



# STAT6175

## Linear Models

Session 1, Online with attendance for exam, Exam centre within Australia 2020

*Department of Mathematics and Statistics*

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## General Information

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Prerequisites

((STAT6170 or STAT670) and (BCA802 or STAT8602 or MATH604 or MATH6904)) or  
(Admission to MDataSc and (STAT6170 or STAT670))

Corequisites

STAT6180 or STAT680 or STAT6183 or STAT683

Co-badged status

STAT3175

Unit description

This unit discusses statistical modelling in general and in particular demonstrates the wide applicability of linear and generalized linear models. Topics include multiple linear regression, logistic regression and Poisson regression. The emphasis is on practical issues in data analysis with some reference to the theoretical background. Statistical packages are used for both model fitting and diagnostic testing.

## 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:

**ULO1:** Define relevant terminology and describe the main concepts of linear models and simple generalized linear models.

**ULO2:** Formulate and solve theoretical problems in linear modelling (using matrix notation when necessary).

**ULO3:** Fit a linear model to obtain estimates together with their standard errors in applied problems.

**ULO4:** Analyse the adequacy of a linear model and suggest appropriate modifications when needed.

**ULO5:** Formulate and solve applied problems using linear modelling.

**ULO6:** Use standard statistics packages to carry out these analyses.

**ULO7:** Communicate clearly your knowledge of the subject matter of linear models and their solutions to problems involving linear modelling.

## Assessment Tasks

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Assessment details are no longer provided here as a result of changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Students should consult [iLearn](#) for revised unit information.

[Find out more about the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and potential impacts on staff and students](#)

## General Assessment Information

**ATTENDANCE and PARTICIPATION:** Please contact the unit convenor as soon as possible if you have difficulty attending and participating in any classes. There may be alternatives available to make up the work. If there are circumstances that mean you will miss a class, you can apply for Special Consideration via [ask.mq.edu.au](https://ask.mq.edu.au)

**ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION:** Assignment submission will be online through the iLearn page.

Submit assignments online via the appropriate assignment link on the iLearn page. A personalised cover sheet is not required with online submissions. Read the submission statement carefully before accepting it as there are substantial penalties for making a false declaration.

- Assignment submission is via iLearn. You should upload this as a single scanned PDF file.

- Please note the quick guide on how to upload your assignments provided on the iLearn page.
- Please make sure that each page in your uploaded assignment corresponds to only one A4 page (do not upload an A3 page worth of content as an A4 page in landscape). If you are using an app like Clear Scanner, please make sure that the photos you are using are clear and shadow-free.
- It is your responsibility to make sure your assignment submission is legible.
- If there are technical obstructions to your submitting online, please email us to let us know.

You may submit as often as required prior to the due date/time. Please note that each submission will completely replace any previous submissions. It is in your interests to make frequent submissions of your partially completed work as insurance against technical or other problems near the submission deadline.

**LATE SUBMISSION OF WORK:** All assessment tasks must be submitted by the official due date and time. In the case of a late submission for a non-timed assessment (e.g. an assignment), if special consideration has NOT been granted, 20% of the earned mark will be deducted for each 24-hour period (or part thereof) that the submission is late for the first 2 days (including weekends and/or public holidays). For example, if an assignment is submitted 25 hours late, its mark will attract a penalty equal to 40% of the earned mark. After 2 days (including weekends and public holidays) a mark of 0% will be awarded. Timed assessment tasks (e.g. tests, examinations) do not fall under these rules.

**FINAL EXAM POLICY:** It is Macquarie University policy not to set early examinations for individuals or groups of students. All students are expected to ensure that they are available until the end of the teaching semester, that is, the final day of the official examination period. The only excuse for not sitting an examination at the designated time is because of documented illness or unavoidable disruption. In these special circumstances, you may apply for special consideration via [ask.mq.edu.au](https://ask.mq.edu.au).

