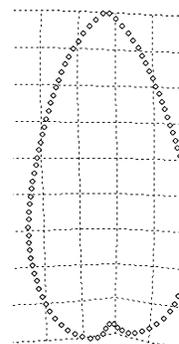


BIOL 240 — Biometry (4 credits)

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SYLLABUS

Class Dates : January to May 2017

Course Description :

Course will cover introductory statistical concepts in a form designed specifically for biology majors, its goal is to strengthen Biology students with statistical knowledge and abilities. It is a practical, software-based examination of the concepts of sampling, hypotheses testing (non-parametric and parametric), descriptive statistics, contingency, correlation, analysis of variation, linear models and basic multivariate techniques. Only biological, real-world data will be used. Course will concentrate on underlying principles, applicability and practical use of methods covered. R statistical environment will be used as a main software tool.

The course relies on the computer literacy: file system and basic file operations, basic text operations, spreadsheets, vector and raster graphics, Internet file formats and protocols.

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Lectures : Mondays and Wednesdays, 3 pm to 4:15 pm, Moore 213

Textbook : Shipunov A., and many others. Visual statistics. Use R! [Electronic book].

Web site : http://ashipunov.info/shipunov/school/biol_240/

Laboratories : Thursdays, 2 pm to 4:50 pm, Moore 213

Grading :

The class is strictly practical. “Lectures” are not lectures but **seminars** where every student works under the guidance. Sometimes, the seminar will end with a short quiz. On labs, students work independently but instructor’s help is provided. Finally, on exams students work by themselves, without human help. Typically, lab and exam results are accepted via email.

Four exams are given. Missed exams count zero points. There is a possibility for **one make-up** exam. *Receiving zero points for more than one laboratory or for more than one exam results in a failed course.* However, there are five legitimate reasons for absence: (1) emergency situations, (2) attested medical conditions, (3) military duty, (4) participation in MSU sports events, and (5) dependent sick leave. In all these cases, the absence must be announced via e-mail **in advance**.

Points are distributed as follows (grading points may vary):

Seminar quizzes : \approx 10 points (1–3 points per question)

Four exams : \leq 400 points (assuming 100 points per exam)

Laboratories : \leq 240 points (20 points per Lab \times 12 labs)

Letter Grades : $A \geq 90\%$, $B \geq 80\%$, $C \geq 70\%$, $D \geq 60\%$, $F < 60\%$.

Academic Honesty : Honesty and integrity are central to academic life at Minot State University. Cheating may affect the student in accordance with the grading policy: a **minimum** of one letter grade will be deducted from the grade for academic dishonesty / plagiarism.

Disability Needs : In coordination with Disability Support services, reasonable accommodations will be provided for qualified students with disabilities. Please contact the instructor during the first week of class to make arrangements. Additional information is available from MSU Disability Support Services.

Minot State University interpersonal abuse statement (Title IX) : Minot State University strives to create a campus community free from interpersonal abuse including sexual misconduct. In working to achieve this intent, Minot State University commits to: taking action to stop sexual misconduct; taking action to remedy its effects by providing advocacy, support and appropriate referral services for recipients of the behavior; taking action to prevent recurrences; educating individuals and promoting discussions on interpersonal abuse and violence; and conducting impartial investigation of all reports/notices of sexual misconduct through fair, equitable and prompt procedures. Investigations will be independent of and separate from law enforcement investigations of criminal activity.

Tentative Course Schedule (subject to change, only exam dates are fixed!):

Week 1	Jan 11	Data and data processing; <i>no lab</i>
Week 2	Jan 18	Basics of computer literacy, R basics; <i>no lab</i>
Week 3	Jan 23, 25	How to process the data; Lab 1
Week 4	Jan 30, Feb 1	R graphics; Lab 2
Week 5	Feb 6, 8	Types of data; Lab 3
1st exam: Feb 13		
Week 6	Feb 15	One-dimensional data, descriptive statistics; Lab 4
Week 7	Feb 22	One-dimensional data, descriptive statistics; Lab 5
Week 8	Feb 27, Mar 1	Hypotheses testing; Lab 6
2nd exam: Mar 6		
Week 9	Mar 8	Two samples; <i>no lab</i>
<i>Week 10: Spring break</i>		
Week 11	Mar 20, 22	Two samples; Lab 7
Week 12	Mar 27, 29	Contingency tables; Lab 8
Week 13	Apr 3, 5	Correlation; regression; Lab 9
3rd exam: Apr 10		
Week 14	Apr 12	ANCOVA; <i>no lab</i>
Week 15	Apr 19	ANOVA; Lab 10
Week 16	Apr 24, 26	Data mining; Lab 11
Week 17	May 1, 3	Data mining; Lab 12
4th exam: Tuesday May 9, 10 am		