

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Mathematical statistics 133 (WST 133)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Module credits	8.00
NQF Level	05
Service modules	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	At least 4 (50-59%) in Mathematics in the Grade 12 examination; BSc and BCom numeric stream students must be take WTW 133 concurrently.
Contact time	4 lectures per week, 1 practical per week, 2 tutorials per week, Foundation Course
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Statistics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Descriptive statistics – Univariate:

The role of Statistics, various types of data. Sampling, probability and non-probability sampling techniques and the collection of data. Frequency, relative and cumulative distributions and graphical representations. Additional concepts relating to data processing: sigma notation, factorial notation. Descriptive measures of location, dispersion and symmetry. Exploratory data analysis.

Probability:

Introductory probability theory and applications. Set theory and probability laws. Introduction to random variables. Assigning probabilities, probability distributions, expected value and variance in general. Specific discrete probability distributions (Uniform, Binomial). Report writing and presentation. Identification, use, evaluation and interpretation of statistical computer packages and statistical techniques.

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

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Regulations, degree requirements and information

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University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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