

# STAT 2300 Section A01

## Winter 2022

**Time** 12:30 - 1:20 pm MWF  
**Location** Zoom  
**CRN** 60913

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**Office Hours:** Tuesday: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
During Home Video Lecture Periods

**Web Pages** UMLearn: <http://umanitoba.ca/umlearn>  
Statistics: <https://www.sci.umanitoba.ca/statistics/>

If the above times are not convenient for you, please email to arrange an alternate time to meet. I will do my best to return all email messages within 24 hours. Office hours are subject to change should we return to in-person.

## Calendar Description

Introduction to the basic principles and foundational aspects of data collection with a focus on the design and basic analysis of observational and experimental studies. Important issues like randomization, blocking and confounding, sampling, stratification, response bias and nonresponse will be covered. May not be held with the former STAT 3480.

Prerequisite: one of STAT 1150, STAT 2000 (B), or STAT 2001 (B)

# Course Goals

By the end of the course students should be able to:

- create clear and useful surveys.
- select and implement an appropriate sampling method for survey studies.
- recognize and identify strategies to eliminate and/or minimize nonresponse, undercoverage, and non-sampling error.
- create a well designed experiment and collect data using appropriate randomization techniques.
- analyze experimental data for basic designs by hand and using R.
- recognize the limitations of how broadly results can be generalized based on whether they have taken observational studies or experiments.

STAT 2300 is designed to have students thinking early on in their degree about the principles behind good data collection and how we select samples and create well designed experiments. The course is for both Statistics majors as well as students seeking a minor in statistics or any student that requires data collection in their degree program. While we discuss how to analyze data for each sampling and design method discussed, the emphasis is on how a practitioner would handle the data and not on mathematical derivations. The course has an added focus on the clear communication of statistical ideas and outcomes as it recognizes that statisticians work with people, from many disciplines, when they consult in survey and experimental design.

## Textbook, Readings, and Course Materials

**Required Textbook:** *Elementary Survey Sampling* by Schaeffer et al ISBN-13: 9780840053619

The textbook is available as an e-text at <https://www.nelsonbrain.com/shop/ProductDisplay?langId=-1&storeId=10651&catalogId=10052&productId=546013>.

**Supplementary Readings:** Occasionally I will assign supplementary readings in the form of short articles or website URLs to complement the lecture materials. These will be made available through the course website on UMLearn under the course content for the appropriate unit or on the class discussion forum.

**Required Materials:** All students will be required to have a scientific calculator.

## Using Copyrighted Material

Please be mindful and respect copyright throughout this course. All course notes, assignments, tests, exams, practice exams, and solutions are either my own intellectual property or that of the Department of Statistics. If I use any copyrighted material in my lectures I will properly source and follow copyright guidelines and I expect you to do the same. The copyrighted works are made available for your personal use and study and must not be distributed in any format without express permission.

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Recordings of the lectures are available for your own personal use only. You may not upload or edit any of the videos or materials I produce.

## Course Technology

**Respectful Behaviour in an Online Classroom:** All live components of this course while we are remote will be conducted over Zoom. It is expected that you conduct yourself professionally and do not distract your fellow students with unnecessary or inappropriate chat messages, sounds, or images if you are ever on web camera. If you appear on web camera it is expected that you will be dressed appropriately for a classroom environment and that your background does not contain distracting or offensive materials.

**R Studio:** In this class we will be making some use of the statistical software R. You can download R from <http://cran.utstat.utoronto.ca/> and the R Studio program from <https://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/>. No previous programming experience is required and the required use of R by students will be minimal but I will make more use of it for demonstrations during lectures or to suggest enrichment practice problems of students that I will not test. Testable material in R will be made very clear.

**UMLearn:** All course material as well as class reflections for marks will be posted on UMLearn. All important dates can be found on the calendar and I will make class announcements through the news feed on the course website. All grades will be posted in the UMLearn Gradebook

In addition, there will also be discussion forums available. For each class I will open up a discussion forum where I will post the material covered that class, any announcements, and suggestions for preparation for the next class. Please be in the habit of checking it after every class. If you have questions about anything during the lecture or any announcements, you can ask directly on the forum for the relevant class. There will also be a discussion forums opened up for general class/technology questions, for questions on assignments/projects, and a student forum.

All discussion will be monitored closely by me. Please be courteous in posing questions and replying to questions on the board. Your best effort should be made to make clear questions in complete English sentences.

Access to the class recordings and the live lectures will be available through UMLearn under Communications > Cisco WebEx.

