Multivariate Statistical Methods
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Course Syllabus

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Course Syllabus: http://bear.warrington.ufl.edu/shugan/7626/course_syllabus.pdf
Website: http://bear.warrington.ufl.edu/shugan/7626/

Data for Exercises
http://bear.warrington.ufl.edu/shugan/7626/sample_data.xls
http://bear.warrington.ufl.edu/shugan/7626/factor_data.xls
http://bear.warrington.ufl.edu/shugan/7626/regress_data.xls
http://bear.warrington.ufl.edu/shugan/7626/cluster_data.xls
http://bear.warrington.ufl.edu/shugan/7626/mds_data.xls
http://bear.warrington.ufl.edu/shugan/7626/planes_data.xls

Textbook

Lecture Notes and Handouts are available in class or on course website

Software
We focus on research design and analysis rather than software. You can use many different software packages to complete the course assignments. Any advanced statistical software available at your department is acceptable for homework assignments. However, class examples will use SPSS Statistics GradPack™ for Windows, which is a full version of the SPSS software (SPSS Base, SPSS Regression & SPSS Advanced Statistics
See: http://www-01.ibm.com/software/analytics/spss/
The software should be available at the University of Florida Bookstore at the Reitz Union or online (usually on a time-limited license) at: http://www.onthehub.com/spss/

Classroom examples will use SPSS Statistics GradPack™ for Windows. Do not confuse this software with the Business Version or Student versions – neither version is useful for this class. The appropriate software includes the Multivariate General Linear Model. Version 13.0 and newer include Amos that estimates structural equation models.
Course Content

This course covers basic multivariate data analysis with an emphasis on applications for business, marketing research and consumer behavior. The course is an introductory survey that compares and contrast many different multivariate techniques. The course emphasizes applications of multivariate analysis from a conceptual viewpoint as well as research design. IT IS NOT A COURSE ON SATISTICAL SOFTWARE. Moreover, very little class time is devoted to software and students are free to use different software packages.

This course is NOT a mathematical development of multivariate statistical techniques and, as noted, it is not a programming course on using statistical packages. In contrast, the course emphasizes the design of a multivariate research project, the choice of a multivariate method, the testing of the fundamental assumptions underlying various multivariate methods, the validation of a multivariate analysis, the important issues involved in evaluating the quality of a multivariate data analysis and interpretation of the results.

This course provides an overview of multivariate methods, differences between the methods and the application of these methods in the academic literature. The course covers a large number of multivariate methods used in social sciences including:

- Approaches for missing data
- Analysis of Outliers
- Multiple Regression Analyses
- Multiple Discriminant analyses
- Canonical Correlation
- Multivariate Analysis Of Variance
- Factor Analysis
- Cluster Analysis
- Multidimensional Scaling
- Conjoint Analysis
- Structural Equation Modeling
- Logit Models

Course Objectives

- To introduce different methods for multivariate data analysis
- To explain how to match multivariate techniques with research objectives
- To test the assumptions and interpret the results of a multivariate analysis
- To understand the issues in the estimation and validation of a multivariate analysis
- To understand research employing various multivariate techniques

Student Evaluation

70% I give announced quizzes at the beginning of class throughout the semester to encourage students to keep up with the course work. I drop the lowest grade. A missed quiz receives zero points. There are NO make-up quizzes!

10% Exercises involve the estimation of a multivariate model on a dataset, obtaining the results and interpreting those results (pass/fail).

10% The article critique should provide a critical review of the statistical analysis in a published article in a respected scholarly journal. The article must include an analysis employing one of the statistical techniques covered in MAR 7626.

10% The presentation of the critique

Article Critiques

Articles critiques should focus on the quality of the methodology or analysis and NOT the contribution or substantive findings of the article. Assignments only get full credit when completed by their respectively deadlines. Students MUST COMPLETE ASSIGNMENTS BY THEIR DEADLINE. The article-critique should provide a comprehensive critique of the statistical analysis employed in a selected research article. Article critiques should be no more than 4000 words but may include appendices beyond that word limit. However, the appendix should only supplement the body of the paper and should not include stand-alone items. For example, the appendix might include a table that supports statements made in the body of the paper or the appendix might include an explanation for a statement made in the body of the paper. The body of the paper should refer to the appendix as necessary.

