


Statistical Analysis I PSYC 6019



	Lecture	Lab	Teaching Assistant
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	Lecture Time Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-5:25	Lab Time Fridays 2:00-4:45	
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	Office Hours JS Coon 235 Time TBA	Office Hours TBA	Office Hours TBA

This syllabus provides a general overview and plan for this course. Deviations may be necessary. I will alert you as soon as possible should any occur.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides the necessary tools for baseline statistical literacy for graduate students in psychology and broader social science. Topics will include probability, descriptive statistics and data visualization, inferential statistics and hypothesis testing, experimental design and analysis, and an introduction to Bayesian data analysis.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Achieve a level of statistical literacy appropriate for graduate level research productivity in psychology and social science
2. Learn how to convert experimental and observational quantitative data into actionable and valid scientific insight
3. Learn how to use R to conduct statistical analyses and generate scientific reports.

READINGS

Lecture:

Howell, D. C. (2011). Statistical methods for psychology (8th ed.). Belmont, CA: Cengage Learning. [Companion Website: www.uvm.edu/~dhowell/methods8/]

Lab (optional and free):

Navarro, D. (2018). Learning statistics with R: A tutorial for psychology students and other beginners. [Companion Website: <https://learningstatisticswithr.com/>]

Suggested readings are listed on the course schedule. These are **extremely** helpful but will not be required for assignments or exams.

R Resources (Lab Material)

The lab for this course will use the R software through the RStudio interface. We will also learn to use the Quarto language within RStudio to create reproducible reports that weave together R code, R output and plots, and text. R and RStudio are free and openly available for all users.

- The Comprehensive R Archive Network: <https://cran.r-project.org/>
- RStudio: <https://www.rstudio.com/>
- Quarto: <https://quarto.org/docs/guide/>

Cheat sheets for R and R Markdown will be posted on Blackboard. In addition, you may find the following resources helpful:

- More RStudio cheat sheets: <https://www.rstudio.com/resources/cheatsheets/>
- More about the tidyverse: <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/tidyr/vignettes/tidy-data.html>
- Tidy Tuesday: <https://twitter.com/search?q=tidyuesday>
- R bloggers: <https://www.r-bloggers.com/>

- Online courses:
 - o <https://www.rstudio.com/resources/training/>
 - o <https://www.datacamp.com/courses/free-introduction-to-r>
 - o <https://www.udemy.com/r-basics/>
 - o <https://www.edx.org/course/data-science-r-basics-2>
 - o Many, many more

Additional Readings

Additional readings pertaining to specific topics will be posted on Canvas.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Lectures in this course will be held in person. Each lecture will be recorded and posted online within 24 hours (if I forget, please remind me!)

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students should plan to attend all lecture and lab sessions in person. If you feel unwell, please let the instructor know and stay home!

Every lecture session will be connected to a recorded Zoom session. Students who are not able to attend in person but feel well enough to learn should plan to join the Zoom session. Students who can neither attend in person nor join the Zoom session should watch and take notes from the recording and be in contact with the instructor.

In the event of an absence, you are responsible for all missed materials, assignments, and any additional announcements or schedule changes given in class.

GRADING

Grade Components

1. Quizzes (30%)

Quizzes are short, graded assignments that students should complete at home after each week. Quizzes will be administered and automatically scored on Canvas. Quizzes will be made available immediately following the second lecture of each week and due before the first lecture of the following week. Students will have three (3) attempts to earn credit on each quiz. Only the highest scored attempt will count. Students are

expected to complete the quizzes independently and without consulting with other students.

There will be **12 total Quizzes (one for each week, excluding exam weeks)**.

2. Homework Assignments (30%)

There will be **six (6) homework assignments** throughout the course of the semester. Homework assignments can be found and submitted on Canvas. They will include content covered in both lecture and lab. You are encouraged to discuss assignments with the course instructors and your classmates, including on Ed Discussion (see below). However, you are expected to submit your own work on homework assignments. Submitting other's work as your own is considered plagiarism, and if necessary, will be dealt with through Georgia Tech's disciplinary process.

