Week 5: Balanced 2-Factor Designs – Chapter 5
- Week 6: 2-Factor Designs with a Single Replicate per Treatment – Chapter 6, Exam 1
- Week 7: Unbalanced 2-Factor Designs – Chapter 7
- Week 8: Multi-Factor Studies – Chapter 8
- Week 9: Randomized Block, Repeated Measures and Latin Square Designs – Chapter 9
- Week 10: Random and Mixed Effects Models – Chapter 10
- Week 11: Analysis of Covariance – Chapter 12, Exam 2
- Week 12-13: Nested and Repeated Measures Designs – Chapter 11
- Week 14: Intro to Response Surface Methodology and Mixture Designs – Chapter 13, Exam 3

Tests and Grading (Any exam dates that are cancelled, exams will be on the next class date).

- Exam1 – Tuesday, February 10 (In class) - 20%
- Exam2 – Tuesday, March 10 (In class) - 20%
- Exam3 - Tuesday, April 28, 10:00AM (In class) - 20%
- ALC Exam/Survey – Thursday March 12 (In class) – 4%
- Homework – 20%
- In-Class Activities – 8%
- Final Project & Presentation 8% (Stat Majors)

R can be downloaded for free from the website:

<http://cran.r-project.org/bin/windows/base/>

Maximum Course Grade Cut-offs:

A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	E
92	87.5	85	80	75	70	65	60	50	

Attendance/Exam/Assignment Policies: While attendance is not taken, students are expected to attend lectures and participate in class. Make-up exams will only be considered with documented medical event or conference attendance (graduate students). Early exams will be given under no circumstances. Assignments are to be uploaded to Canvas on the date the assignment is due. Please turn off cell phones during classes.

Academic Accommodations:

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the Disability Resource Center. See the “Get Started With the DRC” webpage on the Disability Resource Center site. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

University Grading Points:

A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	E
4	3.67	3.33	3	2.67	2.33	2	1.67	1	0

Online 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 2 GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluer.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

University Policies:

Academic Dishonesty

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Conduct Code specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. See the UF Conduct Code website for more information. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

In-Class Recording suggested wording: • Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal education use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor. A “class lecture” is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and deliver by an instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentation such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private 3 conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or guest lecturer during a class session. Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To “publish” means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless, of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third-party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

Campus Resources:

This course complies with all UF academic policies. For information on those policies and for resources for students, please see <https://syllabus.ufl.edu/syllabus-policy/uf-syllabus-policy-links/>

Incomplete: An incomplete grade may be assigned at the discretion of the instructor as an interim grade for a course in which the student has completed a major portion of the course with a passing grade, been unable to complete course requirements before the end of the term because of extenuating circumstances, and obtained agreement from the instructor and arranged for resolution of the incomplete grade in the next term. Instructors are not required to assign incomplete grades.