**Crowdmark:** Depending on whether we are remote or in-person, some assessments may be marked using the Crowdmark software, an online grading tool. All these exams will be written by you on paper and then scanned and uploaded through a link you will be provided over email. While you may take a photo of your paper, due to the high quality of most camera phones, it is recommended that you use the app Cam Scanner (or a similar app) to take the photos of your work. There will be a trial run of the software prior to the first term test. Upon completion of the marking for the midterms, an electronically marked copy of your exam will be emailed to your UManitoba e-mail address. I will send out an email when the marked copies have been sent. Please check your spam folders if you do not see it in your inbox.

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### **Expectations: I Expect You To**

In my class I expect you to:

- Attend lectures as much as you are able and watch the recordings within 24 hours when you are not.
- Make use of the chat function over Zoom to ask questions of myself and provide answers to class discussions.
- Behave professionally in our online learning environment.

- Have paper, a writing utensil, a computer/tablet and access to a scanner or cell phone capable of taking photos during the allotted midterm and final exam period.
- Ask questions during my lecture as needed and answer questions asked of you.
- Be mindful of my time outside of class and allow me sufficient time to answer emails or look in to your concerns.
- Make use of the discussion forums as much as you are able for your course questions.
- Follow all policies in the syllabus and consult it as needed.
- Come to me with any constructive feedback that would improve the running of the course.

**Academic Dishonesty:** It is important that you understand what constitutes academic dishonesty and that you are familiar with the very serious consequences. Links to resources that describe academic dishonesty (including plagiarism, cheating, inappropriate collaboration and examination impersonation, as well as typical penalties) can be found at:

[http://www.umanitoba.ca/student/resource/student\\_advocacy/academicintegrity/students/a-to-i-what-is-academic-integrity.html#cheating-on-exams](http://www.umanitoba.ca/student/resource/student_advocacy/academicintegrity/students/a-to-i-what-is-academic-integrity.html#cheating-on-exams)

[http://www.umanitoba.ca/student/resource/student\\_advocacy/academicintegrity/students/student-academic-misconduct-faq.html](http://www.umanitoba.ca/student/resource/student_advocacy/academicintegrity/students/student-academic-misconduct-faq.html)

<https://www.sci.umanitoba.ca/students/undergraduate-students/academic-resources/academic-integrity-2/>

Whether we are remote or in person, I expect students to hold themselves to the highest standards of academic integrity. Impersonation, cheating for hire websites, and using unauthorized materials are very serious offences and are no less serious in an online environment. I expect you to be honest, conduct yourself with integrity, actively encourage your peers to conduct themselves with integrity, and uphold the value of what a degree from the University of Manitoba means. When you are in doubt, always consult with your instructor. My door is always open for discussions on the boundaries of what is and what is not allowed. Asking is a sign of integrity, not a signal that you might think of cheating. Always bear in mind that what is considered a violation of academic integrity can vary from course to course (even with the same instructor) so it is always important to ask and clarify. Ignorance is not an acceptable excuse for academic misconduct.

**Class Communication:** The University requires all students to activate an official University email account. Please note that all communication between your instructor and you as a student must comply with the Electronic Communication with Students Policy. Please see [http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing\\_documents/community/electronic\\_communication\\_with\\_students\\_policy.html](http://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.

**E-mail:** To schedule an appointment outside of office hours or to ask a question that would not be suitable for the discussion forums (it involves personal matters or your private information) you may email me at my university email address. Please note that if your question is answered on the course outline (which will be posted on UMLearn) I will simply direct you to find the answer yourself as I cannot handle the large volume of emails and still productively manage my courses when answering those kinds of emails. The subject line of your emails should contain "STAT 2300". All emails should start with an opening salutation, be written in complete English sentences and be signed with your name and student number. Please note that I will not divulge grades over email. All emails received during the work week will be replied to within 24 hours. While I will generally check my work emails over the weekend in case there is an emergency, you can expect a reply to non-urgent matters received over the weekend by Monday at noon.

**Office Hours:** My office hours are listed at the top of the course outline. While we are remote, there is one hour of dedicated STAT 2300 office hours that will be scheduled over Zoom as a drop-in session as well as the lecture period for any days designated for watching videos by yourself. Weeks without a video session I will add an extra office hour and notify the class in advance of its time. My office hours will change should we return to in person and you will be notified. They will be done partially in person and partially over Zoom for those that need the option. You do not need to make an appointment and may just show up to ask any questions that you may have. If you can not make my scheduled office hours, please email me to make an appointment.

**Student Accessibility Services:** If you are a student with a disability, please contact SAS for academic accommodation supports and services such as note-taking, interpreting, assistive technology and exam accommodations. Students who have, or think they may have, a disability (e.g. mental illness, learning, medical, hearing, injury-related, visual) are invited to contact SAS to arrange a confidential consultation.

