

STAT 4100: Statistical Inference I, Fall 2019 (A01)

Tentative Course Outline

Course Details

Course Title & Number:	Statistical Inference I (STAT 4100)
Credit Hours:	3
Class Times:	MWF 13:30 p.m. – 14:20 p.m.
Location for Lectures:	315 Buller
Pre-Requisites:	May not be held with the former STAT 4140. Prerequisite: STAT 3800 or the former STAT 3600.
Course Description:	Introduction to methods of estimation, including asymptotic and Bayesian methods.

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Textbook, Readings, Materials

Textbook:	There is no textbook for this course. However, I recommend to use the following textbooks for further reading and exercises. I will make lecture notes available through the UM Learn system (see below).
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- Other Resources:** Not required. Available from the Science Library
- Mathematical Statistics (Second Edition)*. Jun Shao. Springer Texts in Statistics (2003). ISBN 0-387-95382-5.
- Probability and Statistical Inference*. Nitis Mukhopadhyay. Marcel Dekker (2000). ISBN 0-8247-0319-0.
- Statistical Inference (Second Edition)*. G. Casella and R.L. Berger. Duxbury/Thomson Learning (2002). ISBN 0-534-24312-6.
- Introduction to Mathematical Inference (Sixth Edition)*. R.V. Hogg, J.W. McKean and A.T. Craig. Pearson/Prentice Hall (2005). ISBN 0-13-008507-3.

Readings: In order to prepare for class, I will normally ask you to read about the topics to be covered before the lecture. I am not expecting you to learn the material on your own, only to familiarize yourself with the main ideas and vocabulary so that the lectures are easier to follow. Do not get bogged down in formulae or minute details. If you come across something that is confusing or troubling, don't despair. If your questions are not resolved during the lecture, please ask. As you work on the problem sets, it will be helpful to re-read the material on a more detailed level.

Topics

This is a tentative list of topics to be covered.

- Basic concepts of parametric, non-parametric and semi-parametric models.
- Exponential family, location-scale family.
- Introduction to various approaches of statistical inference.
- Sufficiency principle (sufficiency, minimal sufficiency, completeness, ancillary, information)
- Method of moments and maximum likelihood estimation methods; EM algorithm; Monte Carlo Method; Taylor expansion.
- Bayesian point estimation method; Loss function optimality.
- Mean Square Error; Unbiasedness; Bias reduction techniques.
- Asymptotic evaluation; Minimum variance unbiased estimators; Bootstrap.

Course Technology

- Course web-page:** Course materials will be made available through the University of Manitoba's UM Learn system (umanitoba.ca/d21).
- Software:** We will also be making use of the software package R in a few occasions. It is freely available for Linux, Macintosh and Windows from *The Comprehensive R Archive Network* at <http://cran.r-project.org/>. Please download and install.
- Other Technology:** It is the general University of Manitoba policy that all technology resources are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner. Students should restrict their use of technology to those approved by the instructor and/or University of Manitoba Accessibility Services for educational purposes only. Electronic messaging, e-mail, social networking, gaming, etc. should be avoided during class time. Cell phones should be off. If a student is on call for emergencies, their cell phone should be on vibrate mode and the student should leave the classroom before using it.

Important Dates

These dates are tentative and subject to change at the discretion of the instructor and/or based on the learning needs of the students but such changes are subject to Section 2.8 of the ROASS Procedure.

Date	Information
Sep 4	Classes Begin
Oct 18	Term Test 1 Room 360-Helen Glass Center(12:30–14:20)
Nov 8	Term Test 2 Room 360-Helen Glass Center(12:30–14:20)
Nov 18	Last Day for VW
Dec 6	End of Classes

Course Work, Examinations & Grading

Term tests and Final Exam: There will be two term-tests, each worth 25% of your final grade. The tentative dates are October 18th and November 8th, 2019 (12:30–14:20) but these might be **subject to change**. The term tests and the final examination are closed book. Statistical tables will be provided if required. A non-programmable calculator might be necessary (graphing calculators are not permitted). However, other electronic devices, such as cell phones and MP3, are strictly prohibited.

Note: There will not be any makeup (deferred) exam for this course. If you miss an exam, you will be assigned a mark of zero for the test, unless you **have a valid excuse**, and you **notify me within 48 hours of the scheduled exam**. Students who miss the term test with legitimate reasons will have the term-term weight added to the final examination. The Final Exam will be held on a date to be selected later by the Department of Statistics and will be 3 hours in duration.

Assignments: There will be no *formal* assignments for this course. The distributed lecture notes have a number of exercises and questions, which I may add to. The midterm test and final examination will be based, in part, on these or similar problems. You are free (and encouraged) to work in groups on these but you must be able to complete the work individually on tests/examinations. Additional problems may be posted to the UM Learn system (umanitoba.ca/d21).

Grading Scheme: The following are the minimum percentage grades required to receive each of the various letter grades: A+ (90%), A (80%), B+ (75%), B (70%), C+ (65%), C (60%), D (50%). There is an additional requirement for obtaining a C or a D in the course: to obtain a grade of C or better, you must obtain at least 50% on the final examination; to obtain a D you must obtain at least 40% on the final examination.

Item	Percent
Term Test 1	25%
Term Test 2	25%
Final Exam	50%
Total	100%

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The University requires all students to activate an official University email account. For full details of the Electronic Communication with Students please visit: umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/Electronic_Communication_with_Students_Policy_-_2013_09_01_RF.pdf

Please note that all communication between myself and you as a student must comply with the electronic communication with student policy (umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/electronic_communication_with_students_policy.html). You are required to obtain and use your U of M email account for all communication between yourself and the university.

Academic Integrity

It is important that you understand what constitutes academic dishonesty and that you are familiar with the very serious consequences. Please familiarize yourself with the information contained in *Academic Calendar > General Academic Regulations > SECTION 8: Academic Integrity*. (see <http://umanitoba.ca/calendar>) The Faculty of Science home page at www.umanitoba.ca/science also contains links regarding academic and disciplinary matters.

ROASS Schedule A

Schedule "A" of the *Responsibilities of Academic Staff with regards to Students (ROASS)* policies of the University of Manitoba lists resources and policies for students. It is important that you familiarize yourself with these resources and policies. This document will be posted to the Department of Statistics web page and to the UM Learn system.