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College/Department/Unit: = STA 601  
Category:\_ = Change  
Date\_for\_Council\_Review: = 12/4/08  
Recommendation\_is:\_ = Approve  
Investigator: = T. Troland  
E-mail\_Address = [troland@pa.uky.edu](mailto:troland@pa.uky.edu)  
1\_\_Modifications: = None, routine investigation  
2\_\_Considerations: = I assume for item 8 that the contact hours in the proposed course will be the same as in the current course.  
3\_\_Contacts: = I discussed course changes with Kert Viele, no problems were identified.  
4\_\_Additional\_Information: =

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APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN EXISTING COURSE: MAJOR and MINOR

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1. Submitted by the College of Arts and Sciences Date: 9/3/2008

Department/Division offering course: Statistics

2. What type of change is being proposed? [X] Major [ ] Minor

\*See the description at the end of this form regarding what constitutes a minor change. Minor changes are sent directly from the dean of the college to the Chair of the Senate Council.

If the Senate Council chair deems the change not to be minor, the form will be sent to the appropriate Council for normal processing and an email notification will be sent to the contact person.

PROPOSED CHANGES

Please complete all Current fields. Fill in the Proposed field only for item being changed. Enter N/A if not changing. Circle the number for each item(s) being changed. For example: (6)

3. Current prefix & number: STA 601 Proposed prefix & number: STA 607

4. Current Title Theory of Statistical Inference II

Proposed Title

†If title is longer than 24 characters, offer a sensible title of 24 characters or less:

5. Current number of credit hours: 3 Proposed number of credit hours:

6. Currently, is this course repeatable? YES [ ] NO [X] If YES, current maximum credit hours:

Proposed to be repeatable? YES [ ] NO [ ] If YES, proposed maximum credit hours:

7. Current grading system: [X] Letter (A, B, C, etc.) [ ] Pass/Fail

Proposed grading system: [ ] Letter (A, B, C, etc.) [ ] Pass/Fail

8. Courses must be described by at least one of the categories below. Include number of actual contact hours per week for each category.

Current:

( ) CLINICAL ( ) COLLOQUIUM ( ) DISCUSSION ( ) LABORATORY (3) LECTURE ( ) INDEPEND. STUDY ( ) PRACTICUM ( ) RECITATION ( ) RESEARCH ( ) RESIDENCY ( ) SEMINAR ( ) STUDIO ( ) OTHER - Please explain:

Proposed:

( ) CLINICAL ( ) COLLOQUIUM ( ) DISCUSSION ( ) LABORATORY ( ) LECTURE ( ) INDEPEND. STUDY ( ) PRACTICUM ( ) RECITATION ( ) RESEARCH ( ) RESIDENCY ( ) SEMINAR ( ) STUDIO ( ) OTHER - Please explain:

9. Requested effective date (term/year): Fall / 2009

10. Supplementary teaching component: [X] N/A [ ] Community-Based Experience [ ] Service Learning [ ] Both

Proposed supplementary teaching component: [ ] Community-Based Experience [ ] Service Learning [ ] Both

11. Cross-listing: [X] N/A or /

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Current Prefix & Number      printed name      Current Cross-listing Department Chair      signature

a. Proposed – REMOVE current cross-listing:  \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
printed name      Current Cross-listing Department Chair      signature

b. Proposed – ADD cross-listing: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Prefix & Number      printed name      Proposed Cross-listing Department Chair      signature

12. Current Distance Learning (DL) status:     Already approved for DL     Please Add     Please Drop

*If PROPOSING, check one of the methods below that reflects how the majority of the course content will be delivered.*

Internet/Web-based       Interactive Video       Extended Campus

13. Current prerequisites:

STA 532

*Proposed prerequisites:*

STA 606

14. Current Bulletin description:

Elements of decision theory; properties of estimators; point and interval estimation; hypothesis-testing; sequential testing; inference from categorical data; linear regression as conditional expectation; multivariate normal distribution

*Proposed Bulletin description:*

*Minimal sufficiency and completeness, Lehmann-Scheffe Theorem and basic decision theory, methods for evaluating interval estimators. Methods for evaluating hypothesis testing procedures, robustness and M-estimation, sequential analysis, censored data, model selection techniques.*

15. What has prompted this change?

To accommodate a more applied focus in the M.S. program in statistics, the theory sequence STA531/STA532/STA601 is being reworked. STA601 contains advanced inference topics in this revision.