<http://umanitoba.ca/student/saa/accessibility/> 520 University Centre  
204-474-7423  
[Student\\_accessibility@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Student_accessibility@umanitoba.ca)

## **Expectations: You Can Expect Me To**

As your instructor you can expect me to:

- Treat you with respect inside and outside of the classroom.
- Begin the class video stream 5-10 minutes prior to the start of class and remain for a few minutes afterwards to answer questions after the lecture.
- Come prepared to my lectures.
- Be available during my office hours and make my best attempt to provide sufficient notice if an office hour needs to be moved or canceled.
- Answer your questions thoughtfully and follow up if needed.
- Listen to your feedback/concerns and do my best to take reasonable requests in to account.
- Monitor my markers and ensure assessments are returned in a reasonable time period.
- Set assessments that are reasonable and contain questions that match the learning objectives for the course.
- Be passionate about my subject and what I teach.
- Be flexible in the face of any technological issues that may arise as we navigate remote learning together.

## Course Schedule and Evaluation

Please see the additional document with the class schedule for the list of classes, break down of live vs pre-recorded classes, and all due dates and important dates.

Please note that dates for live content coverage in these schedules are approximate and subject to minor changes. All classes marked as LIVE will be held live over Zoom. All classes marked as VIDEO are comprised of videos available through UMLearn that are to be watched on your own time that day. Should we return to in person, I will lecture the informational portions of these classes live but still leave the practice questions as videos for you to watch at home.

\* All assessments due prior to the Add/Drop date will be accepted through Friday, . However, for all of these assessments, the intention is that you would complete them within 24 hours of the corresponding class.

**Grading:** The following will be the breakdown of your class mark:

Reflections/Participation	5%
Papers	15 %
Project 1 & 2	20% (10% each)
Midterms 1-3	45% (15% each)
E.W.M.	5%
Take Home	10%

Marks will be posted on the gradebook in UMLearn.

The following are the minimum percentage grades required to receive each of the various letter grades: A<sup>+</sup> (90%), A (80%), B<sup>+</sup> (75%), B (70%), C<sup>+</sup> (65%), C (60%), D (50%).

**Midterm Info:** If we are remote, the midterms will take place over Crowdmark on Wednesday, March 2, Friday, April 1, and Monday, April 18. At 9:00 a.m. the exam questions will be sent to all students via a Crowdmark email. You will have 90 minutes from the time you start the assessment until 10:00 p.m. (One hour test plus upload time) You will be expected to write your answer to each question on a sheet of paper and then take a picture or scan a copy of your images and upload them to the link from Crowdmark. It is suggested that you use the Cam Scanner app to assure the file size is not too large which can result in delays in your test posting. All image files must be uploaded by the end of your 90 minutes. The exam itself will be written with the intention that it would take one hour to complete. Crowdmark keeps a record of all page views and upload attempts. Note that the midterms are to be completed independently without consultation from other people, websites, or your peers. You may use your submitted formula sheet/study guide, materials that are posted on UMLearn or available in the class textbook. If we are in-person, the midterm will take place during the class period. If we are remote, up until the start of the assessment, you can submit a formula/study guide to a dropbox on UMLearn to receive a bonus 5% on your



midterm. If we are in-person, you will be allowed to bring in one 8.5x11 sheet of paper and submit it for the 5% bonus if the instructor feels it is a good faith effort to include all the unit formulas. A calculator or access to R studio will be required for the midterm to complete the calculations. If you miss a midterm due to illness, you are required to fill out the university's self declaration form before the start of the assessment and email it to me within 48 hours of the due date. There will be a deferred midterm at a time not too far into the future scheduled by the instructor.

**Reflections/Participation:** After each live lecture a quiz will be opened in UMLearn for 24 hours\*. For the first class this will be a Getting to Know You Survey but following that it will be a prompt for a short 1-2 sentence written response. Each question will be marked out of 2. A score of 0 is for an entirely irrelevant answer. A score of 1 is for an answer that is relevant but incomplete (e.g. it asks for 2 examples and you give 1 or it asks you to explain why and you give a one word answer.) A score of 2 is for any answer that makes a genuine attempt at giving a complete answer to the question (regardless of whether it is correct or not). You may work with up to one other person and submit the same answer but you both must identify in your answer the full name and student ID number of the person you worked with. The answers must be in your own words (the exception being two people working together and identifying that they are submitting the same answer) and direct copying from the notes, text, or the internet is considered plagiarism and will be submitted for academic dishonesty. (\*For all assessments due before the add/drop deadline, the deadline will be set as 11:59 p.m. on Friday, September 25th. It is, however, the expectation that students registered in the course will still complete the responses for each class within 24 hours.) If we return to in person, these will be done on slips of paper during the class period and not through UMLearn. I will drop **three** of these to accommodate students needing to miss class.

