STAT279 OPERATIONS RESEARCH ID1 2004
INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

TEXT
The text for this course will be
Quantitative Decision Making (7th Ed)
by Lawrence L Lapin & William D Whisler (Duxbury Press)
All references about material covered will be to this book.
Note that in the back cover there is a CD with a new version of QuickQuant.
However we will use the previous version and that is the one available in the CSC computer labs.

REFERENCES
Operations Research Applications and Algorithms (3d Ed)
by Winston W. L.(PWS Kent)
Operations Research: An Introduction
by H A Taha (Macmillan)

LECTURES AND PRACTICALS
Lectures in weeks 1-6 will be taken by Michael Petersons
Lectures in weeks 7-13 will be taken by Sibba Gudlaugsdottir

Each week there will be
- three hours of lectures - Mon 10am Wed 11am and Wed 1pm
and one hour of practical. - Wed 2pm or Wed 3pm or Wed 4pm

Practicals will commence in week 2 of the semester.
The practicals are meant to be a learning exercise. Participation in the practicals is essential
for your understanding of the course content and the solution of problems.

Before the practical each week you should prepare the set of problems as stipulated in the
lecture in the previous week. The lecturer will go over those problems and hand out a further
problem that you will work through in class.

During the PRACTICALS in weeks 4 and 7 you will be asked to solve a set of questions
called quizzes made up of multiple choice questions. They will be collected and marked.
The mark for the quizzes DOES count towards final assessment.
Each quiz is worth 5% of the total assessment.

ASSESSMENT
Class Test
There will be a class test in this unit, worth 10% of total assessment.
The class test will be held in the Wednesday 11am LECTURE in week 10
The class test is closed book. Relevant formulae will be given with the test papers.
The class test is compulsory and there will be NO make up tests.

If you miss the class test you must submit relevant documentation or you may receive a fail
grade for the unit. A valid absence will mean your other coursework marks will be scaled up.

The Class Test covers lecture material from weeks 1-9 inclusive and will be of 40 minutes
duration.

You should bring to the test
a calculator
writing implements
a ruler

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Students can pick up their marked class test papers from ERIC-C5244. Students will have to show their student ID in order to get their papers back. Solutions to the class test will be summarised in the practicals in week 11. The class test will enable you to get feedback and continuing information about your progress in this unit.

Quizzes
There are 2 (two) quizzes, each worth 5% of total assessment. The quizzes will be held in the PRACTICALS in week 4 and 7. Both the quizzes are closed book. Both quizzes are compulsory and there will be NO make up quizzes. If you miss a quiz you must submit relevant documentation or you may receive a fail grade for the unit. A valid absence will mean your other quiz will be worth double.

The first Quiz covers material from lecture weeks 1-3 inclusive. The second Quiz covers lecture material from weeks 4-6 inclusive. Each Quiz is of 10 – 15 minutes duration.

You should bring to the quizzes
a calculator
writing implements.

Students getting below half marks in the combined marks for the tests and quizzes will be downgraded by one grade from their performance in the final exam. Quizzes will not be returned to students since they are multiple choice but the marks will be published on the statistics notice board in the week after the quiz.

Final Examination
The final exam will be closed book and held during the end of year exam session. It will be worth 80% of the total assessment and will cover the whole semester's work.

NOTE: To obtain a passing grade in the course a satisfactory performance will be required in the final exam irrespective of any marks gained during the semester. Evidence from your tests and quizzes will be used in determining the final grades.

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(c) summarising another person’s work
(d) submitting substantially the same final version of any material as another student in an assignment where there was collaborative preparatory work.

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CALCULATORS
You will be able to use a non-programmable calculator in any test or exam.
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Further information can be obtained from the lecturers in charge,  
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