

## **MATH 664: Methods for Statistical Consulting** *Spring 2019 Graduate Course Syllabus*

**NJIT Academic Integrity Code:** All Students should be aware that the Department of Mathematical Sciences takes the University Code on Academic Integrity at NJIT very seriously and enforces it strictly. This means that there must not be any forms of plagiarism, i.e., copying of homework, class projects, or lab assignments, or any form of cheating in quizzes and exams. Under the University Code on Academic Integrity, students are obligated to report any such activities to the Instructor.

### **COURSE INFORMATION**

**Course Description:** Communicating with scientists in other disciplines. Statistical tools for consulting. Using statistical software such as JMP, SAS, and S-plus. Case studies which illustrate using statistical methodology and tools are presented by the instructor and guest speakers from academia and industry. Assignments based on case studies with use of statistical software is required.

**Number of Credits:** 3

**Prerequisites:** Math 661 or departmental approval.

**Course-Section and Instructors**

Course-Section	Instructor
Math 664-102	Professor A. Wang

**Office Hours for All Math Instructors:** [Spring 2019 Office Hours and Emails](#)

**Required Textbooks:**

<b>Title</b>	<i>Applied Statistics - Principles and Examples (Chapman &amp; Hall/CRC Texts in Statistical Science)</i>
<b>Author</b>	Cox and Snell
<b>Edition</b>	---
<b>Publisher</b>	Chapman and Hall/CRC
<b>ISBN #</b>	978-0412165702

ExtraInfo

**University-wide Withdrawal Date:** The last day to withdraw with a **W** is **Monday, April 8, 2019**. It will be strictly enforced.

### **POLICIES**

**DMS Course Policies:** All DMS students must familiarize themselves with, and adhere to, the **Department of Mathematical Sciences Course Policies**, in addition to official **university-wide policies**. DMS takes these policies very seriously and enforces them strictly.

**Grading Policy:** The final grade in this course will be determined as follows:

Homework	20%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	25%
Student Presentation/ Report	30%

Your final letter grade will be based on the following tentative curve. Note: the grading scale is tentative and serves only as a guide. The actual grades will be based on curved scores.

A	90 - 100	C+	55 - 64
B+	75 - 89	C	40 - 54
B	65 - 74	F	0 - 39

**Attendance Policy:** Attendance at all classes will be recorded and is **mandatory**. Please make sure you read and fully understand the **Math Department's Attendance Policy**. This policy will be strictly enforced.

**Homework Policy:** No late homework will be accepted.

Discussing homework with classmates and the instructor is encouraged. However, all homework are to be written and completed individually. There should be **NO** sharing of code. Please refer to the university honor code (<http://integrity.njit.edu/>) if there are any ambiguities.

**Exams:** There will be one midterm exam held in class during the semester:

Midterm Exam	March 28, 2019 (tentative)
Final Exam Period	May 10 - 16, 2019

The final exam will test your knowledge of all the course material taught in the entire course. Make sure you read and fully understand the **Math Department's Examination Policy**. This policy will be strictly enforced.

**Makeup Exam Policy:** To properly report your absence from a midterm or final exam, please review and follow the required steps under the DMS Examination Policy found here:

- [http://math.njit.edu/students/policies\\_exam.php](http://math.njit.edu/students/policies_exam.php)

**Cellular Phones:** All cellular phones and other electronic devices must be switched off during all class times.

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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**Accommodation of Disabilities:** Disability Support Services (DSS) offers long term and temporary accommodations for undergraduate, graduate and visiting students at NJIT.

If you are in need of accommodations due to a disability please contact Chantonette Lyles, Associate Director of Disability Support Services at **973-596-5417** or via email at [lyles@njit.edu](mailto:lyles@njit.edu). The office is located in Fenster Hall, Room 260. A Letter of Accommodation Eligibility from the Disability Support Services office authorizing your accommodations will be required.

For further information regarding self identification, the submission of medical documentation and additional

support services provided please visit the Disability Support Services (DSS) website at:

- <http://www5.njit.edu/studentsuccess/disability-support-services/>

**Important Dates** (See: [Spring 2019 Academic Calendar](#), Registrar)

Date	Day	Event
January 22, 2019	T	First Day of Classes
February 1, 2019	F	Last Day to Add/Drop Classes
March 17 - 24, 2019	Su - Su	Spring Recess - No Classes, NJIT Open
April 8, 2019	M	Last Day to Withdraw
April 19, 2019	F	Good Friday - No Classes, NJIT Closed
May 7, 2019	T	Friday Classes Meet/ Last Day of Classes
May 8 & 9, 2019	W & R	Reading Days
May 10 - 16, 2019	F - R	Final Exam Period

## Course Outline

Lecture	Date	Topic
1	1/24/2019	Overview of Statistical Consulting; Introduction to R
2	1/31/2019	Regression review; Phases of an analysis; Data structures in R
3	2/7/2019	Variation and inference; Data frames in R
4	2/14/2019	Exploratory data analysis; data cleaning and visualization
5	2/21/2019	Experimental design and sampling; sample size calculations
6	2/28/2019	Measurement error models; fixed and random effects; model choice
7	3/7/2019	Prospective and retrospective analyses; case-control studies
8	3/14/2019	Statistical models; logistic and ordinal regression
9	3/28/2019	<b>MIDTERM EXAM</b>
10	4/4/2019	Multiple testing; variable selection; dimension reduction
11	4/11/2019	Decision trees; Clustering analysis
12	4/18/2019	Longitudinal data analysis and Generalized Estimating Equations
13	4/25/2019	Working with spatial data/big data
14	5/2/2019	Student presentations
15	5/8/2019	<b>READING DAY</b>

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