

ST323-15 Multivariate Statistics

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Department

Statistics

Level

Undergraduate Level 3

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

10 weeks

Assessment

Multiple

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

This module is an optional module intended for students in their third or fourth year of study who have the required background as covered in the pre-requisite modules.

Pre-requisites:

- Statistics Students:
 - ST228 Mathematical Methods for Statistics and Probability, and ST229 Probability for Mathematical Statistics, and ST230 Mathematical Statistics.
- Non-Statistics Students:
 - ST232/ST233 Introduction to Mathematical Statistics or ST352 Introduction to Mathematical Statistics (for Finalists).

Required programming knowledge. The coursework uses the statistical software package R, so knowledge in R such as covered in

- ST117 Introduction to Statistical Modelling
- ST121 Statistical Laboratory
- ST231 Linear Statistical Modelling with R
- ST240 Linear Statistical Modelling

is expected.

For anti-requisite modules please check under the availability tab and in the course handbook.

[Module web page](#)

Module aims

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Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

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Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Construct and interpret graphical representations of multivariate data
- Carry out a principal components to summarise high dimensional data
- Perform clustering analysis to discover and characterize subgroups in the population.
- Use classification and discrimination methods to assign individuals into groups.
- Conduct inference for multivariate means, construct confidence regions, and understand their potential uses, such as for group comparisons.
- Understand any additional topics covered in the lectures. Time permitting, lectures will cover one or two additional topics such as Factor Analysis, Multidimensional Scaling, random forests, bagging, sparse multivariate methods, Gaussian graphical models, multiple testing, functional data analysis, spatial statistics, independent component analysis, compositional data analysis, canonical correlation analysis.

Indicative reading list

[Reading lists can be found in Talis](#)

Subject specific skills

- Demonstrate facility with rigorous statistical methods.
- Evaluate, select and apply appropriate mathematical and/or statistical techniques.
- Demonstrate knowledge of and facility with formal probability concepts, both explicitly and by applying them to the solution of problems.
- Create structured and coherent arguments communicating them in written form.
- Construct logical arguments with clear identification of assumptions and conclusions.
- Reason critically, carefully, and logically and derive (prove) mathematical results.

Transferable skills

- Problem solving: Use rational and logical reasoning to deduce appropriate and well-reasoned conclusions. Retain an open mind, optimistic of finding solutions, thinking laterally and creatively to look beyond the obvious. Know how to learn from failure.
 - Self awareness: Reflect on learning, seeking feedback on and evaluating personal practices, strengths and opportunities for personal growth.
 - Communication: Present arguments, knowledge and ideas, in a range of formats.
 - Professionalism: Prepared to operate autonomously. Aware of how to be efficient and resilient. Manage priorities and time. Self-motivated, setting and achieving goals, prioritising tasks.
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Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	30 sessions of 1 hour (20%)
Private study	90 hours (60%)
Assessment	30 hours (20%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

Weekly revision of lecture notes and materials, wider reading and practice exercises, working on assignments and preparing for examination.

Other activity description

Revision support.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group D7

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Assignment 1	10%	15 hours	No
The assignment will contain a number of questions for which solutions and / or written responses will be required.			
The study time noted refers to the amount of time in hours that a well-prepared student who has attended lectures and carried out an appropriate amount of independent study on the material could expect to spend on this assignment. Your ST323 Assignment 1 should not exceed 15 pages in length.			
Assignment 2	10%	15 hours	No
The assignment will contain a number of questions for which solutions and / or written responses will be required.			
The study time noted refers to the amount of time in hours that a well-prepared student who has attended lectures and carried out an appropriate amount of independent study on the material could expect to spend on this assignment. Your ST323 Assignment 2 should not exceed 15 pages in length.			
Centrally-timetabled examination (On-campus)	80%		No
The examination paper will contain four questions, of which the best marks of THREE questions will be used to calculate your grade.			
The examination paper is the same that is provided for the advanced topics variant and will contain an additional question for students taking that variant.			

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambridge Statistical Tables (blue) • Answerbook Pink (12 page) 			

Assessment group R5

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
In-person Examination - Resit	100%		No
<p>The examination paper will contain four questions, of which the best marks of THREE questions will be used to calculate your grade.</p> <p>The examination paper is the same that is provided for the advanced topics variant and will contain an additional question for students taking that variant.</p>			

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- Answerbook Pink (12 page)

Feedback on assessment

Assignments are marked and given feedback online within 20 working days of the submission deadline. Where appropriate, model solutions will be provided.

Solutions and cohort level feedback will be provided for the examination.

