



STAT6102

Graphics, Multivariate Methods and Data Mining

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School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

STAT6170 or STAT670

Corequisites

STAT6180 or STAT680

Co-badged status

STAT3102

Unit description

This unit introduces statistical tools for multivariate data analysis such as statistical graphics, discriminant analysis, principal component analysis, cluster analysis and an introduction to data mining, especially classification. Statistical packages are used extensively to illustrate the concepts.

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: Interpret and apply principles underlying statistical data visualisation, multivariate methods and data mining to problems arising from diverse fields of research.

ULO2: Choose appropriate graphical techniques for displaying data.

ULO3: Choose the appropriate statistical analysis, for a given data set, from a wide range of methods based on multivariate methods and data mining.

ULO4: Use a statistical computer package to carry out chosen analyses and interpret the

results; present the results of analyses in a form which is suitable for technical report or publication.

General Assessment Information

From 1 July 2022, Students enrolled in Session based units with written assessments will have the following late penalty applied. Please see <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/assessment-exams/assessments> for more information. Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a grade of '0' will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11:55 pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical concern. For any late submission of time-sensitive tasks, such as scheduled tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, and/or scheduled practical assessments/labs, students need to submit an application for Special Consideration.

Late Submissions in this unit:

- SGTA Works – **YES** (the late penalty applies)
- Mid-Semester Test – **NO** (unless Special Consideration is granted to sit supplementary Mid-Semester Test)
- Practical Test – **NO** (unless Special Consideration is granted to sit supplementary Practical Test).

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
SGTA Works	10%	No	Week 3; 5; 7; 10
Mid-Semester Test	30%	No	Week 8
Practical Test	60%	No	Week 12

SGTA Works

Assessment Type ¹: Qualitative analysis task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **Week 3; 5; 7; 10**

Weighting: **10%**

The tasks given during four SGTA computer lab sessions are to be completed within the allocated time and submitted via iLearn. The four SGTA Works are worth 10% in total.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Choose appropriate graphical techniques for displaying data.
- Choose the appropriate statistical analysis, for a given data set, from a wide range of methods based on multivariate methods and data mining.
- Use a statistical computer package to carry out chosen analyses and interpret the results; present the results of analyses in a form which is suitable for technical report or publication.

Mid-Semester Test

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 1 hours

Due: **Week 8**

Weighting: **30%**

Further information will be provided in the iLearn site of the unit.

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- Interpret and apply principles underlying statistical data visualisation, multivariate methods and data mining to problems arising from diverse fields of research.
- Choose appropriate graphical techniques for displaying data.
- Choose the appropriate statistical analysis, for a given data set, from a wide range of methods based on multivariate methods and data mining.

Practical Test

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 2 hours

Due: **Week 12**

Weighting: **60%**

This is an open book style practical exam. The practical test is designed to examine the use of software for data analysis and the software output interpretation skills taught in the unit.

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methods and data mining to problems arising from diverse fields of research.

- Choose appropriate graphical techniques for displaying data.
- Choose the appropriate statistical analysis, for a given data set, from a wide range of methods based on multivariate methods and data mining.
- Use a statistical computer package to carry out chosen analyses and interpret the results; present the results of analyses in a form which is suitable for technical report or publication.

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Software: SPSS and R

The recommended references are

Chambers J M et al (1983) Graphical Methods for Data Analysis;

Cleveland W S (1994) Elements of Graphing Data;

Tufte E R (2001) The Visual Display of Quantitative Information;

Everitt B S et al (2001) Applied multivariate data analysis;

Johnson, R.A. & Wichern, D.W. (2002) Applied Multivariate Statistical Analysis;

Manly, B F J (2004) Multivariate Statistical Methods - A Primer.

Unit Schedule

Week	Topic	Due
	Introduction	
	Different graphical displays	
	Displaying multivariate data	SGTA Work

Week	Topic	Due
	Similarities and distances	
	Hierarchical cluster analysis	SGTA Work
	K-means clustering	
	Eigenvalues and eigenvectors	SGTA Work
	Principal component analysis	Mid-Semester Test
	Principal component analysis cont.	
	Discriminant analysis	SGTA Work
	Classification Trees Revision	
	Final assessment:	Practical Test

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- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

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