UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS

M.Sc. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN ZOOLOGY

SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

431GEC2

Course Objectives:		
The main objectives of this course is		
	Students should know basic concepts in Biostatistics.	
Course	**:**	**Generic Elective – 2**
Course title	**:**	**Biostatistics**
Credits	**:**	**3**
Pre-requisite:		
Students should be aware of importance of analysis of quantitative and qualitative information from biological studies.		
Expected Course Outcome:		
Upon completion of this course, Students would have		

I	Clear understanding of design and application of biostatistics relevant to experimental and population studies.	**K2 & K3**
II	Acquired skills to perform various statistical analyses using modern statistical techniques and software.	**K3 & K4**
III	Knowledge on the merits and limitation of practical problems in biological/ health management study as well as to propose and implement appropriate statistical design/ methods of analysis.	**K5 & K6**

K1- Remember; **K2**- Understand; **K3**- Apply; **K4**-Analyze; **K5**-Evaluate; **K6**- Create

Units	
I	Definition, scope and application of statistics; Primary and secondary data: Source and implications; Classification and tabulation of biological data: Types and applications. Variables: Definition and types. Frequency distribution: Construction of frequency, distribution table for grouped data; Graphic methods: Frequency polygon and ogive curve; Diagrammatic representation: Histogram, bar diagram, pictogram and pie chart.
II	Measures of central tendency: Mean, median and mode for continuous and discontinuous variables. Measures of dispersion: Range, variation, standard deviation, standard error and coefficient of variation.
III	Probability: Theories and rules; Probability - Addition and multiplication theorem; Probability distribution: Properties and application of Normal, Binomial and Poisson distributions.
IV	Hypothesis testing: Student'*t*' test - paired sample and mean difference'*t*' tests. Correlation: Types - Karl Pearsons Co-efficient, Rank correlation, Significance test for correlation coefficients. Regression analysis: Computation of biological data, calculation of regression co-efficient, graphical representation and prediction.

V	Analysis of variance: one way and two way classification. Data analysis with comprehensive statistical software using Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS).

Reading list

1. Arora, P. N. and P. K. Malhan. 1996. Biostatistics, Himalaya Publishing House, Mumbai, pp-447.
2. Gurumani, N. 2005. Introduction to Biostatistics, M.J.P. Publishers, Delhi, pp-407.
3. Das, D. and A. Das. 2004. Academic Statistics in Biology and Psychology, Academic Publisher, Kolkata, pp-363.
4. Palanichamy, S. and Manoharan, M. 1990. Statistical Methods for Biologists, Palani Paramount Publications, Tamil Nadu, pp-264.

Recommended texts

1. Bailey, N. T. J. 1959. Statistical in Biology, English Universities Press, London, pp-48.
2. Sokal, R. R. and F. J. Rohlf, 1973. Introduction to Biostatistics, W.H. Freeman, London, pp-467.
3. Sokal, R.R. and F.J. Rohlf. 1981. Biometry: The principles and practice of statistics in biological research, San Francisco: W.H. Freeman, London, pp-859.
4. Zar, J.H. 1998. Biostatistical Analysis, Pearson Education (Singapore) Pvt. Ltd., Delhi, India, pp-660.
5. Bailey, N. T. J. 1994. Statistical Methods in Biology (Third Edition), Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, pp-255.
6. Wayne W. Daniel. Biostatistics: A Foundation for Analysis in the Health Sciences, John Wiley & Sons Inc, USA, pp-443.
7. Snedecor, G. W. and W. G. Cochran. 1967. Statistical Methods (Sixth Edition), Oxford & IBH Publishing Co., New Delhi, pp-593.
8. Pagano, M. and K. Gauvreau. 2008. Principles of Biostatistics (Second Edition), Cengage Learning, New Delhi, pp-525.

Mapping with Programme Outcomes*

Cos	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10
CO1	S	M	L	M	S	S	M	S	M	M
CO2	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
CO3	M	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	L
CO4	M	M	S	L	M	M	M	S	L	M
CO5	M	M	S	L	M	S	M	L	S	M

*S - Strong; M - Medium; L- Low