[Past exam papers for ST323](#)

Availability

Anti-requisite modules

If you take this module, you cannot also take:

- ST412-15 Multivariate Statistics with Advanced Topics

Courses

This module is Core optional for:

- USTA-G300 Undergraduate Master of Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics

- Year 3 of G30A Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Actuarial and Financial Mathematics Stream)
- Year 3 of G30J Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Data Analysis Stream)
- Year 3 of G30B Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Econometrics and Mathematical Economics Stream)
- Year 3 of G30C Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Operational Research and Statistics Stream)
- Year 3 of G30C Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Operational Research and Statistics Stream)
- Year 3 of G30D Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Statistics with Mathematics Stream)
- Year 3 of G300 Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
- Year 3 of G300 Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
- Year 3 of G300 Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
- USTA-G301 Undergraduate Master of Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics (with Intercalated
 - Year 3 of G301 BSc Master of Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics (with Intercalated Year)
 - Year 3 of G30E Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Actuarial and Financial Mathematics Stream) Int
 - Year 3 of G30K Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Data Analysis Stream) Int
 - Year 3 of G30F Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Econometrics and Mathematical Economics Stream) Int
 - Year 3 of G30G Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Operational Research and Statistics Stream) Int
 - Year 3 of G30H Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Statistics with Mathematics Stream)

This module is Optional for:

- USTA-G302 Undergraduate Data Science
 - Year 3 of G302 Data Science
 - Year 3 of G302 Data Science
- Year 3 of USTA-G304 Undergraduate Data Science (MSci)
- Year 3 of USTA-G305 Undergraduate Data Science (MSci) (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 4 of USTA-G303 Undergraduate Data Science (with Intercalated Year)
- UCSA-G4G1 Undergraduate Discrete Mathematics
 - Year 3 of G4G1 Discrete Mathematics
 - Year 3 of G4G1 Discrete Mathematics
- UCSA-G4G3 Undergraduate Discrete Mathematics
 - Year 3 of G4G1 Discrete Mathematics
 - Year 3 of G4G3 Discrete Mathematics
- Year 3 of UCSA-G4G4 Undergraduate Discrete Mathematics (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 3 of UCSA-G4G2 Undergraduate Discrete Mathematics with Intercalated Year
- UMAA-G105 Undergraduate Master of Mathematics (with Intercalated Year)
 - Year 3 of G105 Mathematics (MMath) with Intercalated Year

- Year 4 of G105 Mathematics (MMath) with Intercalated Year
- USTA-G300 Undergraduate Master of Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
 - Year 3 of G30A Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Actuarial and Financial Mathematics Stream)
 - Year 3 of G30J Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Data Analysis Stream)
 - Year 3 of G30B Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Econometrics and Mathematical Economics Stream)
 - Year 3 of G30C Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Operational Research and Statistics Stream)
 - Year 3 of G30C Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Operational Research and Statistics Stream)
 - Year 3 of G30D Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Statistics with Mathematics Stream)
 - Year 3 of G300 Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
 - Year 3 of G300 Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
 - Year 3 of G300 Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
 - Year 4 of G30A Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Actuarial and Financial Mathematics Stream)
 - Year 4 of G30J Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Data Analysis Stream)
 - Year 4 of G30B Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Econometrics and Mathematical Economics Stream)
 - Year 4 of G30C Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Operational Research and Statistics Stream)
 - Year 4 of G30C Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Operational Research and Statistics Stream)
 - Year 4 of G30D Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Statistics with Mathematics Stream)
 - Year 4 of G300 Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
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 - Year 4 of G300 Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
- USTA-G301 Undergraduate Master of Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics (with Intercalated)
 - Year 3 of G301 BSc Master of Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics (with Intercalated Year)
 - Year 3 of G30E Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Actuarial and Financial Mathematics Stream) Int
 - Year 3 of G30K Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Data Analysis Stream) Int
 - Year 3 of G30F Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Econometrics and Mathematical Economics Stream) Int
 - Year 3 of G30G Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Operational Research and Statistics Stream) Int
 - Year 3 of G30H Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Statistics with Mathematics Stream)
 - Year 5 of G301 BSc Master of Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics

Economics (with Intercalated Year)

- Year 5 of G30E Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Actuarial and Financial Mathematics Stream) Int
- Year 5 of G30K Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Data Analysis Stream) Int
- Year 5 of G30F Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Econometrics and Mathematical Economics Stream) Int
- Year 5 of G30G Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Operational Research and Statistics Stream) Int
- Year 5 of G30H Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Statistics with Mathematics Stream)
- UMAA-G100 Undergraduate Mathematics (BSc)
 - Year 3 of G100 Mathematics
 - Year 3 of G100 Mathematics
 - Year 3 of G100 Mathematics
- UMAA-G103 Undergraduate Mathematics (MMath)
 - Year 3 of G100 Mathematics
 - Year 3 of G103 Mathematics (MMath)
 - Year 3 of G103 Mathematics (MMath)
 - Year 4 of G100 Mathematics
 - Year 4 of G103 Mathematics (MMath)
 - Year 4 of G103 Mathematics (MMath)
- USTA-G1G3 Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat)
 - Year 3 of G1G3 Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat)
 - Year 4 of G1G3 Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat)
- USTA-G1G4 Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat) (with Intercalated Year)
 - Year 3 of G1G4 Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat) (with Intercalated Year)
 - Year 5 of G1G4 Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat) (with Intercalated Year)
- USTA-GG14 Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics (BSc)
 - Year 3 of GG14 Mathematics and Statistics
 - Year 3 of GG14 Mathematics and Statistics
- Year 4 of USTA-GG17 Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics (with Intercalated Year)
- USTA-Y602 Undergraduate Mathematics,Operational Research,Statistics and Economics
 - Year 3 of Y602 Mathematics,Operational Research,Stats,Economics
 - Year 3 of Y602 Mathematics,Operational Research,Stats,Economics
- Year 4 of USTA-Y603 Undergraduate Mathematics,Operational Research,Statistics,Economics (with Intercalated Year)