The Quantitative Methods Collaborative is an initiative to improve quantitative methodology in the College Liberal Arts.

Statistical consulting is available to CLA researchers at no cost. See inside this brochure for details.

To foster interaction between CLA researchers in different disciplines, the QMC maintains a moderated mailing list of talks presented throughout the university that might be of interest. You can opt-in to the mailing list at www.stat.umn.edu/QMC.

From time to time the QMC will offer short courses on topics of interest to College faculty and students on topics that may not usually appear in the College’s curriculum, or else are only a part of full-semester courses. These courses could vary from a few hours to a few days, with topics that vary from very elementary to very advanced. Information will be available through the opt-in mailing list and on the QMC web page.
The Statistical Consulting Service of the School of Statistics provides statistical help to improve research in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota.

We help design experiments and surveys, select and perform appropriate analyses, interpret results, and assist in writing grant proposals, journal articles, graduate student theses, and other published works.

We collaborate with CLA-OIT Survey Services, who provides assistance with online survey design implementation and data collection.

Beginning in March 2010, the Statistical Consulting Service is part of the Quantitative Methods Collaborative, an effort to support quantitative work within CLA. In the past, the Statistical Consulting Service has helped on literally thousands of projects with University researchers, including everything from questions that can be answered on the spot to in-depth research projects that take months or even years of collaboration, and we look forward to working with you.

**FREE STATISTICAL ADVICE**

Advice on relevant statistical issues is available during the school year and during summer sessions at no cost in our offices in Ford Hall on the Minneapolis Campus. Some complex projects may require additional funding for personnel, but initial contacts are always without cost.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Any scientific and educational research project within CLA is eligible for this service. Consulting is not available for questions regarding class work or non-university projects. We provide limited support for statistical packages and database management, but can often provide a referral for help. All CLA faculty, staff and students with research problems and questions are invited to contact the Consulting Service.

**WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM CLIENTS?**

Clients are *not* expected to be experts on the statistical issues they face, or even to have any statistical background at all. Clients *should* be able to explain their experiment or study goals, and provide a basic overview of the issues involved. Any analysis phase of a project is the responsibility of the client with input and guidance from our consultants.