All revised research articles MUST BE publications in respected scholar journals and each publication must include a detailed analysis of at least one of the statistical techniques covered in this course. You MUST include a copy of the published article with your written article critique.

Articles critiques SHOULD NOT be a summary of the research article. Articles critiques should:

1. Clearly state and comment on the research objective or research question of the published article (was the research objective clear?).
2. Evaluate the approach the article uses to answer that research question (provide strengths, weakness, and, if possible, suggestions for improvement).
3. Evaluate the quality of the data.
4. Evaluate the suitability of the statistical methods for analyzing that data.
5. Evaluate the application of the statistical method including the testing of assumptions, the decisions made when analyzing the data (e.g., options employed) and the rigor of the application.
6. Evaluate any alternative analyses used to achieve the research objective.
7. Evaluate the “statement of the findings”. Did the empirical analyses support the stated findings? Comment on any speculations made that might not be justified by the empirical analyses.
8. Evaluate any limitations of the research.
9. Evaluate the clarity and completeness of the presentation. (Did the article provide all the important information that the reader needs?)
10. Provide any suggestions for possible improvement.

Here are some additional references on how to review an article.

[Link 1] How to Review an Article
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Quizzes

There are 5 quizzes given over the semester. I drop the lowest quiz grade, so there is no need for a make-up quiz. I design quizzes to enhance and reward the mastery of the material from the textbook and class sessions. Quizzes usually emphasize recent lectures but quizzes can contain past material as well.

**SAMPLE QUIZ 1**

**SAMPLE QUIZ 2**

**SAMPLE QUIZ 3**

**SAMPLE QUIZ 5**

Presentations

The course requirements include one oral presentation of the assigned article critique.
## Course Outline

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Description of HATCO Database Variables
The data are available at:
http://bear.warrington.ufl.edu/shugan/7626/hatco-data.xls

You should be able to open the file by: launching Microsoft Excel, going to the File menu, going to the open sub-menu and typing the preceding line into the file-name box. Of course, you must have an internet connection.

The format of the excel file is:

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X1-X8: Perceptions of HATCO A scale from 0 (Poor) to 10 (Excellent) was used.
X8: Size of firm 1 = large; 0 = small
X9: Purchase Outcomes
Usage level -- how much (0 to 100%) of the firm's total product is purchased from HATCO
X10: Satisfaction level Scale from 0 (Poor) to 10 (Excellent)
X11: Specification buying 1 = total value analysis; 0 = specification buying
X12: Structure of procurement 1 = centralized; 0 = decentralized
X13: Type of industry 1 = Type A; 0 = other
X14: Type of buying situation -- 1 = new task; 2 = modified rebuy; 3 = straight rebuy
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**Requirements for class attendance** and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies. Please refer to the following websites: https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx http://shcc.ufl.edu/forms-records/excuse-notes/ https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx.

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**Cell phones and computers:** Cell phones must be muted during the class session. If an emergency call or text requires an immediate response, please leave the classroom. Computers (iPads or other electronics) are allowed for note taking and presentations only. I will ask anyone using a computer for any other purpose to surrender the device to me for retrieval after class. Recording the class requires my permission because some materials are copyrighted.

**Attendance:** Please avoid joining the class after the calls as started. Attendance is not required but class participation can influence the final grade.

**Help with Coping:** Many resources are available for students who need help with stress-related problems or emergencies. Assistance is available both by appointment and after hours by calling 352-392-1575 or visiting the UF Counseling and Wellness Center at 3190 Radio Road on campus http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/

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**Extra Credit:** No extra credit is available, no matter the circumstance. However, I may consider class in board-line cases.

**Flexibility:** I reserve the right to adjust the course content, exercises, exams, etc., based on the class’s collective ability to maintain pace and any unforeseen circumstances.