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General Information

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Credit points
3

Prerequisites
6cp at 200 level including (STAT272 or STAT273)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit provides an introduction to likelihood-based statistical inference. After a brief discussion of the multivariable calculus concepts needed, students will study (multivariate) change of variable, the likelihood function and maximum likelihood estimation, using examples of distributions from STAT272 and STAT273. The theory of estimation and hypothesis testing will be discussed, including most powerful tests, large sample theory, the sufficiency principle, the likelihood ratio principle, and sequential probability ratio tests.

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:
Be able to understand that there are theoretical reasons why various estimators and tests are used.
Be familiar with the derivations of estimators and tests.
Be able to derive estimators and their theoretical properties.
Be able to generate tests for various statistical hypotheses.

Assessment Tasks

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Assignment 1
Due: **17th March**
Weighting: **10%**
Submit to your lecturer by 4pm on the due date. There is no “group work” assessment in this unit. All work is to be the student’s own. No extensions will be granted. Students who have not submitted the assignment prior to the deadline will be awarded a mark of 0 for the assignment, except for cases in which an application for disruption to studies is made and approved.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Be able to understand that there are theoretical reasons why various estimators and tests are used.
- Be familiar with the derivations of estimators and tests.
- Be able to derive estimators and their theoretical properties.

Assignment 2
Due: **11th April**
Weighting: **10%**
Submit to your lecturer by 4pm on the due date. There is no “group work” assessment in this unit. All work is to be the student’s own. No extensions will be granted. Students who have not submitted the assignment prior to the deadline will be awarded a mark of 0 for the assignment, except for cases in which an application for disruption to studies is made and approved.
On successful completion you will be able to:

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**Assignment 3**

**Due:** 23rd May  
**Weighting:** 10%

Submit to your lecturer by 4pm on the due date. There is no “group work” assessment in this unit. All work is to be the student’s own. No extensions will be granted. Students who have not submitted the assignment prior to the deadline will be awarded a mark of 0 for the assignment, except for cases in which an application for disruption to studies is made and approved.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Be able to understand that there are theoretical reasons why various estimators and tests are used.
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- Be able to generate tests for various statistical hypotheses.

**Tutorial Participation**

**Due:** Weeks 2 to 13  
**Weighting:** 10%

Students will contribute to discussions and hand in at least one handwritten page of tutorial problem solutions per tutorial.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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**Final Exam**

**Due:** TBA
Unit guide STAT306 Statistical Inference

Weighting: 60%

The final Examination will be held during the mid-year Examination period. The final Examination is 3 hours long (with an additional 10 minutes' reading time). It will cover all topics in the unit. The final examination is closed book. Students may take into the final Exam TWO A4 pages of notes handwritten (not typed) on BOTH sides. Calculators will be needed but must not be of the text/programmable type.

The University Examination timetable will be available in Draft form approximately 8 weeks before the commencement of the examinations and in Final form approximately 4 weeks before the commencement of the examinations at: http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au/exam

The only exception to not sitting an examination on the designated date is because of documented illness or unavoidable disruption. In these circumstances you may wish to consider applying for disruption to studies.

If you notify the University of your disruption to studies for your final examination, you must make yourself available for the week of July 24 – 28, 2017. If you are not available at that time, there is no guarantee an additional examination time will be offered. Specific examination dates and times will be determined at a later date.

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Delivery and Resources

There are four contact hours per week, comprised of three lectures and one tutorial. Check the timetable for classes.

Please consult iLearn or the Unit webpage for details of consultation hours.

Technologies used and required

Lecture material will be placed on iLearn.

Students will need to use a calculator for the final examination and some of the other assessments.

Unit Schedule

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<td>Probability, expectation, change of variable, moment generating functions, multivariate distributions, conditional expectation.</td>
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Learning and Teaching Activities

Lecture
Three hours a week.

Tutorial
One hour a week.

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

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/

Results

Results shown in iLearn, 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.
Unit guide STAT306 Statistical Inference


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) 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

IT Help
For help with University computer systems and technology, visit 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.

Graduate Capabilities

Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills
Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Be able to understand that there are theoretical reasons why various estimators and
tests are used.
• Be familiar with the derivations of estimators and tests.
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**Assessment tasks**

• Assignment 1
• Assignment 2
• Assignment 3
• Tutorial Participation
• Final Exam

**Learning and teaching activities**

• Three hours a week.
• One hour a week.

**Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking**

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

• Be familiar with the derivations of estimators and tests.
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• Be able to generate tests for various statistical hypotheses.

**Assessment tasks**

• Assignment 1
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**Learning and teaching activities**

• Three hours a week.
• One hour a week.
Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Be familiar with the derivations of estimators and tests.
- Be able to derive estimators and their theoretical properties.
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Assessment tasks

- Assignment 1
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Learning and teaching activities

- Three hours a week.
- One hour a week.

Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Assessment tasks

- Tutorial Participation
- Final Exam

Learning and teaching activities

- Three hours a week.
- One hour a week.
Textbooks and other reference material

There is no prescribed textbook for the Unit. Any book with a title such as “Introduction to Mathematical Statistics” will be suitable as a reference. The reference for STAT273, Wackerly, D., Mendenhall W., and Scheaffer, R.L. Mathematical Statistics with Applications (4th, 5th or 6th Editions), would be useful. The lecture notes will be extensive and fairly self-contained.

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