



## Teaching Guide

| Identifying Data         |   |        |  |         | 2021/22 |
|--------------------------|---|--------|--|---------|---------|
| Subject (*)              | Survival Analysis and Diagnostic Tests  | Code   | 6538623033                                     |         |         |
| Study programme          | Mestrado Universitario en Asistencia e Investigación Sanitaria (plan 2012)  |        |  |         |         |
| Descriptors              |   |        |  |         |         |
| Cycle                    | Period  | Year   | Type   | Credits |         |
| Official Master's Degree | 2nd four-month period   | First  | Optional                                       | 3       |         |
| Language                 | SpanishGalician   |        |  |         |         |
| Teaching method          | Non-attendance  |        |  |         |         |
| Prerequisites            |   |        |  |         |         |
| Department               | Ciencias da SaúdeMatemáticas  |        |  |         |         |
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| Web                      |   |        |  |         |         |
| General description      | This subject has got two distinct blocks: Survival Analysis (2 ETCs) and Diagnostic Tests (1 ECT). The common purpose is to establish the methodological elements that the student needs to design, carry out and understand clinical-epidemiological studies in the field of Health Sciences that involve survival analysis or the evaluation of diagnostic tests  |        |  |         |         |
| Contingency plan         | <p>MODIFICATIONS IN THE CONTENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No changes</li> </ul> <p>METHODOLOGIES:</p> <p>No changes, as the proposed methodologies will be applied online using TEAMS and the website campusvirtual.udc.es</p> <p>MEHCANISMS FOR PERSONALIZED ATTENTION TO STUDENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- e-mail: Daily, to make queries, ask for tutorial sessions and for the follow-up of the practical projects.</li> <li>- Campus virtual: Daily.</li> <li>- Teams</li> </ul> <p>MODIFICATIONS IN THE ASSESSMENT</p> <p>No changes</p> <p>MODIFICATIONS TO THE BIBLIOGRAPHY OR WEBGRAPHY:</p> <p>No changes</p> |        |  |         |         |

## Study programme competences

| Code | Study programme competences   |
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| A1   | Capacidade para elixir e aplicar as metodoloxías de investigación mais adecuadas á investigación proposta.  |
| A4   | Obter un substrato teórico suficiente para comprender o entorno clínico de aplicación das técnicas de investigación.  |
| A5   | Adquirir o coñecemento da realidade investigadora nun ámbito concreto das ciencias da saúde.  |
| B1   | Capacidade para aplicar o método científico na planificación e o desenvolvemento da investigación sanitaria.  |
| B2   | Fluidez e propiedade na comunicación científica oral e escrita.   |
| B3   | Compromiso pola calidade do desenvolvemento da actividade investigadora.  |
| B4   | Capacidade de análise e de síntese.   |
| B5   | Habilidade para manexar distintas fontes de información.  |
| B6   | Capacidade para traballar de forma colaborativa en equipos multi e interdisciplinar.  |
| B7   | Capacidade de establecer unha relación de empatía cos suxeitos implicados no desenvolvemento da actividade investigadora.   |
| C1   | Expresarse correctamente, tanto de forma oral coma escrita, nas linguas oficiais da comunidade autónoma.  |
| C3   | Utilizar as ferramentas básicas das tecnoloxías da información e as comunicacións (TIC) necesarias para o exercicio da súa profesión e para a aprendizaxe ao longo da súa vida. |



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| C8 | Valorar a importancia que ten a investigación, a innovación e o desenvolvemento tecnolóxico no avance socioeconómico e cultural da sociedade. |
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| Learning outcomes   |                             |   |                   |
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| Learning outcomes   | Study programme competences |   |                   |
| Skills to know and apply specific analysis tools to analyze the validity and reliability of the results of diagnostic tests in clinical practice. | AR1<br>AR4<br>AR5           | BC1<br>BC2<br>BC3<br>BC4<br>BC5<br>BC6<br>BC7 | CC1<br>CC3<br>CC8 |
| Skills to use the correct statistical procedures in a clinical research study.  | AR1<br>AR4<br>AR5           | BC1<br>BC2<br>BC3<br>BC4<br>BC5<br>BC6<br>BC7 | CC1<br>CC3<br>CC8 |

