

ASEN 5519: Special Topics – Experimental Design and Statistical Methods
Lecture: T/Th 2:00-3:15pm, ECCR 1B51

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This 5000 level graduate student course is aimed at examining the applied issues of designing experiments and performing statistical analyses to reach justified scientific conclusions. The approach will rigorously address the mathematical underpinnings of statistical tests and modeling through applied examples. Efficient and appropriate experimental design approaches will be integrated with statistical analysis techniques to enable application to real-world research questions. A special focus will be placed on the unique challenges of human subject experiments. Statistical software (e.g., R) will be used extensively.

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Table 1 outlines the material by which student performance will be assessed. The

Table 1: Distribution of course assessments

Exams (2)	30%
Homework (5)	50%
Semester Project	20%
	100%

There is no required textbook for the class. An online version of the primary text, <https://mysite.science.uottawa.ca/rkulik/mat3378/mat3378-textbook.pdf> is available here:

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Readings will be assigned from other resources as needed, and will be announced at least one week in advance of the due date.

4. Distance Students

