

Course title: Multivariate Data Analysis				
Course code: NRE 112		No. of credits: 3	L-T-P: 31-14-0	Learning hours: 45
Pre-requisite course code and title (if any): NRE 115 Environmental Statistics				
Department: Natural and Applied Sciences				
Course coordinator(s):			Course instructor(s):	
Contact details:				
Course type: Elective			Course offered in: Semester 3	
Course Description Large amount of data is collected on many different variables across disciplines in order to understand the underlying process(es). The multivariate analysis of data deals with examining interrelationship between three or more equally important variables or explaining of variation in, usually one (or more than one) dependent variable(s) on the basis of two or more independent (explaining) variables. With the availability of inexpensive, fast and efficient computing resources and statistical packages there has been a growth in the application of these techniques. This course introduces the student to various multivariate data analysis tools. The focus is on cross-disciplinary application of these techniques.				
Course objectives				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduce the language of multivariate data analysis ▪ Understand the characteristics of multivariate quantitative research, including strengths and weaknesses ▪ Understand the principles and characteristics of the multivariate data analysis techniques 				
Course content				
Module	Topic	L	T	P
1.	Introduction Basic multivariate statistics–mean, variance, covariance, correlation, linear combination of variables, geometric concepts, distances	4	2	
2.	Interdependence methods Principal component analysis, factor analysis, cluster analysis, correspondence analysis, multidimensional scaling	15	6	
3.	Dependence methods Multiple regression models, logistic regression canonical correlation, discriminant analysis.	12	6	
	Total	31	14	
Evaluation criteria				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Test 1: 15% ▪ Test 2: 15% ▪ Assignment/viva voce: 20% ▪ Test 3: 50% 				
Learning outcomes				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ distinguish between dependence and interdependence methods in multivariate data analysis ▪ identify the most appropriate statistical techniques for a multivariate dataset ▪ carry out and apply commonly used multivariate data analysis techniques, and interpret results ▪ use statistical software packages for the analysis of multivariate data 				
Pedagogical approach				
Materials				
Required text				
Afifi A., May S. and Clark V.A. (2012) <i>Practical Multivariate Analysis</i> , CRC Press, Taylor & Francis, Boca Raton.				
Johnson R.A. and Wichern D.W. (2002) <i>Applied Multivariate Statistical Analysis</i> , Prentice Hall of India Pvt Ltd., New Delhi.				
Sharma S. (1996) <i>Applied Multivariate Techniques</i> , John Wiley and Sons, New York.				

Suggested readings

Alt M. (1990) *Exploring Hyperspace—A Non-mathematical Explanation of Multivariate Analysis*, McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York

Everitt B.S. and Dunn G. (2001), *Applied Multivariate Data Analysis*, Arnold, London.

Haan C.T. (1977) *Statistical Methods in Hydrology*, The Iowa State University Press/Ames.

Harris R.J. (1985) *A Primer in Multivariate Statistics*, Academic Press, New York.

Manly B.F.J. (1994) *Multivariate Statistical Methods—A Primer*, Chapman and Hall, London.

Case studies

Websites

Journals

Applied Statistics

Biometrics

Biometrika

Environmental and Ecological Statistics

Environmetrics

Journal of the American Statistical Association

Psychometrika

Statistical Science

Technometrics

The American Statistician

Additional information (if any)**Student responsibilities**

The students are expected to submit assignments in time and come prepared with readings when provided.

Course Reviewers