

## Subject Description Form

<b>Subject Code</b>	AMA2634A
<b>Subject Title</b>	Introduction to Statistics
<b>Credit Value</b>	0
<b>Level</b>	2
<b>Pre-requisite</b>	Basic Statistics I (AMA1006) or equivalent
<b>Exclusion</b>	Introduction to Statistics (AMA2634)
<b>Objectives</b>	This subject is to introduce to the students the compilation of statistical data, elements of probability and probability distribution. Basic elements of statistical methods would also be introduced.
<b>Intended Learning Outcomes</b>	Upon satisfactory completion of the subject, students should be able to: a. Apply the knowledge of descriptive statistics to the organization and interpretation of data. b. Find confidence intervals for the sample means, sample variances and sample proportions. c. Discuss the concept of Type I and Type II error, one-sided and two sided tests. d. Apply the concept of hypothesis testing to simple statistical problems. e. Use the Chi-square distribution to solve goodness of fit problem and test for independence in contingency tables. f. Carry out nonparametric tests for simple statistical problems. g. Evaluate the expectation and variances of the linear combination of several independent random variables.
<b>Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus</b>	<p><i>Descriptive Statistics (4 hours)</i>            Frequency distributions: construction and uses of frequency tables. Measures of central tendency: arithmetic mean, median, mode. Measures of variability: range, percentiles, quartile deviation, mean deviation, variance, standard deviation, coefficient of variation.</p> <p><i>Useful Distributions in Statistical Inference (6 hours)</i>            Definitions of normal, t, F and chi-square distributions; familiarization with the relationships between these distributions and the use of corresponding tables.</p> <p><i>Estimation of Parameters (9 hours)</i>            Point and interval estimates of a mean and the difference between two means, a proportion and the difference between two proportions, a variance and the ratio of two variances. Sample size required for a specified precision in an estimate.</p> <p><i>Test of Hypotheses (11 hours)</i>            Statistical hypotheses and their tests. Type I and type II errors. One-sided and two-sided tests. Tests of significance; levels of significance; test statistics; critical</p>

	<p>regions. Tests for an assumed mean, the difference between two means, an assumed proportion, the difference between two proportions, an assumed variance, and the ratio of two variances. The use of chi-square tests for goodness of fit and for independence; contingency tables.</p> <p><i>Nonparametric Tests (5 hours)</i> The sign test, the signed rank test, the rank sum test, and the Kolmogrov-Smirnov test.</p> <p><i>Joint Probability Distribution (4 hours)</i> Joint distribution of two random variables: discrete, and continuous. Mean and variance of linear combination of several independent random variables.</p>																																																
<b>Teaching/Learning Methodology</b>	The subject will be delivered mainly through lectures and tutorials. The lectures will be conducted to introduce the basic statistics concepts of the topics in the syllabus, which are then reinforced by learning activities including demonstration, tutorial exercise and assignments.																																																
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<b>Reading List and References</b>	<u>Textbook:</u> Johnson, R., Miller, I. and Freund, J.E.      Miller & Freund's Probability and Statistics for Engineers      Prentice-Hall 8 <sup>th</sup> edition      2010		
<u>References:</u>			
	Wackerly, D.D., Mendenhall, W., & Scheaffer, R.L.	Mathematical Statistics with Applications 7 <sup>th</sup> edition	Duxbury Press 2007
	Montgomery, D.C. and Runger, G.C.	Applied Statistics and Probability for Engineers 4 <sup>th</sup> edition	Wiley 2006
	Keller, G. & Warrack, B.	Statistics for Management and Economics 9 <sup>th</sup> edition	South Western Educational Publishing 2011
	Anderson, D.R., Sweeney, D. J. & Williams, T.A.	Statistics for Business and Economics 11 <sup>th</sup> edition	Thomson South-Western 2011