| Contents                   |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Topic                      | Sub-topic  |
| BLOCK 1. Survival Analysis | 1.1. Introduction: types of censoring, main functions of interest.<br>1.2. Estimation of the survival curve: Kaplan-Meier estimator, important parametric models.<br>1.3. Comparison of survival curves<br>1.4. The proportional hazards model: Cox regression model.<br>1.5. The competing risk model.                              |
| BLOCK 2. Diagnostic test   | 2.1. Validity and reliability of a diagnostic test: sensitivity, specificity, predictive values, likelihood ratios.<br>2.2. Clinical implementation of Bayes's Theorem.<br>2.3. ROC curves and the area under the ROC curve.   |
| PRACTICAL CONTENT          | 1. Choice of the appropriate technique for data analysis, application of methods with statistical software, and interpretation of results.<br>2. Application of epidemiological software for the analysis of the validity and reliability of diagnostic tests.<br>3. Interpretation of results in the evaluation of diagnostic tests |

| Planning              |  |                      |                               |             |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Methodologies / tests | Competencies                                 | Ordinary class hours | Student's personal work hours | Total hours |
| Online forum          | A1 A4 A5 B1 B2 B3<br>B4 B5 B6 B7 C1 C3<br>C8 | 0                    | 1                             | 1           |
| ICT practicals        | A1 A5 B1 B3 B4 B5<br>B6 C3                   | 0                    | 15                            | 15          |
| Problem solving       | A1 A5 B1 B2 B3 B4<br>B5 B6 C8 C3             | 0                    | 12                            | 12          |



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| Supervised projects            | A1 A5 B1 B2 B3 B4<br>B5 B6 B7 C1 C3 C8       | 0 | 15 | 15 |
| Guest lecture / keynote speech | A1 A4 A5 B1 B2 B3<br>B4 B5 B6 B7 C1 C3<br>C8 | 0 | 24 | 24 |
| Multiple-choice questions      | A1 A4 A5 B1 B2 B3<br>B4 B5 B6 B7 C1 C3<br>C8 | 0 | 1  | 1  |
| Case study                     | A1 A5 B1 B2 B3 B4<br>B5 B6 B7 C1 C3 C8       | 0 | 7  | 7  |
| Personalized attention         |  | 0 |    | 0  |

(\*The information in the planning table is for guidance only and does not take into account the heterogeneity of the students.

| Methodologies                  |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Methodologies                  | Description   |
| Online forum                   | Espazo de discusión informal destinado aos estudantes para o tratamento dun tema ou problema, que se desenvolverá a través dun contorno virtual de aprendizaxe mediante ferramentas de comunicación asíncrona (foro).   |
| ICT practicals                 | Actividades prácticas que consistirán na aplicación dos contidos teóricos da materia mediante a utilización das tecnoloxías da información e as comunicacións. Empregarase software específico para a realización de estudos bioestatísticos ou epidemiolóxicos.                    |
| Problem solving                | Plantexarase a resolución de situacións prácticas concretas, a partir dos coñecementos traballados na materia   |
| Supervised projects            | Traballos onde se reflicta o dominio teórico-metodolóxico da materia. Os traballos solicitaranse en formato virtual e soporte informático.  |
| Guest lecture / keynote speech | Estudio dirixido a través de material multimedia, baseado na exposición dos coñecementos teóricos da materia apoiándose no uso de medios audiovisuais   |
| Multiple-choice questions      | Cuestionarios de preguntas tipo test e/ou preguntas curtas co propósito de controlar a evolución na materia   |
| Case study                     | Exposición dunha situación específica que suscita un problema que ten que ser comprendido, valorado e resolto por os/as alumnos/as. Plantexaranse problemas concretos en relación cos contidos da materia que describan unha situación real e describírase o proceso de resolución. |

| Personalized attention   |  |
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| Methodologies  | Description  |
| Case study<br>Online forum<br>ICT practicals<br>Problem solving<br>Supervised projects | The personalized attention related to these methodologies aims to guide students in the study of the subject and in the realization of the proposed practical works.<br><br>The follow-up will be done individually or in small groups, telematically, through email, the Virtual Campus or Teams. |

| Assessment                |  |   |               |
|---------------------------|--|---|---------------|
| Methodologies             | Competencies                                 | Description   | Qualification |
| Multiple-choice questions | A1 A4 A5 B1 B2 B3<br>B4 B5 B6 B7 C1 C3<br>C8 | Multiple choice and short answer questions to assess the progress for each unit of the subject.         | 30            |
| Problem solving           | A1 A5 B1 B2 B3 B4<br>B5 B6 C8 C3             | Concrete practical situations, that will have to be solved using the contents introduced in the subject | 30            |
| Supervised projects       | A1 A5 B1 B2 B3 B4<br>B5 B6 B7 C1 C3 C8       | Application of several statistical techniques to practical cases.                                       | 40            |



## Assessment comments

### Assessment system

The subject is divided into two blocks: Block 1 (corresponding to Unit 1. Survival analysis) and Block 2 (corresponding to Unit 2. Diagnostic tests). Both blocks are independent, that is, one block's qualification is not affected by the other block's qualification. To pass the subject, it is necessary to pass both blocks separately. In that case, the final score will be the weighted sum of each block's qualification. In case of failing at least one block, the final score will be the minimum between the weighted sum of each block's qualification and the score 4.5. The final mark will be "ABSENT" (NP) only in the case the student carried out none of the assessment activities. Concerning students of previous academic courses, the different former marks will not be kept in the current academic course.

