

STAT11048 *Essential Statistics*

Term 1 - 2020

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Corrections

Unit Profile Correction added on 15-05-20

The end of term examination has now been changed to a 24 hour take home exam. Please see your Moodle site for details of the assessment. The learning outcomes assessed are unchanged.

General Information

Overview

This unit introduces students to the concepts and applications of probability and statistical modelling involving questions of estimation, inference, regression and correlation. Topics covered include descriptive statistics, measures of central tendency and dispersion, probability and probability distributions (binomial, Poisson, normal), confidence intervals, one and two sample hypothesis tests, one way analysis of variance, chi-square tests, linear regression and correlation. The use of a calculator and a statistical/spreadsheet computer package for data analysis is covered.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 1*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 7

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: *0.125*

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

There are no requisites for this unit.

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 1 - 2020

- Brisbane
- Bundaberg
- Cairns
- Gladstone
- Mackay
- Melbourne
- Online
- Perth
- Rockhampton
- Sydney
- Townsville

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

Regional Campuses

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

Metropolitan Campuses

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. Written Assessment

Weighting: 20%

2. Written Assessment

Weighting: 20%

3. Examination

Weighting: 60%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure - Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure - International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback - Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Student Feedback

Feedback

A glossary of Statistics symbols is needed in the Study Guide and on the Moodle website.

Recommendation

A glossary of Statistics symbols will be added to the Moodle website for the next offering and to the Study Guide when a new edition is written.

Feedback from Student Feedback

Feedback

Use a math test at the start of Term to identify areas of math inadequacy.

Recommendation

Discuss this issue with the Maths group in the Academic Learning Centre and identify appropriate diagnostic test materials and resources.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Introduce the basic concepts of data handling and statistical analysis including some considerations of sampling theory.
 2. Introduce the concept of probability and to consider the applications of several probability distributions to the solution of problems.
 3. Draw statistical conclusions about a population based on a sample of data using one sample, two sample and ANOVA tests.
 4. Use a calculator and computer software to perform statistical calculations.
- This unit is designed to provide a foundation in statistical thinking as applied to decision making in life.

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes

— N/A Level ● Introductory Level ● Intermediate Level ● Graduate Level ● Professional Level ● Advanced Level

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Written Assessment - 20%	●	●		●
2 - Written Assessment - 20%	●	●	●	●
3 - Examination - 60%	●	●	●	●

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes

Learning Outcomes

	1	2	3	4
1 - Communication	•	•	•	•
2 - Problem Solving	•	•	•	•
3 - Critical Thinking	•	•	•	•
4 - Information Literacy	•	•	•	•
5 - Team Work				
6 - Information Technology Competence	•	•	•	•
7 - Cross Cultural Competence				
8 - Ethical practice	•	•	•	
9 - Social Innovation				
10 - First Nations Knowledges				
11 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures				

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

Assessment Tasks

Graduate Attributes

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1 - Written Assessment - 20%	•	•	•	•		•		•			
2 - Written Assessment - 20%	•	•	•	•		•		•			
3 - Examination - 60%		•	•	•		•		•			

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

STAT11048

Prescribed

STAT11048 Study Guide

4th edition (2019)

Authors: Ross Shepherd

CQUniversity Publishing

Rockhampton , Queensland , Australia

Binding: Paperback

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Supplementary

Business Statistics, Abridged: Australia & New Zealand

7th edition (2017)

Authors: E. A. Selvanathan, S. Selvanathan and G.Keller

Cengage Learning Australia Pty Ltd

Melbourne , Victoria , Australia

ISBN: 9780170369473

Binding: Paperback

Additional Textbook Information

Copies are available for purchase at the CQUni Bookshop here: <http://bookshop.cqu.edu.au> (search on the Unit code)

[View textbooks at the CQUniversity Bookshop](#)

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)
- Microsoft Excel or Equivalent Spreadsheet Application

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 09 Mar 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Introduction to Statistics	Study Guide - Chapter 1 Selvanathan Textbook - Chapters 1 & 3, plus Chapter 2 (Sections 2.1 & 2.2 only)	Watch lecture videos and do tutorial exercises for Week 1.