3. Final Exam (20%)

There will be one take-home final exam. You will be given at least one week to finish the exam after it is posted on Canvas. You are **NOT** allowed to discuss the exam with your classmates. You are allowed to contact the course instructor with questions. All posts regarding the Final Exam on Ed Discussion (see below) should be directed privately to instructors and not publicly visible to classmates.

4. Lab Activities (10%)

Students are expected to attend and participate in all scheduled labs. Labs will be hosted by the Lab Instructor and will consist of a short R presentation/demonstration, followed by a brief activity. Students are expected to work on the activity during the scheduled lab time. Lab activities will be due at 11:59pm on the day they are assigned and graded as complete or incomplete. As long as a complete attempt is made, full credit will be given. Late assignments will not be accepted.

5. Ed Discussion (10%)

Though in-class participation will be encouraged, this course will also have an asynchronous discussion component via Ed Discussion. The system is highly catered to getting you help fast and efficiently from instructors, TAs, and classmates.

To receive full credit for the **Ed Discussion** portion of your grade you must post **on average** at least one question or comment or answer to another student's question per week. These can be questions involving statistical concepts, questions about how write code to solve a problem, thoughts about your approach to Lab Assignments, or anything else relevant to course material. You are encouraged to answer each other's questions where possible, but course instructors will also be on hand to reply, and particularly notable questions may be brought up during lectures or labs for further live discussion. You are also encouraged to use Ed Discussion for purely logistical questions, but these will not count towards your grade.

Most of your Ed Discussion posts should be made to the full class. The exception is if you have a question about a particular assignment, quiz, or anything else that could spoil answers for classmates. In these cases, you should post to instructors only. Please post these messages rather than email or direct message them, as we may determine they are OK to make public (with your permission) if we think it would be helpful to others.

Final grade Criteria

- A: 90% or higher
- B: 80-89%
- C: 70-79%
- D: 60-69%
- F: Lower than 60%

UNIVERSITY AND CLASSROOM POLICIES

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

GEORGIA TECH AIMS TO CULTIVATE A COMMUNITY BASED ON TRUST, ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, AND HONOR. STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ACT ACCORDING TO THE HIGHEST ETHICAL STANDARDS. FOR INFORMATION ON GEORGIA TECH'S ACADEMIC HONOR CODE, PLEASE VISIT [HTTP://WWW.CATALOG.GATECH.EDU/POLICIES/HONOR-CODE/](http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/policies/honor-code/) OR [HTTP://WWW.CATALOG.GATECH.EDU/RULES/18/](http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/rules/18/). ANY STUDENT SUSPECTED OF CHEATING OR PLAGIARIZING ON A QUIZ, EXAM, OR ASSIGNMENT WILL BE REPORTED TO THE OFFICE OF STUDENT INTEGRITY, WHO WILL INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT AND IDENTIFY THE APPROPRIATE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS.

Use of ChatGPT or other AI Resources

ChatGPT is a useful tool, but it is far from perfect. There are no strict restrictions on using such tools as a **learning resource**. **However, your final submitted work must be your own original work.** If you use resources such as ChatGPT to assist in your learning, you are solely responsible for verifying the accuracy of information provided, and **any submissions of graded material suspected of being generated by ChatGPT or other AI tool constitutes plagiarism** and will be handled in accordance with class and Georgia Tech academic integrity policies.

Office of Disability Services

If you are a student with learning needs that require special accommodation, contact the Office of Disability Services at (404)894-2563 or <http://disabilityservices.gatech.edu/>, as soon as possible, to make an appointment to discuss your special needs and to obtain an accommodations letter. Please also e-mail me as soon as possible in order to set up a time to discuss your learning needs.

Exam Procedures

Exams will be proctored live. Notes, books, calculators, computers, electronic devices etc. are not allowed unless otherwise specified in the directions. You will be notified ahead of time for exams what devices are allowed.

