



# STAT711

## Generalized Linear Models

S2 Evening 2014

*Statistics*

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## General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

Admission to MRes

Corequisites

STAT710

Co-badged status

STAT811 is co-taught with STAT411 and STAT711

Unit description

This unit starts with the classical normal linear regression model. The family of generalized linear models is then introduced and maximum likelihood estimators are derived. Models for counted responses, binary responses, continuous non-normal responses and categorical responses; and models for correlated responses, both normal and non-normal, and generalized additive models, are studied. All models and methods are illustrated using data sets from scientific disciplines such as biology, marine science and medicine. SAS software is used.

## Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Formulate a generalized linear model; estimate the parameters using SAS or other appropriate statistical software; perform diagnostic model checking; perform model selection; and interpret the model parameters.

Derive the maximum likelihood estimators for a generalized linear model, and test hypotheses.

Carry out in-depth graphical data exploration, and perform appropriate data transformations.

Formulate and estimate a model for correlated data, using random effects or generalized estimating equations, as appropriate; interpret the model parameters.

Formulate and estimate a generalized additive model.

Write a well-structured technical report on statistical analysis performed.

Write a report on statistical analysis performed, for a non-statistical audience.

## General Assessment Information

In order to pass the unit, students need to perform satisfactorily on all components of assessment (assignments and examinations).

**Assignment submission** Assignments should be submitted to the lecturer, by 6pm on the due date. On-campus students are expected to submit assignments at the lecture; external students should email or mail them.

**Extensions and penalties** Extensions to assignments is at the discretion of the lecturer. It is the responsibility of the student to prove that there has been unavoidable disruption. Marks will be deducted for late submissions in the absence of an approved extension.

**Examination** There will be a two-hour sit-down examination, and a take-home examination which you have four days to complete. You will be permitted to bring an A4 sheet of notes, handwritten or typed, on both sides, into the sit-down examination. Please note that students who have not performed satisfactorily in the assignments, will not be permitted to sit either the sit-down or the take-home examination. Any student who is to be excluded from the examinations, will be notified in writing of this after the due date of the last assignment. The sit-down examination will be timetabled in the official University examination timetable. The timing of the take-home examination will be determined in class, once the draft University timetable has been published. A tentative hand-in date of 24 November has been set.

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<a href="#">Assignment 1</a>	15%	August 25
<a href="#">Assignment 2</a>	15%	October 13
<a href="#">Assignment 3</a>	15%	November 3
<a href="#">Take home exam</a>	30%	November 24
<a href="#">Exam</a>	25%	S2 exam period

### Assignment 1

Due: **August 25**

Weighting: **15%**

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Formulate a generalized linear model; estimate the parameters using SAS or other appropriate statistical software; perform diagnostic model checking; perform model selection; and interpret the model parameters.
- Derive the maximum likelihood estimators for a generalized linear model, and test hypotheses.
- Carry out in-depth graphical data exploration, and perform appropriate data transformations.
- Write a well-structured technical report on statistical analysis performed.
- Write a report on statistical analysis performed, for a non-statistical audience.

### Assignment 2

Due: **October 13**

Weighting: **15%**

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Derive the maximum likelihood estimators for a generalized linear model, and test hypotheses.
- Carry out in-depth graphical data exploration, and perform appropriate data

transformations.

- Formulate and estimate a model for correlated data, using random effects or generalized estimating equations, as appropriate; interpret the model parameters.
- Write a well-structured technical report on statistical analysis performed.
- Write a report on statistical analysis performed, for a non-statistical audience.

## Assignment 3

Due: **November 3**

Weighting: **15%**

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Formulate a generalized linear model; estimate the parameters using SAS or other appropriate statistical software; perform diagnostic model checking; perform model selection; and interpret the model parameters.
- Derive the maximum likelihood estimators for a generalized linear model, and test hypotheses.
- Carry out in-depth graphical data exploration, and perform appropriate data transformations.
- Formulate and estimate a model for correlated data, using random effects or generalized estimating equations, as appropriate; interpret the model parameters.
- Formulate and estimate a generalized additive model.
- Write a well-structured technical report on statistical analysis performed.
- Write a report on statistical analysis performed, for a non-statistical audience.

## Take home exam

Due: **November 24**

Weighting: **30%**

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Formulate a generalized linear model; estimate the parameters using SAS or other appropriate statistical software; perform diagnostic model checking; perform model selection; and interpret the model parameters.
- Derive the maximum likelihood estimators for a generalized linear model, and test hypotheses.

- Carry out in-depth graphical data exploration, and perform appropriate data transformations.
- Formulate and estimate a model for correlated data, using random effects or generalized estimating equations, as appropriate; interpret the model parameters.
- Formulate and estimate a generalized additive model.
- Write a well-structured technical report on statistical analysis performed.
- Write a report on statistical analysis performed, for a non-statistical audience.

## Exam

Due: **S2 exam period**

Weighting: **25%**

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On successful completion you will be able to:

- Formulate a generalized linear model; estimate the parameters using SAS or other appropriate statistical software; perform diagnostic model checking; perform model selection; and interpret the model parameters.
- Derive the maximum likelihood estimators for a generalized linear model, and test hypotheses.
- Carry out in-depth graphical data exploration, and perform appropriate data transformations.
- Formulate and estimate a model for correlated data, using random effects or generalized estimating equations, as appropriate; interpret the model parameters.
- Formulate and estimate a generalized additive model.