If you receive special consideration for the final exam, a supplementary exam will be scheduled in the interval between the regular exam period and the start of the next session. By making a special consideration application for the final exam you are declaring yourself available for a resit during this supplementary examination period and will not be eligible for a second special consideration approval based on pre-existing commitments. Please ensure you are familiar with the policy prior to submitting an application.

You can check the supplementary exam information page on FSE101 in iLearn ([bit.ly/FSESupp](https://bit.ly/FSESupp)) for dates, and approved applicants will receive an individual notification one week prior to the exam with the exact date and time of their supplementary examination.

## Delivery and Resources

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19.

Please check here for updated delivery information: [https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit\\_status](https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status)

You should attend the following classes each week:

- one 2 hour lecture
- one 2 hour Small Group Teaching Activity (SGTA).

Check [timetables.mq.edu.au](https://timetables.mq.edu.au) or the unit iLearn page for class details.

**Lectures** begin in Week 1. Lecture notes are available on iLearn prior to the lecture.

**SGTA** begin in week 2 and are based on work from the current week's lecture. SGTA are held in computing labs and allow you to practice techniques learnt in lectures. We will mainly use SPSS, but we will supplement this with other statistical software. You will complete worksheets as part of the learning process. SPSS is installed in the computing labs, and will be used in SGTA classes and for assignments. Assignments may be completed in these rooms. It is most convenient to bring a memory stick when using these computers.

**Text book** The recommended text (available from the Co-op Bookshop) is: Chatterjee S & Hadi AS (2012). **Regression Analysis By Example**, 5th Revised edition, Wiley. This is available online from the university library, as well as paper copies.

**Calculator** You will need a calculator with statistical mode for the final examination.

**Software** The statistical software SPSS will be the main package used. In addition, we will be demonstrating applications using other statistical software such as Minitab and Arc. All of this software is available in the computer labs in 6 Eastern Road.

- You may access SPSS, Arc and Minitab remotely, at no cost, via AppStream: <https://mq.okta.com/> and then select Appstream - Student Applications
- Arc may be downloaded for free from <https://www.stat.umn.edu/arc/software.html>
- Minitab may be downloaded for student use from <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/technology/software-downloads/minitab> You must select the full version, not express
- You may wish to buy a copy of SPSS for home use. The Co-op Bookshop has SPSS Grad Pack, a full version with a one-year licence. You should purchase the Premium or Standard version.

**Staff consultation hours** Members of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics have consultation hours each week when they are available to help students. These consultation hours are available on iLearn.

# Unit Schedule

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

The unit schedule/topics and any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19. Please consult [iLearn](#) for latest details, and check here for updated delivery information: [https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit\\_status](https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status)

Date	Week	Topic	Text chapter	Task Due
24 Feb	1	Simple linear regression	1,2	
2 Mar	2	Simple linear regression contd, introduction to multiple linear regression	2	
9 Mar	3	The model in matrix form, hypothesis tests, residuals, residual & partial regression plots	3,4	
16 Mar	4	Diagnostics contd: extreme observations (leverage, DFBETAs, Cook's distances); transformations	4, 6	Assignment 1 due
23 Mar	5	Transformations contd; collinearity	6, 9	
30 Mar	6	Polynomial regression; categorical covariates	5	
6 April	7	Analysis of change		
		Mid-semester break		
27 April	8	Interaction and confounding	5	
4 May	9	Variable selection, model building	11	Assignment 2 due
11 May	10	Introduction to generalized linear models; Logistic regression	12	
18 May	11	Logistic regression ; Poisson regression	12, 13	
25 May	12	Poisson regression	13	Assignment 3 due
1 June	13	Revision		

## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/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/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

## Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](https://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

## 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](https://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

## 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)

If you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

## IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about\\_us/offices\\_and\\_units/information\\_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

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

## Changes since First Published

Date	Description
18/02/2020	Amendments to the assessment tasks were updated in the CMS.