

**BIOL 330 / ES 344 University of Victoria – Spring 2021**  
**STUDY DESIGN AND DATA ANALYSIS**

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**Course website** BIOL 330 / ES 344 on [bright.uvic.ca](http://bright.uvic.ca)

**Lectures** Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 11:30 AM–12:20 PM

**Labs** Tuesdays, Thursdays at 2:30–5:20 PM

**Textbook** Whitlock, M. & Schluter, D. 2020. The Analysis of Biological Data. **3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.** Macmillan.

**Software** R and RStudio (available for download at no cost)

**Learning Objectives** At the end of the course:

1. You are able to frame appropriate and testable hypotheses for a set of data.
2. You are able to analyze and interpret a set of data in a statistically sound way, so that your interpretation will withstand scrutiny as being a logical and appropriate hypothesis test and interpretation of the data.

**Assessment of Final Grades**

Lab Assignments	40%	Five assignments, each worth 5 or 10%; see pages 2 & 3
Midterm Exam	20%	<b>Cumulative and closed-book</b> ; February 23, 11:30 AM-12:20 PM
Final Exam	40%	<b>Cumulative and closed-book</b> ; During Exam Period: April 15-27

**Important Notes & Course Policies** ( )

- 1) This is an online course. Students are responsible for having a reliable computer and internet connection for lectures, labs, assignments and exams. Refer to the **University's minimum technology requirements for online courses**: [www.uvic.ca/systems/status/features/min-tech-requirements.php](http://www.uvic.ca/systems/status/features/min-tech-requirements.php)
- 2) Live sessions may be recorded by the Instructors and posted on the course website. Students are not permitted to record lecture or lab sessions in audio or video formats.
- 3) A lockdown browser and Zoom may be required for exams. If so, advance notice will be given.
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- 5) As per University regulations, students who do not complete all tests and assignments will be given a final grade of **N** and will not be permitted to write the final exam.
- 6) As per University regulations, students must achieve satisfactory standing in both the lecture and the lab. To receive credit for the course, students must pass both the lecture and the lab.
- 7) Final grades will be assigned on the basis of the University's official grading scale with F and N as per university regulations.

## LECTURE SCHEDULE

<b>Week of...</b>	<b>Lecture Topics</b>	<b>Textbook Chapters</b>
Jan 11	Types of data; Random sampling; Displaying Data	1, 2, Interleaf 2
Jan 18	Describing Data; Estimating Uncertainty; Probability	3, 4, 5
Jan 25	Hypothesis testing; Binomial test; $\chi^2$ goodness-of-fit	6, 7, 8, Interleaf 3
Feb 1	Contingency; Normal distribution; Confidence intervals	9, 10
Feb 8	Testing means and variances	11, 12
Feb 15		
Feb 22	Experimental design	14, Interleaf 5 & 6
March 1	Violating test assumptions; Non-parametric tests	13
March 8	ANOVA	15
March 15	Correlation; Regression	

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