

Western University
Department of Geography
Geography 3210A: Quantitative Analysis in Geography

	Lectures	Labs
Locations:	SSC 3014	SSC 1425
Day:	Tuesday	Tuesday
Hours:	4:30-6:30 PM	7:00-9:00 PM
Website: http://publish.uwo.ca/~jmalczew/3210.htm		

Prerequisite: Geography 2210A/B

Antirequisite: All other senior level statistics courses numbered 2000 or above

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Course Syllabus

Course description: "Simple parametric and nonparametric statistical methods through multiple regression are introduced. Exploratory data analysis techniques are examined as a supplement to more traditional statistical methods. Geography specific techniques are also presented".

Goal: To extend the knowledge gained in Geog 2210a/b regarding the nature of geographical data and the application of statistical techniques and computing systems to spatial analysis.

Attendance at lecture class is highly recommended. The course material is cumulative. You should review lectures and readings weekly (do not expect success if you only study and practice before exams!). Missing a single

lecture may, therefore, be critical. It is the student's responsibility to cover any material missed by failure to attend lectures.

Although mathematical detail is not emphasized, competence in simple mathematical notion and arithmetic manipulation are fundamental.

Attendance at lecture class is optional, but highly recommended.

Computations will be performed with computers or manually. SPSS will be the main computer program used in the course.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Date	Lecture topic	Lecture notes	Required readings
10/09/13	Introduction: course outline		
17/09/13	1. Exploratory data analysis	Lecture 1/Part 1	Rogerson: Chapter 1-2, pp. 1-52
24/09/13	Exploratory data analysis (con.)	Lecture 1/Part 2	
01/10/13	No class (field camps)		
08/10/13	2. Comparing means	Lecture 2/Part 1	Rogerson: Chapter 3, 53-55 Chapter 4, 83-88 Chapter 5, 107-156
15/10/13	Comparing means (con.)	Lecture 2/Part 2	Rogerson: Chapter 6, 157-166
22/10/13	3. Non-parametric tests	Lecture 3	Rogerson: Chapter 6, 167-182
29/10/13	Mid-term test		
05/11/13	4. Multiple Regression	Lecture 4	Rogerson: Chapter 8-9, 201-242
12/11/13	Multiple Regression (con.)		
19/11/13	5. Logistic Regression	Lecture 5	Rogerson: Chapter 9, 242-256
26/11/13	Logistic Regression (con.)		
03/12/13	Synthesis	Lecture 6	
TBA	Final exam		

Course Materials

Required textbook: Rogerson, P. A. (2010) *Statistical Methods for Geography: A Student's Guide*. SAGE Publications. Third Edition. pp 368.
Paperback ISBN: 9781848600034 (The textbook is available in the BookStore)
The book's companion Website: www.sagepub.co.uk/rogerson

Methods of Evaluation

LAB SCHEDULE

Lab #	Section	Date	Topic	Due date	Section
1	A	Sep. 24	Exploratory data analysis	Oct. 15	A
	B	Oct. 8	Exploratory data analysis	Oct. 22	B
2	A	Oct. 15	Comparing means	Oct. 29	A
	B	Oct. 22	Comparing means	Nov. 5	B
3	A	Oct. 29	Nonparametric tests	Nov. 12	A

	B	Nov. 5	Nonparametric tests	Nov. 19	B
4	A	Nov. 12	Multiple regression	Nov. 26	A
	B	Nov. 19	Multiple regression	Dec. 3	B
5	A	Nov. 26	Logistic regression	Dec. 10	A
	B	Dec. 3	Logistic regression	Dec. 10	B

Attendance at labs is **mandatory** and absence will be **penalised by deduction of 2% of the total course mark** for each lab missed. Each exercise will have a due date and should be handed in to your TA during the respective lab session. **Assignments handed in after this time will not be accepted.** Medical and compassionate grounds, accomplished by suitable documentation, may be accepted as justification for late assignment submission. Labs must be stapled securely, and clearly labelled with your name, student number. Labs must be typed or hand-written legibly. Computations will be performed using SPSS Statistics.

Your final grads will be based on composite performances for the following:

Mid-term Test (open-book, 60 min., Oct. 29, 2013)	30%
Final Exam (open-book, cumulative, 2h., date: TBA)	45%
Assignments (5 assignments at 5% each)	25%

The test and exam are designed to assess individual competence in course material. The focus is on material covered in lectures and labs.

The mid-term test consists of a 60 min in-class evaluation using multiple-choice, short-answer questions, statistical calculations and interpretation of SPSS outputs.

A restricted open-book format applies; only a calculator, textbook and lecture notes can be used in the test and exam. The level and intensity of questions posed will reflect this facility. Checking formulae and tables is practical, but it will not be possible to look up answers to all questions in the available time. A calculator is essential for the mid-term test and final exam.

In accordance with university policy, missed tests and exams cannot be made up except on written medical grounds and notification prior to test/exam date (see <http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/examinations.asp>).

Additional Statements

Statement on Use of Electronic Devices

No electronic devices will be allowed during tests and examinations.

Statement on Academic Offences

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<http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholoff.pdf>."

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