### Block I (Unit 1. Survival Analysis)

The highest score is 6.5 (out of 10), which comes from:

Continuous evaluation (2.5 out of 10), consisting of solving problems and multiple-choice questions to be answered online individually. A supervised project (4 out of 10), which includes the application of several statistical techniques to practical cases. It can be individual or in groups of 2-3 people.

### Block II (Unit 2. Diagnostic test)

The highest score is 3.5 (out of 10), which comes from:

Continuous evaluation (1.75 out of 10), consisting of solving problems and/or multiple-choice questions related to the contents, to be answered online individually. Multiple-choice questions (1.75 out of 10), related to the contents, to be answered online individually. This assessment system will be applied in both the first and second call.

The regulation in the " Assessment, review and complaint regulation of degrees and master studies of the UDC ", article 19, shall apply.

### High honors qualification (MH)

Students whose final qualification exceeds 9 may be eligible for honors. The teachers of the subject may consider additional criteria in the results obtained by the students in any of the training actions programmed in the teaching guide.

### Fraud

Fraud in tests or evaluation activities will directly involve the implementation of the current rules in the Assessment, review and complaint regulation of the UDC and the Student Statute of the UDC. All these remarks are applied to the part-time students and/or with academic exemption.

## Sources of information

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <p><b>Basic</b></p>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clark, T., Bradburn, M., Love, S. et al. (2003). Survival Analysis Part I: Basic concepts and first analyses.. Br J Cancer 89, 232-238 (2003). <a href="https://doi.org/10.1038/sj.bjc.6601118">https://doi.org/10.1038/sj.bjc.6601118</a> (<a href="https://www.nature.com/article">https://www.nature.com/article</a>)</li> <li>- Collet D (2015). Modelling survival data in medical research. London: Chapman &amp; Hall;</li> <li>- Lee ET, Wang JW (2003). Statistical Methods for survival data analysis.. 3rd. ed. Belmont, CA: Lifetime learning Publications</li> <li>- Hosmer, D.W. y Lemeshow, S. (1999). Applied Survival Analysis: Regression Modeling of Time to Event Data.. N.Y.: John Wiley &amp; Sons, Inc.</li> <li>- Pepe, M. S. (2003). The statistical evaluation of medical tests for classification and prediction. Oxford: Oxford University Press.</li> <li>- Pita Fernández, S., Pértega Díaz, S. (2003). Pruebas diagnósticas: Sensibilidad y especificidad.. Cad Aten Primaria 2003; 10: 120-124.</li> <li>- López de Ullibarri Galparsoro I, Pita Fernández, S. (1998). Curvas ROC. CAD ATEN PRIMARIA 1998; 5 (4): 229-235.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Complementary</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pita Fernández, S (2001). Análisis de supervivencia. CAD ATEN PRIMARIA 1995; 2: 130-135. <a href="https://www.fisterra.com/mbe/investiga/supervivencia/supervivenc">https://www.fisterra.com/mbe/investiga/supervivencia/supervivenc</a></li> <li>- SEH-LELHA (2021). Artículos de Bioestadística . <a href="https://www.seh-lilha.org/bioestadistica/">https://www.seh-lilha.org/bioestadistica/</a></li> <li>- Unidade de Bioestadística Clínica del Hospital Universitario Ramón y Cajal (2021). Material docente. <a href="http://www.hrc.es/bioest/M_docente.html">http://www.hrc.es/bioest/M_docente.html</a></li> </ul>  |

## Recommendations

Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before



Statistics Applied to Health Sciences/653862206

Statistical Models for Clinical Research/6538623028

Statistics Applied to Health Sciences/6538623005

**Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously**

**Subjects that continue the syllabus**

**Other comments**

Teaching use of English: It is advisable a basic knowledge of English for reviewing the available sources of information, although it is not mandatory. The recommended level of English is A2, as stated in the Common European Framework of Reference on Language Skills ([http://cvc.cervantes.es/ensenanza/biblioteca\\_ele/marco/cvc\\_mer.pdf](http://cvc.cervantes.es/ensenanza/biblioteca_ele/marco/cvc_mer.pdf)).

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