

Kirkpatrick, Lee A. and Brooke C. Feeney. 2015. A Simple Guide to IBM SPSS Statistics for Version 23.0, Thomson Wadsworth, Belmont, CA. (ISBN: 978-1-305-87771-9)

Required Data (and class related files):

The data files, codebooks, and other supplementary files (the syllabus, computer assignments, readings, etc.) that will be used for this course will be available through Canvas.

Course Grading:

Your grade will be based upon three exams and 7 assignments, four of which will include statistical programming with **IBM SPSS**. Each exam will count 20% toward your final grade, the assignments will be worth a total of 40%).

The exams will cover material from the lectures, class discussions, assigned readings from the textbook, handouts, and files found on our class Canvas site. Approximately 2/3 of the exam questions come from lecture and class discussions and the remaining 1/3 come from the text book. Exams will not be cumulative. I have a very strict policy concerning makeup exams. Exams must be taken on the assigned day unless you have presented a valid, written excuse (such as a doctor's note or a police report or summons) before the exam and made arrangements to take a makeup. Health center notes are not valid excuses! Under no circumstances will oversleeping, car trouble, or health problems (without a doctor's note) be grounds for a makeup. Dr. Lehman reserves the right to change the format of the makeup exam or quiz if he so wishes.

Computer programming assignments are due by the end of class due date (see our weekly schedule on pages 4 and 5) and must be printed out. If you choose to work on your assignment rather than attend class (this is not recommended), it must be given to the CCJS office (Room 2220) on the 2nd floor of LeFrak Hall to be date and time stamped before the end of that day's class (12:15pm or 1:45pm, depending on class section) or it will be considered late! Assignments may NOT be submitted via email. While it is perfectly acceptable to get help on these assignments from Dr. Lehman or our TA(s), each student must complete his or her own assignments. **LATE COMPUTER ASSIGNMENTS WILL NEVER BE ACCEPTED!!!** There will be no makeup assignments unless you have made arrangements with Dr. Lehman before the assignment is due.

There will be no curve--final grades will be assigned based on the following scale:

A+	= 97.00% - 100%	A	= 93.00% - 96.99%	A-	= 90.00% - 92.99%
B+	= 87.00% - 89.99%	B	= 83.00% - 86.99%	B-	= 80.00% - 82.99%
C+	= 77.00% - 79.99%	C	= 73.00% - 76.99%	C-	= 70.00% - 72.99%
D+	= 67.00% - 69.99%	D	= 63.00% - 66.99%	D-	= 60.00% - 62.99%
		F	= <60.00%		

Attendance Policy

Under this policy, instructors are expected to accept as an excused absence a self-signed note from a student who has missed a single lecture, recitation, or laboratory, attesting to the date of the illness. This note must also contain an acknowledgement by the student that the information is true and correct and that providing false information is prohibited under the Code of Student Conduct. The student is also obligated to make a reasonable attempt to inform the instructor of his/her illness in advance. A student is allowed only ONE self-signed note per class for the semester. Please note that this situation does NOT apply to Major Scheduled Graded Events (exams, assignments, etc.).

Academic Integrity

Academic dishonesty will absolutely not be tolerated. Academic dishonesty encompasses the traditional behaviors such as cheating on exams and assignments, giving false statements, etc., but also includes activities such as illicit possession of previous semester's exams and/or computer assignments. All students are required to sign the Honor Pledge on each exam and computer assignment.

Computer Lab, Computer Assignments and Printing Your Output

During the week of Tuesday, September 24th and Thursday, September 26th we will meet in the basement computer lab in LeFrak Hall. Each student will be assigned a day (either Tuesday or Thursday) and a time to receive an orientation to computing with **IBM SPSS** [Statistical Package for the Social Sciences]. You will be required to print out all of the computer assignment output to hand it in. The BSOS computer labs in Somerset and LeFrak will only accept Terrapin Express funds as a form of payment for printing. To print using your Terrapin Express account, just enter your Directory ID and Directory Password when prompted to do so by the lab PC. It is strongly recommended that you also save electronic copies of all of your computer output as backup. The best way to do this is to use a flash memory drive.

The first computer assignment will be handed out in the computer lab during your orientation and also available through Canvas. Subsequent computer assignments will be handed out in class and will be available through Canvas.

