

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Office Hours: Monday, Friday 10:05 – 11:00 am after class for STAT 8052. For class times of STAT 8052, see the web calendar at <http://users.stat.umn.edu/~birgit/classes/8052/>. Otherwise, by appointment.

Location: 381 Ford Hall

Class Times and Location: Fridays, 3:35-4:25pm, except Friday Feb 19. Ford Hall room 170.

Workload: The following is required.

- One presentation on a statistics topic, 25 min, plus answering questions in a discussion afterwards. If you want to give a longer presentation, please talk to the instructor. The presentation could be about your PhD research, about an internship project, or just something you are interested in.
Prior to the presentation, schedule a meeting with the instructor (at the latest on Wednesday before the presentation), to go through the slides. At the meeting, the slides should be “very close to final”. Preferably, submit the slides the evening before.
- Short written evaluations of 4 presentations by your fellow students.
These should be submitted to the instructor (by email), who will forward them to the presenter (anonymously). The purpose is to give each one of you honest and thoughtful feedback on the presentations.
- Short written evaluations of 3 presentations at the School of Statistics colloquium on Thursdays. Again, submit to the instructor by email, Thursday evening after the seminar. The purpose is to have a foundation for discussing the colloquium presentation on the following day (Friday).
- One of the following:
 - Produce a poster for a major statistical meeting, e.g., ASA meeting. Encouraged for 3rd year students.
 - A short presentation (up to 10 min) of a current research paper in a major journal. For example, you could go through “Statistical Science” of 2015 and choose something that interests you, and that might be of interest to your fellow students. The challenge here is to convey content understandably within a short time.
- Active participation in the literature seminar.
- You are encouraged to attend the School’s Thursday colloquia, as well as the presentations by the candidates interviewing for a faculty position this Spring.

Grading: This is an S/N course. To obtain an “S”, course requirements need to be fulfilled. Part of the requirements is attendance (at least 11 of the 13 remaining weekly meeting times).

Incompletes: Consistent with U of MN policy, an I will be assigned at the discretion of the instructor, and only when the student was prevented from completing the course work on time *due to extraordinary circumstances* (as determined by the instructor). The policy is described in <http://advisingtools.class.umn.edu/cgep/gradingpolicies.html>. If you want to get an Incomplete, you must agree in writing on the means for making up the Incomplete.

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