Course Descriptions None 2013-2014

Course Title	Mathematical Statistics
Course Code	EBC2107
ECTS Credits	6,5
Assessment	None

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	3-2-2014	4-4-2014	L		X	X	

Level	Intermediate
Coordinator	Stephan Smeekes For more information:s.smeekes@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	Understanding of statistical principles: population models and sampling processes; sampling theory in small samples and in large samples. Understanding of main methods of statistical inference: point estimation, hypothesis testing, interval estimation. Working knowledge of linear models, regression and prediction. Some applications of statistical models and methods to practical problem solving.
Description	Mathematical Statistics is a sequel to the first-year Probability Theory course. Here we utilise the formal tools of probability distributions to introduce you to the principles of statistical inference. Whereas probability theory can be seen as a branch of deductive mathematics, statistical inference proceeds by inductive reasoning. What this means, in a nutshell, is that general conclusions about entire populations (the "real world") are based on relatively small samples extracted from it (the "data"). It is impossible to make such generalisations without some risk of being wrong. Indeed, much of the 'mathematical' content of statistics serves precisely to evaluate and control that risk. The subject matter covered in the course includes random samples and sampling distributions, methods of point estimation, interval estimation and hypothesis testing, the evaluation of these methods in small and large samples, and some applications, with an emphasis on simple linear regression.
Literature	Casella G. & R.L. Berger, Statistical Inference, 2nd edition, Duxbury Press, Thomson Learning, 2002. ISBN 0-534-24312-6. (Chapters 6-11, the first five chapters of this same textbook were covered in the preceding Probability Theory course).
Prerequisites	Algebra, calculus, mathematical analysis, set theory, and probability theory. ATTENTION: This course is NOT introductory. The material studied in this course relies very heavily on the material from Chapters 1 through 5 of Casella & Berger (2002). These chapters are assumed to have been studied before the course and are therefore not discussed during the course. A thorough prior knowledge of probability theory on the level of Chapters 1 through 5 of Casella & Berger (2002) is therefore required for this course. Basic knowledge of probability theory through an introductory course is not sufficient.
Teaching methods	Lecture / Assignment
Assessment methods	Participation / Written Exam
Evaluation in previous academic year	For the complete evaluation of this course please click http://iwio-sbe.maastrichtuniversity.nl/rapporten.asp?referrer=codeUM

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SBE Exchange Master	Bachelor Courses
SBE Non Degree Courses	Bachelor Courses