

BSTA 754

Advanced Survival Analysis

Fall I 2022 Syllabus

- Course Description: An advanced course in survival analysis, intended to equip students with the knowledge necessary to apply and understand advanced techniques used in survival analysis, and to serve as a starting point towards methods research in the area. Lectures are a blend of concepts, estimation/inference, and applications. Some emphasis is given to competing risks, recurrent events and time-dependent covariates since these are incompletely described in the current literature. Methods for the analysis of more complex data structures are considered.
- Credit: 0.5 credit hours
- Course Prerequisites: BSTA 622 (may be taken concurrently), or permission of instructor
- Lectures: Tue/Thu, 12:00-1:30 in Blockley Hall Room 701; (8/31 to 10/18)
- Instructor: Douglas Schaubel, Ph.D (email: douglas.schaubel@pennmedicine.upenn.edu; office: Blockley Hall: 614)
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- Office Hours: Instructor: Thursday: 2:00–3:00; other times are available by appointment.
TA: TBA
- Text Various book excerpts will be posted
- Computing: SAS, R, Python (student's choice)
- Grading:
 - Homeworks: 60%

- Exam (24-hour take-home): 40% (To be assigned 10/13 at 5:00 pm; due 10/14 at 5:00 pm)
- Topics (ordering is approximate):
 - Introduction and fundamentals
 - One-sample estimators
 - Competing risks
 - Counting processes and Martingales
 - Two-sample tests
 - Proportional hazards regression
 - Additive hazards regression
 - Multivariate survival
 - Analysis of recurrent event data
 - Temporal process regression
 - Landmark analysis
 - Causal inference with censored outcomes
 - Modeling restricted mean survival time