Applied Nonparametric Statistics
Spring 2015

Lecture: Monday, Wednesday 2:00 – 3:15, OSB 215

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Goal of Course: Students will be able to determine which nonparametric techniques are applicable in various situations; appreciate advantages of nonparametric statistics over parametric methods; become familiar with the use of software that applies nonparametric methods.

Course topics: The material covered may include, but is not limited to,

- Dichotomous data
- Location and scale, one- and two-sample
- Location, more than two samples, one and two factors
- Independence
- Nonparametric regression and smoothing

Exams: There will be four equally weighted exams.

Homework: There will be regular homework assignments. Homework will not be collected. These assignments will reinforce lecture and prepare you for the exams.

Course Website: http://campus.fsu.edu

Grades: Your course grade is based on the exams. Final grades are assigned based on your performance on these exams. Your grades are maintained on Blackboard. There will be no extra work available to enhance your grade, so put in the appropriate effort on the assigned homework.

Software: I will use R in the classroom. No familiarity with this package is necessary. Instructions on its use and how to obtain it will be provided in class.

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(1) register with and provide documentation to the Student Disability Resource Center; and
(2) bring a letter to the instructor indicating the need for accommodation and what type. This should be done during the first week of class.

This syllabus and other class materials are available in alternative format upon request.

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