Remarque
Cours donnés en alternance tous les deux ans (donné en 2018-19)

Summary
Biostatistics is about the application of statistics to medicine and the life sciences. The course covers various methods and problems that are typical for these areas of application. Despite the applied context, the course treats the topic at a fairly abstract level.

Content
• The analysis of counting data: estimating probabilities, tests and confidence intervals, comparison of two probabilities, the chi-squared statistic and Fisher’s exact test, binary regression, log-linear models, the test of Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel
• Meta-analysis: power of tests, combining evidence, inverse variance weights and meta-analysis, meta-analysis by variance stabilization, random effects v. fixed effects, publication bias
• Analysis of survival times: likelihood for censored data, non-parametric estimates of the survival function, regression models
• Random effects: Linear, mixed and generalized linear Models for longitudinal studies,
• Additional topics: crossover studies, multiple comparisons

Keywords
see content

Learning Prerequisites

Required courses
An introductory course covering the basics of statistical theory and probability theory.

Recommended courses
Linear Models

Learning Outcomes
By the end of the course, the student must be able to:
• Choose an appropriate method for a given problem
• Apply the methods learned in the course
• Defend a data analysis he/she performed
• Critique published studies

Transversal skills
• Demonstrate the capacity for critical thinking
• Access and evaluate appropriate sources of information.
• Communicate effectively with professionals from other disciplines.

Teaching methods
Classroom lectures supported by the blackboard, occasional examples shown on the beamer, exercises in class and independent work.

Expected student activities
Participation in exercise sessions.

Assessment methods
Oral examination

Supervision
Office hours No
Assistants Yes
Forum No

Resources
Virtual desktop infrastructure (VDI)
No

Bibliography
A bibliography will be available on the moodle page of the course

Moodle Link
• http://moodle.epfl.ch/course/view.php?id=14307