UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Multivariate Data Analysis

2223-1-F5104P001

Learning area

Methods, techniques and instruments for pscyhology
Statistics and quantitative methods

Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding

- Statistics for correlation data
- Statistics for experimental data
- Simple and complex relationships among different types of variables
- Advanced concepts of measurement in psychology

Applying knowledge and understanding

- Ability to analyze data collected in different research designs
- Understanding and evaluating third-party statistics and their quality
- Estimating and understanding simple and relationships among variables.
- Employing and evaluating different types of psychological measures
- Use of statistical software

Contents

An overview of several statistical techniques and methodological concepts is provided, giving the student the ability

to collect and analyze data in a wide range of research situations. Univariate and multivariate statistical techniques are presented, with emphasis on the interpretation of results. Fundamental concepts related with measurement in psychology are also discussed.

Detailed program

Class activities

- Statistical models and inferential statistics
- The general linear model
- Mediation and moderation
- Statistics for repeated-measures designs
- Generalized linear model
- Measurement theory
- Implicit and explicit measures
- Validity and reliability
- Factor analysis

Practice Labs

Practice with **jamovi** statistical software and hands-on exercises with real data.

Prerequisites

Descriptives statistics (measures of central tendency and dispersion); Basics of inferential statistics; regression and correlation; t-test.

Teaching methods

Theoretical and practical classes. In the theoretical lessons the foundations of the statistical techniques are presented and discussed, their applicability, with special focus on the interpretation of the results. Using several examples found in the psychological literature, students with different backgrounds should be able to understand what is needed to carry out and interpreting the statistical analyses discussed in the course.

Practice sections in the computer labs with analyses of real data and discussion.

Although this course is held in Italian, for Erasmus students, the course material is available also in English, and students can take the exam in English if they wish to do so.

Assessment methods

Written final test with multiple-choice questions and open-end questions based on data analyses. Optional oral exam.

Multiple-choice questions (20) will assess particularly the understanding of the theoretical models underlying psychometric measurement and data analysis techniques. They weight for 1/3 of the final grade.

Open-ended questions (3 to 5) will assess the ability to apply this knowledge for developing research projects and for analyzing data. The student will be assessed on their ability to understand a research design, select the statistical techniques useful to answer the researcher questions, execute them with the statistical software, interpret and report the results following international standard (APA)

The possibility of an oral exam is offered to students who consider that the result of the exam does not reflect their real competence and it will assess both theoretical knowledge and practical abilities. The oral exam mark with be averaged with the written exam mark to compose the final grade.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Learning materials is available consists of the lectures slides and the textbook. Papers regarding specific topics can be also indicated. Lecture slides and papers will be made available in the University's online elearning platform.

Textbook 1: Gallucci, M. Leone L Berlingeri, M (2017). Modelli statistiche per le scienze sociali. Milano: Pearson Education.

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