



Teaching Guide

Teaching Guide				
Identifying Data			2020/21	
Subject (*)	Data Analysis in Biology		Code	610G02044
Study programme	Grao en Bioloxía			
Descriptors				
Cycle	Period	Year	Type	Credits
Graduate	1st four-month period	Fourth	Optional	6
Language	Spanish			
Teaching method	Hybrid			
Prerequisites				
Department	Matemáticas			
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Web				
General description	This subject provides a first contact with advanced statistical techniques including: statistical modelling, statistical tools for data analysis, procedures to check structural assumptions on the models, and criteria to establish a critical review of the attained results, estimating the interpretation of these results in terms of specific analyzed problem. The main objectives are: - Domain of a broad range of statistical methods in an integrated way, but emphasizing the particular properties of each of them. Specifically, the pursued targets and the required conditions for their application. - Obtaining valuable knowledge for a critical and rigorous analysis of the attained results. - Complementing the practical aspects of the learning process with the use of statistical software.			



Contingency plan	1. Modifications to the contents No changes will be performed 2. Methodologies *Teaching methodologies that are maintained Short answer questions: (20% final score), it will be online using Moodle.udc.es Supervised projects: (40% final score), they consist in the implementation of some of the different statistical methodologies to a real data set given by the teacher/s, using statistical software *Teaching methodologies that are modified Guest lecture / keynote speech: non assessable. They will given using TEAMS in the time slot the subject is assigned in the official calendar. ICT practicals: non assessable. The face-to-face classes consisted of analyzing real data set using statistical software (R) in a computer lab. In case they cannot be carried out on-site, they will be replaced with fully detailed guidelines (PDF) so the students can follow them by themselves. The scheduled sessions in the official calendar for 4rd course in the Degree of Biology will be used to comment, correct and solve all the questions, using Teams. Objective test: (40% final score) They will not be face-to-face anymore but online using moodle.udc.es. 3. Mechanisms for personalized attention to students E-mail Daily, to make queries, ask for tutorial sessions and for the follow-up of the practical projects. Videoconferencia (Teams) Individual or group tutorial sessions on request, previously scheduled using e-mail. Moodle Daily, according to the student's needs. In the web platform Teams, the learning material will be stored. Discussion forums will be created linked to the units of the subject, to make queries and solve questions. 4. Modifications in the evaluation Objective test (40% of the final score). For each block of the subject, it will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions, related to the application of the methods explained in the subject, and the interpretation of the corresponding results. In case of technical problems, the objective test might be done in a different time or day. Supervised projects (40% of the final score). Practical project in group, with the implementation of some of the different statistical methodologies to a real data set given by the teacher/s, using statistical software. Short answer questions (20% of the final score). They will be online using Moodle.udc.es, one for each unit of the subject *Evaluation observations: The score of the supervised projects will be kept during the current academic course. In case one (both) supervised project(s) is (are) not submitted for the first opportunity in January, it (they) will be required for the second opportunity in July. Part-time students and/or with academic exemption must submit these supervised projects as well. To pass the subject, it will be strictly necessary to pass each block separately. Otherwise, if only one or no blocks are passed, the final score will be 4.5 at most. To pass each block, it is necessary that the score of the objective test is not lower than 3 out of 10. For any of the two opportunities to pass the subject, the "NON PRESENTADO" grade will be given only to the students who did not submit any of the supervised projects nor take the objective test. All these remarks are applied to the part-time students and/or with academic exemption.
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5. Modifications to the bibliography or webgraphy

No changes will be performed, all the materials are available in moodle.udc.es



Study programme competences	
Code	Study programme competences
A21	Deseñar modelos de procesos biolóxicos.
A26	Deseñar experimentos, obter información e interpretar os resultados.
A30	Manexar adecuadamente instrumentación científica.
B2	Resolver problemas de forma efectiva.
B3	Aplicar un pensamento crítico, lóxico e creativo.
B4	Traballar de forma autónoma con iniciativa.
B5	Traballar en colaboración.
B6	Organizar e planificar o traballo.
B10	Exercer a crítica científica.

