## Course Documentation

## School of Biosciences



## 1. Calendar Description

This is a course in Inferential Statistics. Topics covered are: the central limit theorem, discrete probability distributions, estimation (confidence intervals), chi- square distribution, analysis of variance. Microsoft EXCEL will be used to generate statistical reports and graphs.
Prerequisite: MATH 2002

## 2. Course Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be

1) Apply probability basics.
2) Classify discrete probability distributions.
3) Apply the normal distribution.
4) Define sampling distributions.
5) Produce interval estimates of population parameters.

## 3. Essential Employability Skills Outcomes: This course will contribute to the achievement of the following essential employability skills

[ ] 1. communicate clearly, concisely and correctly in the written, spoken, and visual form that fulfills the purpose and meets the needs of the audience.
[ ] 2. respond to written, spoken, or visual messages in a manner that ensures effective communication.
[x] 3. execute mathematical operations accurately.
[x] 4. apply a systematic approach to solve problems.
[ ] 5. use a variety of thinking skills to anticipate and solve problems.
[ ] 6. locate, select, organize, and document information using appropriate technology and information systems.
[ ] 7. analyze, evaluate, and apply relevant information from a variety of sources.
[ ] 8. show respect for the diverse opinions, values, belief systems, and contribution of others.
[ ] 9. interact with others in groups or team in ways that contribute to effective working relationships and the achievement of goals.
[x] 10. manage the use of time and other resources to complete projects.
[ ] 11. take responsibility for one's own actions, decisions, and consequences.

## 4. General Education:

Indicate if this course is identified as a General Education course in the program of study.
[ ] Yes
[x] No
[ ] 1. Arts in Society
[ ] 2. Civic Life
If yes, indicate which General Education theme this course addresses.
[ ] 3. Social and Cultural Understanding
[ ] 4. Personal Understanding
[ ] 5. Science and Technology

## 5. Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition:

Students may apply to receive credit by demonstrating achievement of the course learning outcomes through previous life and work experiences.
This course is eligible for challenge through the following method(s) indicated

| Challenge Exam | Portfolio | Interview | Dual Credit | Other | Not Eligible |
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6. Required Texts, Materials, Resources or Technical Materials Required

Sontrop, J. and K. MacKenzie [Introduction to Technical Statistics and Quality Control] Addison Wesley, Toronto, 1996
Scientific calculator capable of linear regression.
7. Evaluation: Students will demonstrate learning in the following ways

| Assessment Description | Course Learning Outcome(s) | Assignment Weighting |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Test 1 Basic probability | CLO 1 | $20 \%$ |
| Test 2 Discrete probability distributions <br> and the normal distribution. | CLO 2, 3 | $20 \%$ |
| Test 3 Sampling distributions and <br> interval estimates of population <br> parameters. | CLO 4, 5 | $20 \%$ |
| Test 4 Computing skills. | CLO 1, 2, 3, 4,5 | $15 \%$ |
| Weekly Excel generated reports and <br> graphs. | CLO 1, 2, 3, 4,5 | $25 \%$ |

## 8. Other:

## Loyalist College has a Violence Prevention policy:

All College members have a responsibility to foster a climate of respect and safety, free from violent behavior and harassment.

- Violence (e.g. physical violence, threatening actions or harassment) is not, in any way, acceptable behavior.
- Weapons or replicas of weapons are not permitted on Loyalist College property.
- Unacceptable behavior will result in disciplinary action or appropriate sanctions.
- More information can be found in the "Student Manual".


## 9. Curriculum, Delivery, Learning Plan and Learning Outcomes:

| Course Components/Course Learning <br> Outcomes | Related Elements of Performance | Learning <br> Activities/Assessment/Resources |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Apply probability basics. | Define rules for probability and compute <br> factorials, combinations, and | Chapter 4 <br> Excel components will be demonstrated |


|  |  | permutations. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classify discrete probability distributions. | Calculate probabilitys using the hyper <br> geometric, binomial and poisson <br> distributions. | Thapter 5 <br> Excel components will be demonstrated <br> and practised in the computer lab. |
| Apply the normal distribution. | Predict the binomial distribution with the <br> normal approximation. | Chapter 6 <br> Excel components will be demonstrated <br> and practised in the computer lab. <br> Test 2 |
| Define sampling distribution. | Examine the central limit theorem and <br> compute the sampling distribution of the <br> mean and the difference between two <br> sample means. | Chapter 7 <br> Excel components will be demonstrated <br> and practised in the computer lab. |
| Produce interval estimates of population <br> parameters. | Calculate confidence intervals for the <br> population mean, variance and standard <br> deviation. | Chapter 8 <br> Excel components will be demonstrated <br> and practised in the computer lab. <br> Test 3 |

