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DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY
COURSE OUTLINE

**Geog 226 – Introduction to Quantitative Methods in Geography
September 2014**

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Lecture Hours Monday 9:00 AM – 10.50 AM
Thursday 9:00 AM – 10.50 AM
Room: Cornett B135

Office Hours Monday 10-11 AM, 1:30-3:30 PM
Thursday 10-11 AM, 1:30-3:30 PM
David Turpin Building B352

Lab Section Hours and Teaching Assistant You **MUST** be registered in a Lab Section!
Lab questions/problems should be addressed to your TA.
Contact the Senior Lab Instructor (Kinga Menu) if your TA is unavailable.

A01 BEC Lab Tuesday 8:30 – 11:20 Wayne Lu lu@uvic.ca
A02 BEC Lab Tuesday 12:50 – 15:20 Wayne Lu
A03 BEC Lab Wednesday 8:30 - 11:20 Samantha Kerr samantha_28_hef@hotmail.com
A04 BEC Lab Wednesday 12:50 – 15:20 Samantha Kerr

Course Objectives This course will introduce you to some of the most widely used methods for summarizing and analyzing different types of data. The main objectives of this course are to provide you with the skills for:

- Organizing and describing data in an informative way;
- Drawing inferences and constructing convincing arguments based on data analysis;
- Evaluating arguments based on data analysis that appear in the geographic literature as well as the media.

Learning Outcomes

- Ability to calculate and interpret basic quantitative statistical measures and tests;
- Proficiency in the use of the SPSS statistical packages;
- Ability to apply both the statistical methods and software skills in a variety of settings.

Late Assignment Policy Lab assignments are due at the beginning of the following lab. Penalty for assignments handed in more than 24 hours late is **10%** of the value of the assignment. Assignments that are one week late will not be graded. Only the course instructor can grant exceptions.

Course Evaluations

Mid-term Test **15% October 16** Lab Exercises **30%**
Mid-term Test **15% November 13**
Final Examination **40%**

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	D	F
90-100%	85-89%	80-84%	77-79%	73-76%	70-72%	65-69%	60-64%	50-59%	0-49%

Readings and Course Help

Course Textbook	A text is not required.
Lab Logon	Username: your UVic Netlink-ID Password: your student number
Lecture Notes, and Lab Assignments	Lecture note slides, lab assignments, and other course materials can be downloaded from UVic's CourseSpaces website. Username: your UVic Netlink-ID Password: your UVic Netlink-ID password These materials are intended as supplements to the lectures. They are not intended to replace the lectures.
Lab Access	Laboratory operating hours can be found at http://www.sfg.uvic.ca/hours.php .
Printing	Self-serve printing and photocopying are available using a prepaid-vend card that can be bought at all Student Computing Facilities.
Academic Standards	Academic integrity requires commitment to the values of honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Plagiarism will be dealt with in accordance with university policy. Please review University Calendar for details (pages 33-34).
Students with a Disability	If you have any type of disability, there are support systems, resources, and accommodation actions available to you. If you wish to access any of these, contact the Resource Centre for Students with a Disability (RCSD) (http://rcsd.uvic.ca/). Please note: You are under no obligation to disclose your disability.
Advice	Some students have found lab assignments in this course to be challenging and/or time intensive. Please make sure that you schedule enough time to complete them.
Further Assistance	MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS ASSISTANCE CENTRE http://www.math.uvic.ca/~msassist/index.html Drop-in locations: Learning Commons location: Room 135, Mearns Centre for Learning AND Social Sciences & Mathematics (SSM) building location: A202, Main level.
Other Contacts	Geography Departmental web site: http://geography.uvic.ca/ GEOPLAN planning guide: http://www.geog.uvic.ca/moodle/ [Login as a guest] Undergraduate Advisor: Dr. Phil Wakefield (philw@geog.uvic.ca)

Course Experience Survey (CES)

Towards the end of term, as in all other courses at UVic, you will have the opportunity to complete an anonymous survey regarding your learning experience (CES). The survey is vital to providing feedback to me regarding the course and my teaching, as well as to help the department improve the overall programme for students in the future. The survey is accessed via MyPage and can be done on your laptop, tablet, or mobile device. I will remind you and provide you with more detailed information as we approach the end of term.

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