

Subject card

Subject name and code	Introduction to statistics for life sciences, PG_00177034						
Field of study	Chemistry						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	2		Language of instruction		English		
Semester of study	4		ECTS credits		1.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Faculty of Chemistry -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Adam Sieradzan				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	15		5.0		10.0	30
Subject objectives	The aim of the course "Introduction to Statistics in Natural Sciences" is to familiarize students with the basic concepts, methods, and statistical tools, including creating own tools, used in data analysis in the natural sciences. The course aims to develop logical thinking skills, the ability to interpret statistical results, and the critical evaluation of experimental data. Students will learn how to formulate hypotheses, select appropriate statistical methods, conduct analyses, and draw conclusions based on empirical data. Particular emphasis is placed on the practical application of statistics in research in the field of chemistry.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[CHEMMU2_W05] Has extended knowledge in the field of the specialisation studied.	Is able to write their own programs to perform statistical tests.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[CHEMMU2_U02] Critically assesses the results of conducted, performed observations and theoretical calculations and discusses errors.	Is able to evaluate the obtained statistical result.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[CHEMMU2_W07] Selects experimental and theoretical techniques to the extent necessary to understand the description and modelling of medium complexity chemical processes.	Is able to formulate a research hypothesis appropriate to a given problem and apply the correct statistical tool.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[CHEMMU2_K01] Knows the limitations of her/his own knowledge; understands the need for further education and can inspire other people to do so.	Understands the complexity and scope of available statistical analyses and is able to seek out appropriate tools.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[CHEMMU2_U04] Applies acquired knowledge of chemistry and related scientific disciplines.	Is able to select an appropriate statistical test for a given problem.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[CHEMMU2_W08] Demonstrates knowledge of theoretical computational and IT methods used to solve problems in chemistry.	Is able to apply advanced statistical tests to evaluate results.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
Subject contents	An introduction to statistics covering the role of statistics in the natural sciences and basic concepts such as types of data and measurement scales. Next, students become familiar with key statistical concepts including population, sample, parameters, data variability, and measurement errors. The following stage is descriptive data analysis, including measures of central tendency (mean, median, mode), measures of dispersion (range, variance, standard deviation), and basic methods of data visualization such as histograms. Study of probability distributions, with particular emphasis on the normal distribution and binomial distribution. Students learn methods of parameter estimation. Statistical hypothesis testing, where the formulation of null and alternative hypotheses, significance level, and interpretation of p-values are discussed. Students learn to apply basic statistical tests such as the Students t_test for different types of samples, non-parametric tests, and the chi-square test. Analysis of variance (ANOVA) both one-way and factorial, along with post hoc tests. Students learn methods of correlation analysis, including Pearsons and Spearmans correlation, as well as simple and multiple linear regression, along with verification of model assumptions. The course includes elements of statistical programming using R or Python, where students learn to write simple scripts for data analysis.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	written test in a form of a set of closed questions	51.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Practical statistics for data scientist Peter Bruce and Andrew Bruce	
		Introduction to Statistics David M. Lane	
	Supplementary literature	Information Theory and Statistics S. Kullback	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			
Work placement	Not applicable		

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