Learning outcomes			
Learning outcomes		Study programme competences	
To learn how to design experiments, to acquire and develop skills to interpret and discuss statistical results.		A21	B2
		A26	B3
		A30	B5
			B6
			B10
Developing critical and creative thinking skills to address problems in an effective way.			B2
			B3
			B4
			B5
			B6
			B10

Contents	
Topic	Sub-topic
Lineal regression models	Simple linear regression model Multiple linear regression model Other regression models
Design and analysis of experiments	Basic principles. Planning experiments ANOVA models with one and more than one sources of variation Complete blocks designs Designs including random effects Introduction to covariance analysis
Introduction to multivariate analysis	Description of multivariate data Principal component analysis Multivariate analysis of variance Discriminant analysis Cluster analysis

Planning				
Methodologies / tests	Competencies	Ordinary class hours	Student's personal work hours	Total hours
Supervised projects	A21 A26 A30 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6 B10	4	10	14
ICT practicals	A26 A30 B2 B3 B10	14	22.4	36.4
Problem solving	A26 B2 B3 B5 B10	6	9.6	15.6



Guest lecture / keynote speech	A26 B2 B3 B6 B10	22	55	77
Short answer questions	A21 B2 B3 B6	2	0	2
Objective test	A21 A26 A30 B2 B3 B4 B6 B10	3	0	3
Personalized attention		2	0	2

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

Methodologies	
Methodologies	Description
Supervised projects	Students should develop one or two practical works related to the subject contents. These works could be defended during a pre-established seminar.
ICT practicals	Practical classes in the computer lab conducted to provide some knowledge on the use of statistical software (mainly the R-commander package). These classes are specifically designed to learn the elementary use of the package and to interpret its outputs. Use of software helps to focus attention on the statistical issues rather than on the calculation.
Problem solving	Solving real problems in order to use statistical techniques fluently, emphasizing their practical application.
Guest lecture / keynote speech	Lectures where the basic theoretical principles of the subject are presented together with properly illustrated practical examples.
Short answer questions	Multiple choice and short answer questions to assess the progress for each unit of the subject. They will be online using moodle.udc.es.
Objective test	Final exam on the theoretical and practical contents of the subject. This exam consists in answering a list of short questions and/or solving some longer exercises in a reasoned way.

Personalized attention	
Methodologies	Description
Supervised projects	There will be personalized advice sessions during the development of the practical works. These sessions will take place by means of the interaction teacher/students at the moment of solving the different activities suggested in class: solving doubts, correcting mistakes, suggesting proper approaches to deal with the proposed problems and reviewing initial versions of the works. In addition to this, students will have the opportunity of receiving personalized advice in the office of the teachers. Personalize advice may be also received via online (e-mail, virtual platform,...). Part-time students are not required to defend their works in class, but these works must be provided to the teachers for their assessment. Part-time students can also receive personalized assistance using both face-to-face and virtual approaches.

Assessment			
Methodologies	Competencies	Description	Qualification
Supervised projects	A21 A26 A30 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6 B10	Application of several statistical techniques to practical cases.	40
Objective test	A21 A26 A30 B2 B3 B4 B6 B10	Test for skills assessment.	40
Short answer questions	A21 B2 B3 B6	Multiple choice and short answer questions to assess the progress for each unit of the subject. They will be online using moodle.udc.es.	20

Assessment comments



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objective tests, in each of the two opportunities, will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions, related to the application of the studied statistical methodologies and the interpretation of the corresponding results. The supervised projects will be practical projects in group, with the implementation of some of the different statistical methodologies to a real data set given by the teacher/s, using statistical software (R). The score of the supervised projects will be kept during the current academic course. In case one (or both) supervised project(s) is (are) not submitted for the first opportunity in January, it (they) will be required for the second opportunity in July. Part-time students and/or with academic exemption must submit these supervised projects as well.

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Sources of information

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Recommendations

Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before

Statistics/610G02005

Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously

Subjects that continue the syllabus

Other comments



- 1- Attendance and participation in both theoretical and practical lectures.
- 2- Complete all the problems solved in the development of the classes, with and without using statistical software.
- 3- Complement the materials provided by the teachers using the recommended references.
- 4- Continually review the work done in class by solving questionnaires and proposed problems.
- 5- Active participation in seminars scheduled for the presentation and defense of practical works.
- 6- Regular use of statistical software.
- 7- Application of statistical techniques to address problems arising in other subjects.
- 8- Take advantage of a regular participation in the personalized tutorial sessions.

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