

Statistical Methods

Statistiska metoder

9 credits

Programme course

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Valid from: 2026 Autumn semester

Determined by	Main field of study	
Course and Programme Syllabus Board at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences	Statistics	
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Chairman of the Course and Programme Syllabus Board at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences	Natural sciences	
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2026-03-10	Statistics	
Offered first time	Offered for the last time	
Autumn semester 2024		
Department	Replaced by	
Institutionen för datavetenskap		

Course offered for

- Master's Programme in Statistics and Machine Learning

Entry requirements

- Bachelor's degree equivalent to a Swedish Kandidatexamen within statistics, mathematics, applied mathematics, computer science, engineering or a similar degree.
- Completed courses with passing grade in following subjects:
 - calculus
 - linear algebra
 - statistics
 - programming
- English corresponding to the level of English in Swedish upper secondary education (Engelska 6 or Engelska nivå 2)
Exemption from Swedish

Intended learning outcomes

After completion of the course the student shall be able to:

- apply the common statistical distributions for building statistical models
- explain and apply probability distributions for functions of random variables
- explain and apply multivariate normal distributions
- apply main principles within point estimation, interval estimation and hypothesis testing
- demonstrate and apply the main concepts of Bayesian analysis
- apply linear regression models, check their uncertainty and perform model comparison
- explain and apply common stochastic processes
- present the underlying mathematical models for the above methods and perform theoretical calculations with these models
- critically discuss the fulfillment of the models' assumptions
- carry out tasks within given time frames

Course content

- concept of probability
- random variable, common statistical univariate and multivariate distributions and their properties, central limit theorem
- multivariate normal distributions
- probability distributions for functions of random variables
- stochastic processes
- point estimation – properties and methods
- interval estimation
- hypothesis testing
- simple and multiple linear regression; least squares estimation; residual and outlier analyses
- likelihood, prior and posterior distribution, Bayes' theorem

Teaching and working methods

The teaching comprises lectures and seminars. In addition, the student shall engage in self-study.

Language of instruction and examination: English.

Examination

The course is examined by:

- individual written examinations, grade scale: EC

To receive a Pass (E) as the final grade, at least E is required on all individual written examinations.

Higher final grades are based on a combined assessment of the individual written examinations.

Detailed information can be found in the study guide.

If special circumstances prevail, and if it is possible with consideration of the nature of the compulsory component, the examiner may decide to replace the compulsory component with another equivalent component.

If the LiU coordinator for students with disabilities has granted a student the right to an adapted examination for a written examination in an examination hall, the student has the right to it.

If the coordinator has recommended for the student an adapted examination or alternative form of examination, the examiner may grant this if the examiner assesses that it is possible, based on consideration of the course objectives.

An examiner may also decide that an adapted examination or alternative form of examination if the examiner assessed that special circumstances prevail, and the examiner assesses that it is possible while maintaining the objectives of the course.

Students failing an exam covering either the entire course or part of the course twice are entitled to have a new examiner appointed for the reexamination.

Students who have passed an examination may not retake it in order to improve their grades.

Grades

ECTS, EC

Other information

Planning and implementation of a course must take its starting point in the wording of the syllabus. The course evaluation included in each course must therefore take up the question how well the course agrees with the syllabus.

The course is conducted in such a way that there are equal opportunities with regard to sex, transgender identity or expression, ethnicity, religion or other belief, disability, sexual orientation and age.

If special circumstances prevail, the vice-chancellor may in a special decision specify the preconditions for temporary deviations from this course syllabus, and delegate the right to take such decisions.

About teaching and examination language

The teaching language is presented in the Overview tab for each course. The examination language relates to the teaching language as follows:

- If teaching language is “Swedish”, the course as a whole could be given in Swedish, or partly, or as a whole, in English. Examination language is Swedish, but parts of the examination can be in English.
- If teaching language is “English”, the course as a whole is taught in English. Examination language is English.
- If teaching language is “Swedish/English”, the course as a whole will be taught in English if students without prior knowledge of the Swedish language participate. Examination language is Swedish or English depending on teaching language.