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**New Course Proposal Form**

**[ ] Undergraduate Curriculum Council**

**[X] Graduate Council**

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| **[X] New Course or [ ] Experimental Course (1-time offering) (Check one box)** |

Signed paper copies of proposals submitted for consideration are no longer required. Please type approver name and enter date of approval.

Email completed proposals to [curriculum@astate.edu](mailto:curriculum@astate.edu) for inclusion in curriculum committee agenda.

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1. Contact Person (Name, Email Address, Phone Number)

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2. Proposed Starting Term and Bulletin Year

Fall 2019

3. Proposed Course Prefix and Number (Confirm that number chosen has not been used before. For variable credit courses, indicate variable range. *Proposed number for experimental course is 9*. )

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4. Course Title – if title is more than 30 characters (including spaces), provide short title to be used on transcripts. Title cannot have any symbols (e.g. slash, colon, semi-colon, apostrophe, dash, and parenthesis). Please indicate if this course will have variable titles (e.g. independent study, thesis, special topics).

Statistical Methods Using R

5. Brief course description (40 words or fewer) as it should appear in the bulletin.

An introduction to the basics of the statistical software package R and how to use it to run hypothesis tests involving means, variances, and proportions, linear regression, ANOVA, and nonparametric statistics.

6. Prerequisites and major restrictions. (Indicate all prerequisites. If this course is restricted to a specific major, which major. If a student does not have the prerequisites or does not have the appropriate major, the student will not be allowed to register).

1. Yes Are there any prerequisites?
   1. If yes, which ones?

STAT 4473 (Applied Statistics II) or STAT 4463/5463 (Probability & Statistics II).

* 1. Why or why not?

Students need to have already been exposed to all of the topics listed above in the course description.

1. No Is this course restricted to a specific major?
   1. If yes, which major? Enter text...

7. Course frequency(e.g. Fall, Spring, Summer). *Not applicable to Graduate courses.*

8. Will this course be lecture only, lab only, lecture and lab, activity, dissertation, experiential learning, independent study, internship, performance, practicum, recitation, seminar, special problems, special topics, studio, student exchange, occupational learning credit, or course for fee purpose only (e.g. an exam)? Please choose one.

Lecture and lab

9. What is the grade type (i.e. standard letter, credit/no credit, pass/fail, no grade, developmental, or other [please elaborate])

Standard Letter

10. Yes Is this course dual listed (undergraduate/graduate)? With STAT 4483

11. No Is this course cross listed?

*(If it is, all course entries must be identical including course descriptions. Submit appropriate documentation for requested changes. It is important to check the course description of an existing course when adding a new cross listed course.)*

**11.1** – If yes, please list the prefix and course number of cross listed course.

Enter text...

**11.2** – **Yes / No** Are these courses offered for equivalent credit?

Please explain. Enter text...

12. No Is this course in support of a new program?

a. If yes, what program?

Enter text...

13. No Does this course replace a course being deleted?

a. If yes, what course?

Enter text...

14. No Will this course be equivalent to a deleted course?

a. If yes, which course?

Enter text...

15. Yes Has it been confirmed that this course number is available for use?

*If no: Contact Registrar’s Office for assistance.*

16. No Does this course affect another program?

If yes, provide confirmation of acceptance/approval of changes from the Dean, Department Head, and/or Program Director whose area this affects.

Enter text...

**Course Details**

17. Outline (The course outline should be topical by weeks and should be sufficient in detail to allow for judgment of the content of the course.)

Weeks 1-2: Coding basics and production of various graphs. Weeks 3-5: Hypothesis testing involving means, variances, and proportions (includes brief review of theory). Weeks 6-8: Linear Regression (includes brief review of theory). Weeks 9-11: ANOVA (includes brief review of theory). Weeks 12-14: Nonparametric statistics (includes brief review of theory).

18. Special features (e.g. labs, exhibits, site visitations, etc.)

Class will take place in CSM 203, CSM 216, or CSM 217, all of which already have computers.

19. Department staffing and classroom/lab resources

Students will use the computers already present in CSM 203, CSM 216, or CSM 217.

1. Will this require additional faculty, supplies, etc.?

No

20. No Does this course require course fees?

*If yes: please attach the New Program Tuition and Fees form, which is available from the UCC website.*

**Course Justification**

21. Justification for course being included in program. Must include:

a. Academic rationale and goals for the course (skills or level of knowledge students can be expected to attain)

Proficiency in at least one major statistical package (R, SAS, Minitab, etc.) is an essential pre-requisite to doing statistical research in both academia and industry. After taking this course, students will have immense knowledge (both breadth and depth) of how to use the statistical software package R for statistical analysis.

b. How does the course fit with the mission established by the department for the curriculum? If course is mandated by an accrediting or certifying agency, include the directive.