Week 2 - 16 Mar 2020

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Data Distributions	Study Guide - Chapter 2 Selvanathan Textbook - Chapter 4 (Section 4.1 only)	Watch lecture videos and do tutorial exercises for Week 2.
Week 3 - 23 Mar 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Central Tendency and Dispersion	Study Guide - Chapter 3 Selvanathan Textbook - Chapter 5 (all Sections except 5.5)	Watch lecture videos and do tutorial exercises for Week 3.
Week 4 - 30 Mar 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Counting Principles and Probability	Study Guide - Chapter 4 Selvanathan Textbook - Chapter 6 (all Sections except 6.5)	Watch lecture videos and do tutorial exercises for Week 4.
Week 5 - 06 Apr 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Discrete Probability Distributions	Study Guide - Chapter 5 Selvanathan Textbook - Chapter 7 (all Sections except 7.4 & 7.5)	Watch lecture videos and do tutorial exercises for Week 5. Assignment 1 Quiz Due: Week 5 Friday (10 Apr 2020) 11:45 pm AEST
Vacation Week - 13 Apr 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Week 6 - 20 Apr 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Continuous Probability Distributions	Study Guide - Chapter 6 Selvanathan Textbook - Chapter 8 (all Sections except 8.4)	Watch lecture videos and do tutorial exercises for Week 6.
Week 7 - 27 Apr 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Sampling and Sampling Distributions	Study Guide - Chapter 7 Selvanathan Textbook - Chapter 2 (Sections 2.3 to 2.5), plus Chapter 9 (Sections 9.1 to 9.4 & 9.6)	Watch lecture videos and do tutorial exercises for Week 7.
Week 8 - 04 May 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Estimation	Study Guide - Chapter 8 Selvanathan Textbook - Chapter 10 (all Sections)	Watch lecture videos and do tutorial exercises for Week 8.
Week 9 - 11 May 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Hypothesis Tests for a Population Mean or Proportion	Study Guide - Chapter 9 Selvanathan Textbook - Chapter 12 (all Sections except 12.5)	Watch lecture videos and do tutorial exercises for Week 9. Assignment 2 Quiz Due: Week 9 Friday (15 May 2020) 11:45 am AEST
Week 10 - 18 May 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Hypothesis Tests for Two or More Population Means	Study Guide - Chapter 10 Selvanathan Textbook - Chapter 13 (Sections 13.1 & 13.2 only)	Watch lecture videos and do tutorial exercises for Week 10.
Week 11 - 25 May 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Linear Regression and Correlation	Study Guide - Chapter 12 Selvanathan Textbook - Chapter 4 (Section 4.3 only), plus Chapter 15 (Sections 15.1 to 15.3, & read parts of 15.4 & 15.6)	Watch lecture videos and do tutorial exercises for Week 11.

Week 12 - 01 Jun 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Chi-Square Tests	Study Guide - Chapter 11 Selvanathan Textbook - Chapter 14 (all Sections)	Watch lecture videos and do tutorial exercises for Week 12.
Review/Exam Week - 08 Jun 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Exam Week - 15 Jun 2020		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Term Specific Information

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If you have any individual queries, please do not hesitate to email me and I will get back to you within two working days.

Assessment Tasks

1 Assignment 1 Quiz

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Assignment 1 is a Moodle Quiz which consists of 20 multiple choice questions which examine topics from Weeks 1 to 4 of the unit. Full details about the Assignment 1 Quiz are available on the STAT11048 Moodle website.

Assessment Due Date

Week 5 Friday (10 Apr 2020) 11:45 pm AEST

Submit in Week 5 by 11pm on Friday.

Return Date to Students

Week 7 Friday (1 May 2020)

Results will be available to students two weeks after the submission date. Consequently extension requests greater than 14 days will be denied except under exceptional circumstances.

Weighting

20%

Assessment Criteria

Each quiz question is worth one (1) mark, which gives a total of twenty (20) marks or 20% for Assignment 1. Further details about Assignment 1 are available on the STAT11048 Moodle website.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

See the STAT11048 Moodle website for details about assignment submission.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Introduce the basic concepts of data handling and statistical analysis including some considerations of sampling theory.
- Introduce the concept of probability and to consider the applications of several probability distributions to the solution of problems.
- Use a calculator and computer software to perform statistical calculations.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice

2 Assignment 2 Quiz

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Assignment 2 is a Moodle Quiz which consists of 20 multiple choice questions which examine topics from Weeks 5 to 8 of the unit. Full details about the Assignment 2 Quiz are available on the STAT11048 Moodle website.

Assessment Due Date

Week 9 Friday (15 May 2020) 11:45 am AEST

Submit in Week 9 by 11pm on Friday

Return Date to Students

Week 11 Friday (29 May 2020)

Results will be available to students two weeks after the submission date. Consequently extension requests greater than 14 days will be denied except under exceptional circumstances.

Weighting

20%

Assessment Criteria

Each quiz question is worth one (1) mark, which gives a total of twenty (20) marks or 20% for Assignment 2. Further details about Assignment 2 are available on the STAT11048 Moodle website.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

See the STAT11048 Moodle website for details about assignment submission.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Introduce the basic concepts of data handling and statistical analysis including some considerations of sampling theory.
- Introduce the concept of probability and to consider the applications of several probability distributions to the solution of problems.
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Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice

Examination

Outline

Complete an invigilated examination.

Date

During the examination period at a CQUniversity examination centre.

Weighting

60%

Length

180 minutes

Minimum mark or grade

Minimum percentage of examination marks required to pass unit - 40% (or 24 of the 60 marks available on the exam)

Exam Conditions

Closed Book.

Materials

Dictionary - non-electronic, concise, direct translation only (dictionary must not contain any notes or comments).

Calculator - all non-communicable calculators, including scientific, programmable and graphics calculators are authorised

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem