1. Course: ACSC 637, Credibility Theory - Fall 2019
Lecture 01: MWF 11:00 - 11:50 in MS 431
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Hours: M 15:00 - 16:00
This course is accredited under the Canadian Institute of Actuaries (CIA) University Accreditation Program (UAP). Achievement of the minimum required grades in accredited courses may provide credit for preliminary exams. Please note that a combination of courses may be required to achieve exam credit.

Course Site:
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Note: Students must use their U of C account for all course correspondence.

2. Requisites:
See section 3.5.C in the Faculty of Science section of the online Calendar.

Prerequisite(s):
Actuarial Science 327; Statistics 323 or Mathematics 323; and one of Mathematics 311 or 313 or 353 or 367 or 375 or 381.

Antirequisite(s):
Credit for more than one of Actuarial Science 537, 637 and 533 will not be allowed.

Notes:
- Actuarial Science 437 or Statistics 437 is strongly recommended as a prerequisite.
- Actuarial Science 327; Statistics 323; and one of Mathematics 311, 313, 367 or 375.

3. Grading:
The University policy on grading and related matters is described in F.1 and F.2 of the online University Calendar. In determining the overall grade in the course the following weights will be used:

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Each piece of work (reports, assignments, quizzes, midterm exam(s) or final examination) submitted by the student will be assigned a grade. The student’s grade for each component listed above will be combined with the indicated weights to produce an overall percentage for the course, which will be used to determine the course letter grade.

The conversion between a percentage grade and letter grade is as follows.

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This course has a registrar scheduled final exam.

4. Missed Components Of Term Work:
In the event that a student misses the midterm or any course work due to illness, supporting documentation, such as a medical note or a statutory declaration will be required (see Section M.1; for more information regarding the use of statutory declaration/medical notes, see FAQ). Absences must be reported within 48 hrs.

The regulations of the Faculty of Science pertaining to this matter are found in the Faculty of Science area of the Calendar in Section 3.6. It is the student’s responsibility to familiarize themselves with these regulations. See also Section F.3 of the University Calendar.

There are no make-up tests for the term tests.

5. Scheduled Out-of-Class Activities:
There are no scheduled out-of-class activities for this course.

6. Course Materials:
Required Textbook(s):

Topics covered from the textbook
- Chapter 13: Bayesian Estimation
- Chapter 15: Model Selection
- Chapter 16: Introduction to Limited Fluctuation Credibility
- Chapter 17: Greatest accuracy Credibility
- Chapter 18: Empirical Bayes Parameter estimation

7. Examination Policy:
No aids are allowed on tests or examinations. Students should also read the Calendar, Section 6, on Examinations.

8. Approved Mandatory And Optional Course Supplemental Fees:
There are no mandatory or optional course supplemental fees for this course.
9. Writing Across The Curriculum Statement:
For all components of the course, in any written work, the quality of the student's writing (language, spelling, grammar, presentation etc.) can be a factor in the evaluation of the work. See also Section E.4 of the University Calendar.

10. Human Studies Statement:
Students will not participate as subjects or researchers in human studies. See also Section E.5 of the University Calendar.

11. Reappraisal Of Grades:
A student wishing a reappraisal, should first attempt to review the graded work with the Course coordinator/instructor or department offering the course. Students with sufficient academic grounds may request a reappraisal. Non-academic grounds are not relevant for grade reappraisals. Students should be aware that the grade being reappraised may be raised, lowered or remain the same. See Section I.3 of the University Calendar.

a. Term Work: The student should present their rationale as effectively and as fully as possible to the Course coordinator/instructor within 10 business days of either being notified about the mark, or of the item's return to the class. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome, the student shall immediately submit the Reappraisal of Graded Term work form to the department in which the course is offered. The department will arrange for a re-assessment of the work if, and only if, the student has sufficient academic grounds. See sections I.3 and I.2 of the University Calendar.


b. Final Exam: The student shall submit the request to Enrolment Services. See Section I.3 of the University Calendar.

12. Other Important Information For Students:

a. Mental Health: The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counseling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the SU Wellness Centre (Room 376, Mearns Court) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy website (Mental Health).

b. SU Wellness Center: The Students Union Wellness Centre provides health and wellness support for students including information and counselling on physical health, mental health and nutrition. For more information, see www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre or call 403-210-9355.

c. Sexual Violence: The University of Calgary is committed to fostering a safe, productive learning environment. The Sexual Violence Policy (https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/sexual-violence-policy.pdf) is a foundational document in creating and upholding a safe and respectful campus environment for all community members. We understand that sexual violence can undermine students' academic success and we encourage students who have experienced some form of sexual misconduct to talk to someone about their experience, so they can get the support they need. The Sexual Violence Support Advocate, Carla Bertsch, can provide confidential support and information regarding sexual violence to all members of the university community. Carla can be reached by email (vapo@ucalgary.ca) or phone at 403-220-2268.

d. Misconduct: Academic misconduct (cheating, plagiarism, or any other form) is a very serious offence that will be dealt with rigorously in all cases. A single offence may lead to disciplinary probation or suspension or expulsion. The Faculty of Science follows a zero tolerance policy regarding dishonesty. Please read the sections of the University Calendar under Section I.5. Student Misconduct for information on definitions, processes and penalties. Examples of academic misconduct may include: submitting or presenting work as if it were the student's own work when it is not; submitting or presenting work in one course which has also been submitted in another course without the instructor's permission; collaborating in an unauthorized manner; or providing assistance to someone in submitting or presenting work who is not authorized to do so. For more information, see the Student Misconduct Policy: https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-misconduct-policy.pdf.

e. Assembly Points: In case of emergency during class time, be sure to FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF with the information on assembly points.

f. Academic Accommodation Policy: Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should contact Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the procedure for accommodations for students with disabilities available at procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf.

Students needing an accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfill requirements for a graduate degree, based on a protected ground other than disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the Associate Head of the Department of Mathematics & Statistics, Jim Stallard by email (jstall@ucalgary.ca) or phone 403-220-3953. Religious accommodation requests relating to class, test or exam scheduling or absences must be submitted no later than 14 days prior to the date in question. See Section E.4 of the University Calendar.

g. Safewalk: Campus Security will escort individuals day or night (See the Campus Safewalk website). Call 403-220-9333 for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phones located at most parking lot pay booths.

h. Freedom of Information and Privacy: This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). Students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page. For more information, see Legal Services website.

i. Student Union Information:
VP Academic: Phone: 403-220-3911 Email: suacademic@ucalgary.ca, SU Faculty Rep: Phone: 403-220-3913 Email: sciencerep@su.ucalgary.ca, Student Ombudsman: Email: omnuds@ucalgary.ca.

j. Internet and Electronic Device Information: Unless instructed otherwise, cell phones should be turned off during class. All communication with other individuals via laptop, tablet, smart phone or other device is prohibited during class unless specifically permitted by the instructor. Students that violate this policy may be asked to leave the classroom. Repeated violations may result in a charge of misconduct.

k. Surveys: At the University of Calgary, feedback through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey and the Faculty of Science Teaching Feedback form provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses. Your responses make a difference - please participate in these surveys.

l. Copyright of Course Materials: All course materials (including those posted on the course D2L site, a course website, or used in any teaching activity such as (but not limited to) examinations, quizzes, assignments, laboratory manuals, lecture slides or lecture materials and other course notes) are protected by law. These materials are for the sole use of students registered in this course and must not be redistributed. Sharing these materials with anyone else would be a breach of the terms and conditions governing student access to D2L, as well as a violation of the copyright in these materials, and may be pursued as a case of student academic or non-academic misconduct, in addition to any other remedies
available at law.