Course number change is intended to keep this in sequence with the renumbering of STA532 to STA606. Finally, current STA532 is being renumbered to STA606

16. If there are to be significant changes in the content or teaching objectives of this course, indicate changes:

See question 15

17. Please list any other department that could be affected by the proposed change:

None

18. Will changing this course change the degree requirements for ANY program on campus?

YES     NO

If YES<sup>†</sup>, list below the programs that require this course:

<sup>†</sup>In order for the course change to be considered, program change form(s) for the programs above must also be submitted.

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19. Is this course currently included in the University Studies Program?  Yes  No

20.  Check box if **changed to 400G- or 500-level, you must include a syllabus showing differentiation for undergraduate and graduate students by (i) requiring additional assignments by the graduate students; and/or (ii) the establishment of different grading criteria in the course for graduate students. (See SR 3.1.4)**  
 changed to 400G or 500.

21. Within the department, who should be contacted for further information on the proposed course change?

Name: Kert Viele Phone: 257-4803 Email: viele@uky.edu

22. Signatures to report approvals:

2/6/2008  
DATE of Approval by  
Department Faculty

Arnold J. Stromberg   
printed name Reported by Department Chair signature

11/7/08  
DATE of Approval by College  
Faculty

Andreas G. Bachas   
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Care Colleges Council (HCCC)

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\*DATE of Approval by the  
University Senate

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Reported by the Office of the Senate Council

\*If applicable, as provided by the *University Senate Rules*. (<http://www.uky.edu/USC/New/RulesandRegulationsMain.htm>)

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Excerpt from *University Senate Rules*:

SR 3.3.0.G.2: **Definition.** A request may be considered a minor change if it meets one of the following criteria:

- a. change in number within the same hundred series;
- b. editorial change in the course title or description which does not imply change in content or emphasis;
- c. a change in prerequisite(s) which does not imply change in content or emphasis, or which is made necessary by the elimination or significant alteration of the prerequisite(s);
- d. a cross-listing of a course under conditions set forth in SR 3.3.0.E;
- e. correction of typographical errors.

# **STA601 (to be renumbered STA607)**

## **Theory of Statistical Inference II**

### **Learning Objectives**

**Instructor :** To be taught by any member of the graduate faculty in Statistics

**Overview :** Course involves some of the more theoretical aspects of point estimation, Interval estimation, and hypothesis testing, taught at the level of Casella and Berger, Statistical Inference. Specifically, the course spends time on the theoretical proofs of optimality in these settings. The course ends with a series of introductions to advanced inference topics (Robustness, sequential methods, censored data, and model selection).

**Format :** 3 hours lecture

**Prerequisite :** STA606 (Theory of Statistical Inference I)

**Learning objectives :**

- 1) More discussion of the sufficiency principle (1 week) – completeness and its relation to minimal sufficiency.
- 2) Methods of Evaluating Point Estimators (1.5 weeks) – Lehmann-Scheffe theorem, decision theory
- 3) Methods for evaluating tests (2 weeks)
- 4) Methods for evaluating interval estimators (1.5 weeks)
- 5) Robustness and M-Estimation (2 weeks)
- 6) Sequential Analysis (2 weeks)
- 7) Censored Data (2 weeks)
- 8) Model Selection (3 weeks) – AIC, BIC, Cross Validation, GCV.

**Grading :** Students will be graded on a mix of homework, exams, and projects at the discretion of the instructor. A standard grading scale of ( $\geq 90$  at least an A,  $\geq 80$  at least a B,  $\geq 70$  at least a C,  $\geq 60$  at least an E) should be used.