



Crash Course in Statistics for Sociological Research

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Data	Time	Topic	Aula
27/09/2017	10.00-13.00	Introduction: Sociological Questions and Statistics Types of variables Descriptive univariate statistics, the description of the variables: centrality, dispersion and shape	Aula 10
28/09/2017	10.00-13.00	Probability distributions, random variables, sample and population	Sala 3°Piano
29/09/2017	10.00-12.00	Inferential statistics (introduction): from the sample to the population, the sample mean and the standard error of the sample mean, Central Limit Theorem	Aula 10
29/09/2017	14.00-16.00	Confidence intervals, significance tests for a mean and a proportion, exercises	Aula 10
4/10/2017	10.00-13.00	Bivariate statistics: comparison of two groups, contingency tables	Aula 10
5/10/2017	10.00-13.00	Bivariate statistics: independence (chi-squared test), correlation	Sala 3°Piano
6/10/2017	10.00-12.00	Multivariate analysis: the third variable	Aula 10
6/10/2017	14.00-16.00	Summary and exercises	Aula 10

Why this crash course and for whom?

The crash course is thought for (future) students of the MA program in Sociology and Social Research. It will provide the necessary basics in statistics for the mandatory courses of the first year for those who previously had no or little training on the topic during their BA studies.

The participation is not mandatory but strongly recommended in particular to all the students who do not have an adequate statistical background (including inferential statistics and multivariate reasoning).

The participation to the crash course does not require the enrollment in the MA program in Sociology and Social Research. No credits are provided for attending the course.

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Aims:

This short course gives an introduction to the necessary theoretical and methodological elements to understand and correctly employ statistical analyses in social science research. By using various examples from the social sciences, the course helps students to critically analyze survey data and to correctly interpret the results, both from a statistical and a substantial point of view. During the course, students will have the opportunity to carry out exercises coming from social survey data.

How to enroll: on-line here <http://www.sociologia.unitn.it/100/seminari-di-credito> until **September 25, 2017** (no more than 25 people admitted)