

Data Analysis

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ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
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Use of Languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Teachers

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Prerequisites

Students are assumed to have already passed the following course: "Methods, Designs and Research Techniques".

Objectives and Contextualisation

Data Analysis is the second methodological course of the syllabus of the Psychology degree and belongs to the subject Research Methods and Psychometrics. It is taught in the first semester of the second year and represents the continuation of the course Methods, Designs and Research Techniques, taught in the first year of the Psychology degree. The course integrates some of the methodological competences transferred from the Statistics subject and incorporates, and develops new ones, with the purpose of allowing the students to expand their competence base in preparation for the subsequent methodological courses.

Specifically, the objectives to be achieved are the following.

1. Familiarise students with the underlying conceptual foundations of the main statistical techniques used in answering the questions typically faced by Psychology practitioners and/or researchers.
2. Enable students to explain and correctly interpret the results obtained after applying the statistical techniques usually used and published in prestigious scientific journals.
3. Enable students to integrate the concepts developed in the framework of statistical thinking, as a formal structure of reasoning that facilitates the study of natural and psychological phenomena.

At the end of the course, the student must be able to do the following.

1. Reason within the framework of statistical thinking.
2. Know and correctly use the vocabulary of data analysis.
3. Understand the concept of uncertainty and probability in the field of psychological phenomenology.
4. Propose the statistical hypotheses correctly.
5. Identify the fundamental elements that define statistical inference.
6. Understand the type of reasoning implicit in the process of inferential statistics.
7. Analyse and understand the risk implicit in a statistical decision.
8. Decide which statistical technique is the most appropriate to test the statistical hypothesis.
9. Plan correctly the most appropriate analysis strategy in each of the problem situations posed.
10. Properly interpret the results obtained in a statistical analysis.

Competences

- Distinguish between the design of research, procedures and techniques to evaluate hypotheses, contrast them and interpret the results.

Learning Outcomes

1. Assess and contrast models, tools and techniques and decide which are most suitable for statistical analysis.
2. Correctly interpret the results obtained from the application of statistical tests presented.
3. Draw reasoned conclusions from the results obtained after applying statistical methods and technique which can respond to a research hypothesis.
4. Identify key models and statistical analysis techniques and interpret the results obtained adequately.

Content

1. Probability distributions
2. Statistical inference (I): estimation
3. Statistical inference (II): hypothesis testing
4. Relationship between two categorical variables
5. Comparing the means of two independent groups
6. Comparing more than two means: analysis of variance
7. Correlation model
8. Analysis of repeated measures

Methodology

The course Data Analysis counts for 6 ECTS credits that represent a total student workload of 150 hours. Of this total, 45 hours will be dedicated to training activities based on face-to-face lectures and practical sessions consisting of problem solving. A total of 18 hours will be devoted to reviewing problems in seminars and personal tutorials with the teachers. Various autonomous activities will be organized, which will involve 72 hours of student dedication, based on the reading of documents recommended by the teachers and cooperative learning (group resolution of cases and problem situations). The remaining nine hours to complete the course will be dedicated to evaluation activities.

To achieve the objectives of the course, the following taxonomy of activities will be used:

Teaching methodology:

- Formal lectures
- Supervised practical's
- Problem-based learning
- Presentation / discussion of cases

Educational activities

- Case studies
- Technical-scientific readings

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Practical classes	18	0.72	3, 4, 2, 1
Theoretical classes	27	1.08	3, 4, 2, 1
Type: Supervised			
Review of problems	10	0.4	3, 4, 2, 1
Tutorials	11	0.44	3, 4, 2, 1
Type: Autonomous			
Cooperative learning	33	1.32	3, 4, 2, 1
Reading scripts	45	1.8	3, 4, 2, 1

Assessment

Students' final grades are based on a continuous process that assesses the degree of acquisition of competences associated with the course. The evaluation process is based on the delivery of various evidences of learning, associated with different evaluation modes, at different times during the semester. This format provides students and teachers with immediate feedback on the level of skills acquired throughout the course and the degree of improvement in academic performance. To pass the course, students must produce a satisfactory performance in two compulsory integrative tests (EV2 and EV4) taken individually, and two tests of instrumental or practical evaluation (EV1 and EV3) taken as a group. The integrative tests (EV2 and EV4) will be carried out in person at the date and place set by the Faculty. The instrumental or practical evidences (EV1 and EV3) will be evaluated on the dates set in the schedule of the course. EV1 and EV3 consist of the presentation and subsequent resolution of a situation-problem that each work team must prepare throughout the semester. In addition, a limited final test may be taken individually to opt for the Distinction grade (EV5); the characteristics of this test (EV5) will be explained during the course. The final grade of the course (FG) is determined by the weighted contributions of the respective learning evidences: $FG = EV1 (0.10) + EV2 (0.35) + EV3 (0.10) + EV4 (0.45)$. Therefore, EV1 contributes to the FG of the course by 10%, EV2 by 35%, EV3 by 10%, and EV4 by 45%. The FG of the course will be "Not evaluable" if the student has not completed EV2 or EV4. The subject will be considered passed if, having presented evidences with a minimum weight of 2/3 during the continuous evaluation (EV1 and EV2), at least 50% of the expected maximum grade is obtained, which implies a grade of 5 points on a scale of 0 to 10). Students who, after having followed the continuous

evaluation process (EV2 and EV4), obtain a FG equal to or higher than 3.5 points and lower than 5 points (on a scale of 0 to 10), may take a re-evaluation test (EV6), individually and in writing. The re-evaluation test will be in two different parts corresponding to the two thematic blocks of the course (EV2 and/or EV4); thus, depending on his/her results, the student may choose to resist EV2, resit EV4, or resit both EV2 and EV4. The mark(s) obtained in the re-evaluation test will replace those obtained initially in the previous evaluations made during the course (EV2 and/or EV4). Students who have passed the subject by obtaining a FG equal to or greater than 5 points may not take a re-evaluation test to increase the FG. Students with a final grade lower than 3.5 points may not take a re-evaluation test and their final grade will be "Fail". Students who have obtained a grade equal to or higher than 9 points will be eligible for the grade of Distinction. These students must complete a supplementary evaluation test (EV5), in face-to-face and oral format. This test will take place at the same time as the re-evaluation test.

On the following link: <https://www.uab.cat/web/estudiar/graus/graus/avaluacions-1345722525858.html> you can consult the evaluation guidelines of the degrees of the Psychology Faculty 2019-20.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
EV1 Practical evaluation test	10%	0	0	3, 4, 2, 1
EV2 Integrative test	35%	3	0.12	3, 4, 2, 1
EV3 Practical evaluation test	10%	0	0	3, 4, 2, 1
EV4 Integrative test	45%	3	0.12	3, 4, 2, 1
EV5 Distinction-grade	Qualitative assessment	0	0	3, 4, 2, 1

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