

# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Advanced Research Methods - 51895*

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*HU Credits: 4*

*Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)*

*Responsible Department: Psychology*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 1st Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

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Course/Module description:

*This is the basic statistics course for graduate students in psychology. The theoretical basis for the statistical procedures commonly used in psychological research will be reviewed. Excel and SPSS will be used in order to perform these procedures on various types of data sets.*

Course/Module aims:

*This course was designed to provide graduate students the theoretical understanding and applied tools that will enable them to perform the various stages of data preparation and statistical analyses for their research projects. A successful completion of the course will enable students to get acquainted with additional and more specific types of statistical procedures.*

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

*Understand basic concepts pertinent to descriptive and inferential statistics.*

*Use Excel for the purpose of data preparation.*

*Explore data thoroughly and identify common problems and biases.*

*Examine the basic psychometric features of psychological measurement instruments.*

*Describe the general linear model as the basis for the major types of statistical procedures used in psychological research.*

*Understand the various features and limitations of the statistical procedures that will be covered.*

*Using Excel and SPSS, to perform a wide variety of statistical procedures commonly used in psychological research.*

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

- 1. Introduction, basic concepts*
- 2. Dealing with sources of biases (e.g., bootstrapping)*
- 3. Correlation, partial correlation*

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4. Linear model, regression
  5. Multiple regression
  6. Reliability
  7. Exploratory factor analysis
  8. Comparing two means
  9. One-way ANOVA
  10. ANCOVA
  11. Factorial ANOVA
  12. Repeated-measures ANOVA
  13. Mixed designs
  14. Moderation and mediation

Required Reading:  
none

Additional Reading Material:

Field, A. (2013). *Discovering statistics using SPSS (4th ed.)*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications

Howell, D.C. (2008). *Fundamental statistics for the behavioral sciences (6th ed)*. Belmont, CA: Thomson/Wadsworth.

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Accessible further resources (sorted based on course schedule):

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Hayes, A.F. (2009). *Beyond Baron and Kenny: Statistical mediation analysis in the new millennium. Communication Monographs*, 76(4), 408-420 (2009).

Jacobson, N. S., Roberts, L. J., Berns, S. B., & McGlinchey, J. B. (1999). *Methods for defining and determining the clinical significance of treatment effects: Description, application, and alternatives. Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 67(3), 300-307.

Tomarken, A. J., & Waller, N. G. (2005). *Structural Equation Modeling: Strengths, limitations, and misconceptions. Annual Review of Clinical Psychology*, 1(1), 31-65.

Field, A. P., & Gillett, R. (2010). *How to do a meta-analysis. British Journal of Mathematical & Statistical Psychology*, 63, 665- 694.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

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*Presentation 0 %*  
*Participation in Tutorials 0 %*  
*Project work 80 %*  
*Assignments 20 %*  
*Reports 0 %*  
*Research project 0 %*  
*Quizzes 0 %*  
*Other 0 %*

*Additional information:*