Copyrights

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Disability Support

I will make every effort to accommodate students who are registered with the Disability Support Services (DSS) office and who provide me with a University of

Maryland DSS Accommodation form. This form must be presented to me no later than September 15th. I am not able to accommodate students who are not registered with DSS or who do not provide me with documentation that has been reviewed by DSS by September 15th. DSS students who are requesting to take their exams at the DSS Center need to provide me with a testing form for each exam that must be turned in to me no later than 1 week prior to each exam. The student is expected to take the exam at the same time as the rest of the class.

Answers to other course related questions and policies may be found at the web site:

<http://www.ugst.umd.edu/courserelatedpolicies.html>.

Week	Date(s)	Topics, Exams, Due Dates	Book Chapter(s)
Week 1	August 27	Introduction to Criminal Justice Research Methods	Review Syllabus Hagan Chapter 1
	August 29	Finish Introduction(<i>The Elegant Universe</i> film clip)	Hagan Chapter 1
Week 2	September 3	Begin Ethics in Research	Hagan Chapter 2
	September 5	Finish Ethics Research (Ethics Assignment given out)	Hagan Chapter 2
Week 3	September 10	Begin Experimental Methods and Research Design	Hagan Chapter 3
	September 12	Finish Experimental Methods and Research Design (Ethics Assignment Due)	Hagan Chapter 3
Week 4	September 17	Statistics and Data Analysis	Hagan Chapter 13
	September 19	Statistics and Data Analysis	Hagan Chapter 13
Week 5	September 24 September 26	MEET IN COMPUTER LAB #4 (0231) in LeFrak Hall) THIS WEEK (See Lab Assignment Sheet for room, dates and times.) SPSS Assignment #1 given out	Kirkpatrick & Feeney Chapters 1-3, 5
Week 6	October 1	Exam Review	Hagan Chapters 1-3, 13
	October 3	Exam #1 SPSS Assignment #1 due	Hagan Chapters 1-3, 13
Week 7	October 8	Begin Uniform Crime Reports and Sampling (SPSS Assignment #2 given out, In-Class Computer Instruction)	Hagan Chapter 4
	October 10	Finish Uniform Crime Reports and Sampling Survey Assignment given out	Hagan Chapter 4

Week 8	October 15 October 17	Begin Survey Research: Questionnaires Finish Survey Research: Questionnaires (SPSS Assignment #2 due)	Hagan Chapter 5 Hagan Chapter 5
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Week 9	October 22	Begin Interviews and Telephone Surveys SPSS #3 given out, In-Class Computer Instruction	Hagan Chapter 6
	October 24	Finish Interviews and Telephone Surveys Survey Assignment due	Hagan Chapter 6
Week 10	October 29	Participant Observation and Case Studies	Hagan Chapter 7 LaPiere Article Jack London Chapters
	October 31	Participant Observation and Case Studies, Exam Review	Hagan Chapter 7 LaPiere Article Jack London Chapters
Week 11	November 5	Field Day Assignment Mandatory Attendance	Hagan Chapter 7
	November 7	Exam #2 (SPSS Assignment #3 due)	Hagan Chapters 4-7 LaPiere Article Jack London Chapters
Week 12	November 12	Unobtrusive Measures and Secondary Analysis	Hagan Chapter 8
	November 14	Begin Validity & Reliability (SPSS Assignment #4 given out)	Hagan Chapter 9
Week 13	November 19	Finish Validity & Reliability	Hagan Chapter 9
	November 21	Begin Scaling/Index Construction	
Week 14	November 26	Finish Scaling/Index Construction	Hagan Chapter 10
	November 28	No Classes (Happy Thanksgiving)	Hagan Chapter 10
Week 15	December 3	Begin Policy Analysis and Evaluation Research (SPSS Assignment #4 due)	Hagan Chapter 11
	December 5	Finish Policy Analysis and Evaluation Research, Exam Review	Hagan Chapter 11
Finals:			
0401 (11:00am)	Wednesday, December 11	Final Exam 8:00am-10:00am	Hagan Chapters 8-11
0301 (12:30pm)	Monday, December 16	Final Exam 1:30pm-3:30pm	Hagan Chapters 8-11