**Project Info:** For each half of the course (sampling and design) there is a small project component. Both projects are scaffolded over three weeks with each part due at 11:59 p.m. on the Sunday of the week in a UMLearn assignment dropbox. All files must be submitted as word documents or PDFs. You must complete the previous part before the dropbox will appear to submit the next part. Late submissions of intermediary work will not be counted for marks but they still must be submitted in order to submit and receive marks for the later submissions. There is some flexibility on the submission date of the final project submissions if students request an extension via email prior to the deadline but note that will not change any of the other due dates. Full instructions will be provided on UMLearn and in class. These projects are individual but, as the projects will be unique, you may ask your peers for feedback or editing suggestions. The marking will be done using a rubric which will be available to students prior to starting the projects. These projects must be written in your own words. If you reference or quote a source, it is important that you cite your source in your project. All images that are not your own that you include in your projects must be cited as well.

**Papers Info:** There will be a 2-page paper due for the course which can be done optionally on a sampling or on a design topic. You will select a topic based on a list of interesting historical or current issues in sampling and design respectively. The paper scaffolded over several weeks with each part due at 11:59 p.m. on the Sunday of the week in a UMLearn assignment

dropbox. All files must be submitted as word documents or PDFs. You must complete the previous part before the dropbox will appear to submit the next part. Late submissions of intermediary work will not be counted for marks but they still must be submitted in order to submit and receive marks for the later submissions. There is some flexibility on the due date of the final submission if students request an extension by email prior to the deadline but note that will not change any of the other due dates. Full instructions will be provided on UMLearn and in class. The paper must have a minimum of two sources from newspaper or academic journal articles with citations done in APA formatting. There will be zero tolerance for plagiarism from your sources and you are highly encouraged to ask your instructor or a U of M academic writing tutor if you are unsure if you have correctly cited or properly paraphrased without plagiarizing. You may ask a peer for feedback on your paper but you must state who you showed your paper to in the comment box on your UMLearn submission page. The marking will be done using a rubric which will be available to students prior to starting the paper.

**Engages With Material:** At some point during the semester, each student must do an "Engages With Material" assessment. This can be done at any point during the semester up until the last possible date of April 21 at 11:59 p.m on any topic from the course. Each student will select a topic of interest to them and propose how they will be completing this assessment. The point is to demonstrate an understanding of a topic and to explore it in a creative way that has some educational value. This may be done as a group of two if the proposed project requires two people to fulfill the task. Full instructions will be given in the second week of term. This will be marked according to a series of specifications on a pass/fail basis. Students will have a second attempt with feedback if they do not pass the specifications on the first attempt if they submit at least one week prior to the final deadline.

**Final Exam Info:** As the exam period is limited to two hours for written exams, I am instead opting to have a take home assessment that will be handed out on the last day of class and due during the exam period as scheduled by the registrar's office. It will be non-computational and be a series of questions that requires you to engage with and explain ideas we have encountered throughout the course and what you have learned about being a statistician that works with real people, ethical constraints, and practical restrictions on how you can collect data. It will be due to a dropbox on UMLearn at the end of the exam period as scheduled by the registrar's office.

## Voluntary Withdrawal

The voluntary withdrawal date is **April** (by which time you will have received your marks for your first two midterms, one project, and your paper).

## 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. Schedule A will be posted on your instructor's UMLearn page.

# Course Topics

## Unit 1 – Introduction

- What is statistics?
- Populations vs Samples
- Sampling distributions

## Unit 2 – Survey Design and Construction

- Question design
- Sampling frames
- Non-response, response bias, non-sampling error

## Unit 3 – Simple Random Samples

- definition
- selection
- estimation and inference
- sample size determination

## Unit 4 – Stratified Sampling

- definition
- selection
- optimal allocation and construction
- estimation and inference

## Unit 5 – Other Sampling Schemes

- multistage sampling
- cluster sampling
- systematic sampling
- convenience/voluntary sampling
- census

## Unit 6 – Ratio, Difference, and Regression Estimators

- ratio estimators and sample size
- regression and difference estimators
- relative efficiency

**Unit 7** – Optional Topics in Sampling

- sampling hard-to-reach populations
- capture-recapture

**Unit 8** – Introduction to Experimental Design

- terminology
- well designed experiments
- observational studies vs experiments

**Unit 9** – Complete Randomized Designs

- approaches to randomization
- matched pairs
- two-sample independent tests
- one-way ANOVA

**Unit 10** – Randomized Block Designs & Two-Way ANOVA

- types of blocking
- designing experiments and randomization with blocking
- two-way ANOVA

**Unit 11** – Optional Topics in Design

- ethics in experiments
- limitations of studies and conclusions
- designed experiments

