



# STAT 201

## Statistics for the Life Sciences

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Day Course

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This course may be applied to the  
Certificate of Liberal Arts

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### Prerequisite:

### Calendar Description:

An introductory course in research methodology and associated statistical analysis techniques for students with training in the life sciences.

### Outline:

Aimed at a non mathematical audience, this course discusses procedures that are most commonly used in the summary of statistical surveys and in the interpretation of experimental data. Either STAT 101 or STAT 201 is a satisfactory prerequisite for STAT 302.

1. **Data summaries and displays:** Graphical displays, measures of central tendency, measures of dispersion, percentiles, the normal curve, computer generated graphs and data summaries.
2. **Summarizing the relationship between variables:** Scatter plots, the regression line, correlation, and causation.
3. **Basic probability calculations:** The addition and multiplication rules, and independence.
4. **Distributions for count data:** The binomial and Poisson distributions; where they arise, and their basic properties.
5. **Hypothesis tests and confidence intervals:** p-values, confidence levels, and their interpretation; inferences on a proportion and a mean based on the standard normal and t-distributions, underlying assumptions, and a mention of alternatives.
6. **Comparing two treatments:** Completely randomized and paired designs; associated standard normal and t-tests.
7. **Inference on the relationship between two variables:** Simple linear regression and correlation analysis, plus, if time permits, comparing two lines and basic analysis of covariance.
8. **Comparing several treatments:** Completely randomized and randomized block designs; one- and two-way analyses of variance.
9. **Analyzing Frequency Counts:** tests for homogeneity and independence.

### Grading Scheme:

Homeworks: 20%

Midterm: 30%

Final: 50%, or 80% if higher than midterm

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