Missed Exams

- If you have a valid reason to request a make-up exam, please contact the instructor as early as possible. Only extraordinary cases (with proof) will be considered.
- In the case of SERIOUS illness, please contact the instructor BEFORE the exam and get a doctor's note.
- In the case of emergency, please contact the Office of Dean of Students immediately.
- Requests for student organization excused absences must be made no later than two weeks prior to the date of the event. No late requests will be honored. Please have your advisor send me a written notice or an e-mail.

Student-Faculty Expectations Agreement

At Georgia Tech we believe that it is important to strive for an atmosphere of mutual respect, acknowledgment, and responsibility between faculty members and the student body. See <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/rules/22/> for an articulation of some basic expectation that you can have of me and that I have of you. In the end, simple respect

for knowledge, hard work, and cordial interactions will help build the environment we seek. Therefore, I encourage you to remain committed to the ideals of Georgia Tech while in this class.

My main rule is this: if you put appropriate effort into this course, and are respectful of the time and effort your instructors, Tas, and classmates put in, I will always be willing to repay that respect in kind and help you succeed in any way I can.

ADDITIONAL STUDENT RESOURCES

Mental Health Resources

All of us benefit from support during times of struggle. You are not alone. There are many helpful resources available on campus and an important part of the college experience is learning how to ask for help. Asking for support sooner rather than later is often helpful. If you or anyone you know experiences any academic stress, difficult life events, or feelings like anxiety or depression, we strongly encourage you to seek support.

Counseling Center



Smithgall Student Services Building, 2nd floor



404-894-2575

After hours counselor: 404-894-2204



Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.



<http://counseling.gatech.edu>

Personal Resources

The Office of the Dean of Students



Smithgall Student Services Building, 2nd floor



404-894-6367



<http://studentlife.gatech.edu/content/services>

<https://gatech-advocate.symplcity.com/care-report/index.php/pid383662?>

Students' Temporary Assistance and Resources (STAR): Can assist with interview clothing, food, and housing needs.



<http://studentlife.gatech.edu/content/need-help>

Stamps Health Services: Primary care, pharmacy, women's health, psychiatry, immunization and allergy, health promotion, and nutrition



404-894-1420



<https://health.gatech.edu>

Women's Resource Center



404-385-0230



<http://www.womenscenter.gatech.edu>

LGBTQIA Resource Center



404-385-2679



<http://lgbtqia.gatech.edu/>

Veteran's Resource Center



404-385-2067



<http://veterans.gatech.edu/>

Academic Resources

Center for Academic Success

<http://success.gatech.edu>

1-to-1 tutoring <http://success.gatech.edu/1-1-tutoring>



Peer-Led Undergraduate Study (PLUS)

<http://success.gatech.edu/tutoring/plus>

Academic coaching <http://success.gatech.edu/coaching>

Residence Life's Learning Assistance Program <https://housing.gatech.edu/learning-assistance-program>

OMED: Educational Services (<http://omed.gatech.edu/programs/academic-support>)

- Group study sessions and tutoring programs

Communication Center (<http://www.communicationcenter.gatech.edu>)

- Individualized help with writing and multimedia projects

Academic advisors for your major

Software and IT help



<https://www.oit.gatech.edu/>



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support@cos.gatech.edu



Free access to Microsoft Word at <https://oit.gatech.edu/email>

Digital Reader Supports



Beeline Reader at <https://www.beelinereader.com/>



Dyslexie Font <https://www.dyslexiefont.com/>

Statement of Inclusivity

As a member of the Georgia Tech community, I am committed to creating a learning environment in which all of my students feel safe and included. Because we are individuals with varying needs, I am reliant on your feedback to achieve this goal. To that end, I invite you to enter into dialogue with me about the things I can stop, start, and continue doing to make my classroom an environment in which every student feels valued and can engage actively in our learning community.

HEALTH PROTOCOL

Though it is unlikely, out of concern for the health of everyone, if the instructor becomes ill the in-person lectures or labs may move online for a period if necessary during the semester.