COURSE NUMBER: SOWO 918
TITLE: Applied Regression Analysis and Generalized Linear Models, Spring 2019

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This PhD-level course introduces statistical frameworks, analytical tools, and social behavioral applications of OLS regression models, logistic regression models, and generalized linear models.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:

- Understand the type and nature of research questions and data that are suitable for regression analysis;
- Use Stata computing software package to manage and analyze data with the OLS regression model;
- Understand the Gauss-Markov theorem and the BLUE property of OLS, especially conditions under which BLUE does not hold;
- Have a solid understanding of the five assumptions embedded in the OLS regression;
- Know how to conduct statistical tests detecting violations of OLS assumptions (i.e., multicollinearity, heteroskedasticity, influential data and outliers, etc.);
- Know how to take remedial measures if harmful violations exist (i.e., weighted least-squares regression, etc.);
- Understand the type and nature of research questions and data that are suitable for the generalized linear models;
- Have a solid understanding of basic concepts of categorical data (i.e., odds ratio, relative risk, marginal probability, and conditional probability);
- Use Stata computing software package to manage and analyze data with the binary, ordered, and multinomial logistic regressions;
- Know how to interpret results of regression analysis and logistic regression analysis, and communicate findings to general audiences clearly and effectively in writing; and
- Understand limitations of the regression and logistic regression models.

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE PACKAGE: This course will use Stata. Example code will be provided.

REQUIRED TEXTS/READINGS:


All required journal articles are available on the course Sakai site.
POLICIES

Policy on Attendance
Class attendance will be important for content and skill learning as individuals and as small groups. Do your best to attend all class sessions.

Policy on Late and Incomplete Assignments
Assignments/quizzes are to be completed/turned in to the professor on the due date noted in the course outline. In most cases, late assignments will not be accepted. In the case of an emergency, extensions may be granted by the professor, but when possible students should contact the professor before the due date to determine if their case is an emergency. Late assignments will be reduced 10 percent for each day late (including weekend days). A grade of incomplete will be given only under extenuating circumstances and in accordance with University policy.

Bad Weather Policy
In the case of snow, ice, or other threatening or unsafe conditions, students should follow UNC’s Adverse Weather announcements at www.unc.edu or Adverse Weather and Emergency Phone Line (919) 843-1234. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact UNC Public Safety at 919-962-3951 (M-F, 7:30-5:00) or after business hours at 919-962-8100.

Note about Technology
You will need a laptop to conduct analysis and other explorations in class. Please refrain from checking your email, social media sites, and other non-class related electronic destinations.

Grading System
The standard School of Social Work’s interpretation of grades and numerical scores will be used.

- **H** = 94-100
- **P** = 80-93
- **L** = 70-79
- **F** = 69 and below

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ASSIGNMENTS

In Class Quizzes: Students will complete open-book/notes quizzes during class time.
Final Project

Students will complete a regression analysis – either linear with interaction term or logistic/multinomial - and write-up the results following the format used for paper submissions to the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 2018 Conference.

Abstracts (500 words or less) should be submitted in a structured format and include the following sections:

- **Background and Purpose:** description of the problem, study objectives, research question(s) and/or hypothesis (es).
- **Methods:** study design, including a description of participants and sampling methods, data collection procedures, measures, and appropriate analytic/ statistical approach.
- **Results:** specific results in summary form.
- **Conclusions and Implications:** description of the main outcome(s) of the study and implications for practice, policy, or further research.

Unlike the SSWR instructions, please do include APA formatted tables and a reference list with your submission. Tables and references will not count toward the 500 word limit. Students will have 10 minutes to present their work during the final class session.

**COURSE FORMAT & OUTLINE**

**Format**

This course combines lectures, discussions, explorations, and analytic practice to support mastery and application of material.

At the end of this course students should be able to:

1. carefully interpret published regression results;
2. describe the assumptions, purposes, and limitations of regression;
3. conduct and report linear regression analysis, including regression models with interaction terms; and
4. conduct and report categorical regression analysis models.

There is no assigned homework for this course, but students are expected to complete assigned readings and practice analysis techniques outside of class time. The expectation is that each week students will practice the code presented on a Wednesday, master it, and come with any questions they may have the following Wednesday.

**Outline**

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References


Moderation/Mediation Websites:

http://davidakenny.net/cm/moderation.htm

http://davidakenny.net/cm/mediate.htm

http://www.quantpsy.org/interact/mlr2.htm

Reporting Websites:

https://www.apa.org/pubs/authors/jars.pdf

http://www.aera.net/Portals/38/docs/12ERv35n6_Standard4Report%20.pdf
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**Writing Support**
Clear, cogent writing is an essential skill for social work professionals. Writing support is available to all students through the School’s Writing Support Team; they can help you strengthen your writing skills by sharing strategies for organizing information, presenting a cohesive argument, ensuring clear communication, and mastering APA style. Writing Support offers a learning opportunity for students but does not merely copy edit student papers. Writing support is available in-person, by e-mail, or by phone. E-mail a requested appointment day and time to SOSWwritingsupport@gmail.com. In addition, see the Writing Resources and References page on the School’s website (under the Current Students tab: https://ssw.unc.edu/students/writing).

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