MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

STAT271 “STATISTICS I” (D2, 2004)

UNIT INFORMATION

Lectures
There are three lectures per week; the times are as stated in the timetable but the rooms have been changed:

- Monday 2.00 pm  C5C T1
- Wednesday 11.00 am  X5BT1  not E7BT2
- Thursday 10.00 am  X5BT1  not E7BT2

Tutorials
Students are expected to attend one tutorial per week, commencing in the second week of lectures. Two extra tutorials have been scheduled on Monday at 11 am (in addition to the timetabled ones at 12 noon and 3 pm). Up until Thursday of week 1 (5th August), tutorial changes may be done at any of the change-of-program sessions, or using the University administered web facility. Lists of tutorial allocation will be available on the C5C courtyard Statistics notice board or the STAT271 website.

Textbook
Students are expected to have access to a copy of the prescribed text book throughout the semester. Copies of the text book and student solution manual are held in Special Reserve in the University Library.


References
The following books may be useful references. At least one copy of each of these is available (often in Special Reserve) in the Library, and extra copies may be available on the shelves for borrowing purposes.


Student Resource Centre
Division of Economics & Social Studies
MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY
Assignments
Assignments are a major part of the learning process. There will be four assignments, which are to be submitted to your tutor in the tutorials in weeks 3, 6, 9 and 12. The best three of the four assignments will be used in calculating the assessment portion of the final grade. Failure to submit assignments may result in automatic exclusion from the unit in accordance with Bachelor Degree Rule 10(1).

Tutorial Exercises
There will be two types of tutorial exercises – for weeks with and without an assignment due.

For weeks 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 13, tutorial exercises will be available on the web the week before the tutorial. Unless otherwise instructed, students are expected to have attempted all questions before the tutorial. Note there is no tutorial in week 8 teaching (4th October) due to the Labour Day Public Holiday – however, tutorial exercises will still be set. Outline solutions to the tutorial exercises will be available on the web after all tutorials for the week have been held, however, detailed solutions will only be available in tutorials.

For weeks 3, 6, 9 and 12, the tutorial exercises will be distributed in the tutorial for discussion in the tutorial.

Independence of work
Some students may benefit from discussing assignment and tutorial work with other students, and this is not undesirable. However, the actual work submitted must be the result of a student's independent effort. Copying or any form of improper similarity with work of another person will result in disciplinary action.

Assessment
The final assessment will be nominally the following basis:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Assignment (best 3 of 4)</th>
<th>Final Exam</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>15%</td>
<td>85%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Satisfactory performance is required in all aspects of the unit.

Examination
An electronic calculator and two A4 sheets of paper (written on one or both sides in the student's own handwriting) may be taken into the exam room.

Unit Administration
Lecturer-in-Charge:  Associate Professor Peter Petocz
Room CSC 302
Phone 9850-9174
email: ppetocz@efs.mq.edu.au

Administration:  Ms. Suzanne Curtis
Room CSC 467
Phone 9850-8584
email: scurtis@efs.mq.edu.au

Please note that Ms. Curtis is employed on a half-time basis, and as such is not available every day. Use should be made of email and voicemail facilities.