

Academic English in Statistics

—Course Description and Study Plan



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General information

- Lecturer : Feng Li, Email: m@feng.li
- Language: The course is taught in English. And all the assignments and examinations will be conducted in English.
- Reception hours: Questions concerned with this course can be asked after each lecture or via email.
- Lecture notes, course materials and updated news are available at <http://feng.li/teaching/statenglish/>
- Working load: Depending on your own situation and you ambition, you decide how much time you want to input. But there are compulsory assignments including presentation and discussions should be done in order to pass the exam.

Assignments and examinations

To pass the final exam you have to have at least 60p in the total score with the following tasks.

- Reading and presentation (50p)
There will be a **mandatory** presentation (30p) for each of you and you also have to be a discussant of another presentation (20p)
- Write a research proposal (50)
You will have to write a research proposal at the end of the semester. Detailed information will be available when the assignment is handed out.

Course contents (preliminary)

The lectures will cover the following contents

- 1 General information and course plan
- 2 On writing well
 - The structure of a paper
 - The English we use
 - Figures and tables
 - Citations and references
 - ...
- 3 Typesetting your manuscript
 - An introduction to LaTeX
 - Use BibTeX to generate citations automatically
- 4 Presenting your work
 - Present your work at a research seminar or a conference
 - Compose a research poster
 - Be a good discussant