Western University  
Psychology  
PSY 9551A  
Experimental Design, Data Analysis, and Sample Size Calculation  
Fall 2022  
SSC XXXX, Wed 9:30am-12:30pm

Enrollment Restrictions  
Enrollment in this course is restricted to graduate students in Psychology as well as any student in another program (pending class size) who has obtained special permission to enroll in this course from the course instructor as well as the Graduate Chair (or equivalent) from the student’s home program.

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Course Description  
This course covers advanced experimental design, analysis of variance, and the general linear model. We begin with principles of descriptive and inferential statistics including sample size calculations for precision of estimates and statistical power using simulation procedures and software applications. The course includes methods of data inspection, visualization, and methods for handling missing data and non-normal outcomes such as robust statistics and bootstrapping. We then cover the main research designs and their associated ANOVA models for one-way, factorial, within-subjects, mixed between-within designs, and hierarchical designs. Also covered in these topics is the distinction between fixed and random factors, effect size estimates for meta-analysis, and power calculations. The course work consists entirely of lab assignments that provide hands-on training in generating hypotheses and designs, conducting power analyses and analyzing data, interpreting and reporting results. Demonstrations are provided using various software (e.g., R, Jamovi, SPSS).

Course Format  
Lectures in person
Course Learning Outcomes/Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Design studies with interactions and a mix of between- and within-subjects factors.
2. Conduct a sample size calculation for statistical power of an effect in any design or for precision of confidence intervals.
3. Conduct analyses and report results including tests, diagnostics, effect size, and visuals.
4. Make sound decisions about how to proceed with missing data and violations of assumptions using options such as robust statistics, bootstrapping, and improving measurement scale of outcome variable.

Course Materials

The following textbook is optional and can serve as a secondary resource. It will be available online through our Western library and can be accessed through the OWL course page. You will be able to download sections in pdf.


A list of supplementary articles and book chapters (available online through the library system or in the OWL course website) are listed below by lecture topics. These are additional resources that are discussed in the course and may serve you beyond this course in your own research.

Methods of Evaluation

The course work consists entirely of **6 equally weighted (~16.5% each)** lab assignments provided every two weeks starting Sep 21. You will have two weeks to complete each assignment. These assignments provide hands-on training by having you generate hypotheses, analyze data, interpret and report results, conduct simulations, write mini research proposals, or evaluate published research. My lectures and demonstrations include presentations in R (and the related Jamovi software) and SPSS. Students are allowed to work in any software package or programming language of their choice including any not mentioned above (e.g., SAS, Stata, Python or MATLAB).

Assignment reports will typically consist of a two double-spaced page write-up including a short method section, results section including tables and/or figures, interpretation and discussion of results, answers to specific questions, and an appendix with analysis output.

Late assignments will receive a 5% deduction per 24 hours. Assignments that are more than one week late will not be accepted for partial marks unless you have contacted me to request an extension.

*Rules about working in groups*. I am supportive of students working in pairs or groups to conduct the analyses and discuss the assignments. However, you are required to write your own report with no
duplication from your colleagues’ work. The assignments will often require you to choose a subset of variables, to make decisions about plausible strategies, or to describe research ideas from your own area of interest. Also, some questions will ask you to design your own hypothetical research designs. As a result, it is unlikely that two students will work with the exact same material.

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<td>Lab6</td>
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<td>Running a small meta analysis in Jamovi or R</td>
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Each of these assignments will be provided to you, two weeks prior to the due date.

Course Timeline

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Additional resources for lecture topics (list may be slightly updated before start of course)

**Sep 14.**

**Sep 21.**


Sep 28.

Oct 5.

Oct 12.


Oct 19.
[https://doi.org/10.1177/2515245920951503](https://doi.org/10.1177/2515245920951503)


Nov 9.


Nov 16.

version 06/13/2022
Nov 23.

Nov 30.

Dec 7.

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http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_grad.pdf

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