



Stat Happenings #6: Statistics News You Can Use From the Office of Statistical Consulting Spring 2006

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1. Off-Campus Statistical Workshops: Spring '06 & Summer '06

University of Florida Week of Short Courses

<http://www.stat.ufl.edu/info/shortcourses/index06.htm>

Courses on Categorical Data Analysis and Spatial Statistical Analysis in a GIS Environment.

Location: Orlando, Florida

Dates: March 13 - 16, 2006

Short Courses by Paul Allison, University of Pennsylvania

<http://www.statisticalhorizons.com>

Missing Data: April 28-29, Philadelphia, PA

Survival Analysis: July 10-14, Philadelphia, PA (using SAS)

July 22-28, Philadelphia, PA (using Stata)

Categorical Data Analysis: July 17-21, Philadelphia

ICSA 2005 Applied Statistics Symposium

<http://www.stat.uconn.edu/ICSA2006/>

Courses on Dose-Response Models, SAS Enterprise Guide, Bayesian Methods for Survival and Longitudinal Data and more.

Location: University of Connecticut, CT

Dates: June 14-17, 2006

58th Annual Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques

<http://www.isr.umich.edu/src/si/>

Location: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dates: June 5 - July 28, 2006

Summer Training Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/training/summer/index.html>

Location: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Dates: June 26 - July 21 & July 24 - August 18
Note: Cornell is an ICPSR member, so member rates apply

Joint Statistical Meetings 2006

<http://www.amstat.org/meetings/jsm/2006/>

Location: Seattle, WA

Dates: August 5-10, 2006

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection

<http://www.essex.ac.uk/methods>

This year's Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection will offer over 60 one and two-week introductory, intermediate and advanced courses on numerous topics. New courses this year include: Clustering, Classification and Sorting, Introduction to Programming in R, Statistical Graphics for Visualizing Data and Cross-Cultural Research Methods

2. Honors Thesis Help for Undergraduate Students

Do you work with an undergraduate doing an Honor's Thesis for May 2006?

The Office of Statistical Consulting is currently offering assistance to undergraduate honors students who need help with statistical analysis for their thesis. Our goal is to help students, in consultation with their advisors, make good decisions about how to analyze their data and implement the analyses.

Our experience has shown that a student who has completed an introductory statistics course needs about 4 - 6 weeks to analyze their data at a comfortable pace. If you begin thinking about your analysis early, it will not only improve the overall quality of your honor's thesis, but also enrich your understanding of your data and the overall research process.

Therefore, if your student needs to analyze quantitative data and anticipate needing assistance, please do not hesitate to schedule an appointment with one of our [consultants](#).

3. Software Updates

SPSS now available in 318 Phillips Hall

There is now one more computer lab on campus open to general users that provides SPSS 13. The newest computer lab operated by Cornell Information Technologies is located on the third floor of Phillips Hall on the Engineering Quad in room 318. The lab is open 24 hours a day.

In order to enter the room, a user must bring their Cornell ID card as the door lock is controlled by a card-swipe system. This lock has been set up to allow entrance to all members of the Cornell community. Up to 19 copies of SPSS can be used at one time.

Minitab now available in Stimson Hall

The public computing labs in G-25 and G-27 Stimson Hall now provide Minitab in a Windows environment.

4. New Articles/Handouts

We're continually adding to our collection of useful articles. Recent useful additions include monographs on exploratory factor analysis and sample size.

Please contact Françoise Vermeulen (fmv1@cornell.edu) if you would like copies of these articles.