This course fits in well with our department’s mission of providing a “robust mathematical experience where students gain valuable skills in problem solving, critical thinking, and effective communication of mathematical concepts and models.” In particular, it serves both our undergraduate and graduate students and prepares them “for a variety of future endeavors and careers in business, industry, government, research, and academia.” (Quotations taken from department webpage.)

c. Student population served.

Graduate students seeking a M.S. in Mathematics. A graduate certificate in Statistics is going to be proposed very soon and this course would also be a requirement for that.

d. Rationale for the level of the course (lower, upper, or graduate).

Graduate students can handle the rigor of this course, provided they have successfully completed either STAT 4473 (Applied Statistics II) or STAT 4463/5463 (Probability & Statistics II). Graduate students will take a leadership role in workgroups, helping facilitate discussion and sometimes working extra problems that undergraduates do not work on.

**Assessment**

**Relationship with Current Program-Level Assessment Process**

22. What is/are the intended program-level learning outcome/s for students enrolled in this course? Where will this course fit into an already existing program assessment process?

This course is in support of the M.S. in Mathematics for students who seek more applied courses. It is connected to Program-Level Outcomes 2 and 4 (see below).

23. Considering the indicated program-level learning outcome/s (from question #23), please fill out the following table to show how and where this course fits into the program’s continuous improvement assessment process.

*For further assistance, please see the ‘Expanded Instructions’ document available on the UCC - Forms website for guidance, or contact the Office of Assessment at 870-972-2989.*

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| **Program-Level Outcome 2 (from question #23)** | M.S. and M.S.E. Mathematics graduates should be able to think analytically and critically and formulate advanced problems, solve them, interpret their solutions, and frame generalizations. |
| Assessment Measure | Comprehensive exam (developed by the faculty). |
| Assessment  Timetable | Data collected and reviewed every semester. |
| Who is responsible for assessing and reporting on the results? | Department Chair, Math/Stat Assessment Committee, and Math/Stat Curriculum Committee. |

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| **Program-Level Outcome 4 (from question #23)** | M.S. and M.S.E. Mathematics graduates should communicate advanced mathematics with clarity and effective exposition. |
| Assessment Measure | Comprehensive exam (developed by the faculty). |
| Assessment  Timetable | Data collected and reviewed every semester. |
| Who is responsible for assessing and reporting on the results? | Department Chair, Math/Stat Assessment Committee, and Math/Stat Curriculum Committee. |

**Course-Level Outcomes**

24. What are the course-level outcomes for students enrolled in this course and the associated assessment measures?

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| **Outcome 1** | Students will be able to both read and create R code to accomplish various statistical tasks. |
| Which learning activities are responsible for this outcome? | Daily in-class worksheets and regular homework assignments. Graduate students will take a leadership role in the workgroups, helping facilitate discussion and sometimes working extra problems that undergraduates do not work on. |
| Assessment Measure | 4-5 exams over the course of the semester. |

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| **Outcome 2** | Students will have an in-depth understanding of hypothesis testing involving means, variances, and proportions, linear regression, ANOVA, and nonparametric statistics. |
| Which learning activities are responsible for this outcome? | Daily in-class worksheets and regular homework assignments. |
| Assessment Measure | 4-5 exams over the course of the semester. |

**Bulletin Changes**

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| **Instructions** |
| **Please visit** [**http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot**](http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot) **and select the most recent version of the bulletin. Copy and paste all bulletin pages this proposal affects below. Follow the following guidelines for indicating necessary changes.**  **\*Please note: Courses are often listed in multiple sections of the bulletin. To ensure that all affected sections have been located, please search the bulletin (ctrl+F) for the appropriate courses before submission of this form.**  - Deleted courses/credit hours should be marked with a red strike-through (~~red strikethrough~~)  - New credit hours and text changes should be listed in blue using enlarged font (blue using enlarged font).  - Any new courses should be listed in blue bold italics using enlarged font (***blue bold italics using enlarged font***)  *You can easily apply any of these changes by selecting the example text in the instructions above, double-clicking the ‘format painter’ icon 🡪 , and selecting the text you would like to apply the change to.*  *Please visit* [*https://youtu.be/yjdL2n4lZm4*](https://youtu.be/yjdL2n4lZm4) *for more detailed instructions.* |

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**STAT 5463 Probability & Statistics II** Point and interval estimation, testing hypotheses, standard statistical tests, correlation and regression, and non-parametric methods. Prerequisite: STAT 4453.

***STAT 5483 Statistical Methods Using R*** *An introduction to the basics of the statistical software package R and how to use it to run hypothesis tests involving means, variances, and proportions, linear regression, ANOVA, and nonparametric statistics. Prerequisite, STAT 4463/5463 or STAT 4473.*

**STAT 6613 Nonparametric Statistics** Topics include hypothesis testing using data from unknown distributions, tests of independence, tests of goodness-of-fit, rank correlation, and simple linear regression. Prerequisite: STAT 3233 or equivalent.