## Delivery and Resources

Lectures and tutorials are at the following times:

**Lecture:** Monday 6-8pm, E6A 131

**Tutorial:** Monday 8-9pm, E4B 214

External students are expected to study the course notes and attempt the tutorials, weekly. They are also welcome to optionally attend the weekly lectures and tutorials:

**Course notes:** Course notes are available on iLearn, prior to the lecture. Tutorial solutions are posted on iLearn.

### Required and recommended resources

There is no prescribed text for this unit. The following are useful references:

1. McCullagh, P. and Nelder, J.A. (1989). **Generalized Linear Models**, 2nd edition, Chapman & Hall.

2. Dobson, A. J. and Barnett, A. G. (2008). **An Introduction to Generalized Linear Models**, 3rd edition, Chapman & Hall.
3. De Jong, P. and Heller, G.Z. (2008). **Generalized Linear Models for Insurance Data**, Cambridge University Press.
4. Lindsey, J.K. (1997). **Applying Generalized Linear Models**, Springer.
5. SAS manual, available in the SAS help menu.

Some references to texts on Generalized Linear Models using SAS are given on <http://www.statsci.org/glm/books.html>

### Recommended web sites

<http://www.statsci.org/glm/>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Generalized\\_linear\\_models](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Generalized_linear_models)

### TECHNOLOGY USED

#### Software

We will be using the software SAS version 9.3. If you require the software for your home computer, we will supply you with a fully working version (with one year's licence). You can also access SAS remotely using the iLab application. Please see separate handout concerning this.

#### iLearn

We will be using iLearn for posting of course notes, assignments, solutions and data sets, and online discussions. You are encouraged to use the forums for discussions on the course material. Remember that if you are confused about something, the chances are that other students are also confused. Everybody benefits from the discussions, and you should not be embarrassed to admit that you do not understand a concept.

**Audio recordings of lectures** Audio recordings of the lectures (Echo) will be available on the iLearn site.

## Unit Schedule

Week	Topics
1	The classical normal linear model

2	Introduction to GLMs: The framework of generalized linear models is introduced, and the theory behind maximum likelihood estimation of the parameters started.
3	Maximum likelihood estimation of the parameters; Poisson regression for count data
4	Inference; comparison of models The deviance as a measure of fit; hypothesis testing
5	Model checking: Definition of residuals in glms; checking for violation of model assumptions
6	Model selection; overdispersion: Selection of models via AIC; the phenomenon of overdispersion; compound Poisson models to overcome it; the negative binomial model for counts
7	Binary responses: logistic regression
	Session 2 Break
8	No lecture (public holiday)
9	Logistic regression contd; Zero-inflated models; Generalized additive models
10	Regression models for ordinal and categorical responses
11	Correlated data: Models for longitudinal data, and other data structures in which there is clustering or correlation between observations
12	Correlated data
13	Correlated data

## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy [http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic\\_honesty/policy.html](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html)

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy [http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance\\_management/policy.html](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html)

Disruption to Studies Policy [http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption\\_studies/policy.html](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html) *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and*



*replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

## Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student\\_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

## Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

## Learning Skills

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

## Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

## Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

## IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

## Graduate Capabilities

### PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## Learning outcomes

- Formulate a generalized linear model; estimate the parameters using SAS or other appropriate statistical software; perform diagnostic model checking; perform model selection; and interpret the model parameters.
- Derive the maximum likelihood estimators for a generalized linear model, and test hypotheses.
- Carry out in-depth graphical data exploration, and perform appropriate data transformations.
- Formulate and estimate a model for correlated data, using random effects or generalized estimating equations, as appropriate; interpret the model parameters.
- Formulate and estimate a generalized additive model.

## Assessment tasks

- Assignment 1
- Assignment 2
- Assignment 3
- Take home exam
- Exam

## PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## Learning outcomes

- Formulate a generalized linear model; estimate the parameters using SAS or other appropriate statistical software; perform diagnostic model checking; perform model selection; and interpret the model parameters.
- Carry out in-depth graphical data exploration, and perform appropriate data transformations.
- Formulate and estimate a model for correlated data, using random effects or generalized estimating equations, as appropriate; interpret the model parameters.
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## PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## Learning outcomes

- Formulate a generalized linear model; estimate the parameters using SAS or other appropriate statistical software; perform diagnostic model checking; perform model selection; and interpret the model parameters.
- Carry out in-depth graphical data exploration, and perform appropriate data transformations.
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- Assignment 2
- Assignment 3
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## PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## Learning outcomes

- Write a well-structured technical report on statistical analysis performed.
- Write a report on statistical analysis performed, for a non-statistical audience.

## Assessment tasks

- Assignment 1
- Assignment 2
- Assignment 3
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- Exam

## PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues

This graduate capability is supported by:

## Learning outcomes

- Write a well-structured technical report on statistical analysis performed.
- Write a report on statistical analysis performed, for a non-statistical audience.

## Assessment task

- Take home exam

## PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

This graduate capability is supported by:

## Learning outcomes

- Write a well-structured technical report on statistical analysis performed.
- Write a report on statistical analysis performed, for a non-statistical audience.

## Assessment tasks

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- Assignment 2

- Assignment 3
- Take home exam

## Changes since First Published

Date	Description
01/08/2014	Consultation hours for Gillian Heller changed.