

# Course Change Request

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Viewing: **CONS 625 : Statistics for Ecology and Conservation Biology**

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## In Workflow

1. **CONS Director**
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Dean
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## Approval Path

1. 10/02/19 11:27 am  
Cody Edwards  
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2. 10/18/19 10:37 am  
Jill Bowen  
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3. 11/25/19 12:52 pm  
Jennifer Bazaz  
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4. 12/02/19 9:28 am  
Marcy Glover  
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to SC Associate  
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5. 12/02/19 10:02 am  
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6. 12/21/19 3:22 pm  
Cody Edwards  
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Catalog Pages  
referencing this  
course

[Conservation Studies \(CONS\)](#)  
[Interdisciplinary Programs and Courses](#)  
[Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation](#)

### Select modification type:

Simple

### Are you completing this form on someone else's behalf?

No

Effective Term: Spring 2020

Subject Code: CONS - Conservation Studies

Course Number:  
625

### Bundled Courses:

Is this course replacing another course? No

### Equivalent Courses:

Catalog Title: Statistics for Ecology and Conservation Biology

Banner Title: Stats Ecology/Conservatn Biol

Will section titles  
vary by semester? No

Credits: 3

Schedule Type: Lecture

Hours of Lecture or Seminar per  
week: 3

Repeatable:

May only be taken once for credit (NR)

\*GRADUATE ONLY\*

**Default Grade** Graduate Regular

**Mode:**

**Recommended**

**Prerequisite(s):**

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7. 12/31/19 10:25 pm  
Jill Bowen  
(jbowen4):  
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### History

1. Apr 9, 2019 by Carol Hoskins (choskins)

Basic statistics course

**Recommended**

**Corequisite(s):**

**Required**

**Prerequisite(s) /**

**Corequisite(s)**

**(Updates only):**

**Registrar's Office Use Only - Required Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s):**

| And/Or | ( | Course/Test Code | Min Grade/Score | Academic Level | ) | Concurrency? |
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**Registration**

**Restrictions**

**(Updates only):**

**Registrar's Office Use Only - Registration Restrictions:**

**Field(s) of Study:**

**Class(es):**

Include

Limited to students with a class of Senior Plus. (SCRRCLS\_ONLY\_SP)

Limited to students with a class of Non Degree (SCRRCLS\_ONLY\_ND)

Limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy. (SCRRCLS\_ONLY\_DC)

Limited to students with a class of Graduate. (SCRRCLS\_ONLY\_GR)

**Level(s):**

Include

Enrollment limited to students with a level of Non-Degree (SCRRVLV\_ONLY\_ND)

Limited to undergraduate level students. (SCRRLVL\_ONLY\_UG)

Limited to graduate level students only. (SCRRLVL\_ONLY\_GR)

**Degree(s):**

Exclude

Non-Degree Undergraduate Degree students may not enroll. (SCRREDEG\_NO\_NDU)

**School(s):**

**Catalog**

**Description:**

**This regression-based analytical course combines lectures on theory and concepts with significant time practicing statistical tools within the R environment. The course concludes with a 2-day project session where participants work independently to conduct a full analysis of a provided dataset and present their results. This course covers: probability theory, random variables and statistical distributions, linear models, generalized linear models, model diagnostics, data transformations, visualizing results, missing data and collinearity.**

~~Provides an overview of experimental design and analysis techniques used in cutting-edge ecological research and conservation. Focuses on increasing knowledge of statistical tests, interpretation of results, and ability to disseminate and clearly explain these results. Students gain an overview of applied monitoring and analysis techniques such as distance sampling, genetic analysis, niche and species distribution modeling, and spatial analysis.~~**Notes:** Offered through the Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation in cooperation with the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute on site in Front Royal, VA. Course Format: This course is taught as an intensive, mixed format (lectures and computer work) offering, in a residential full-day (8:30am-6pm), ~~1-week, 10-day or~~ 2 week session. **Some optional night sessions may occur but there is a required Saturday morning session with Sunday as a free day.** ~~Students complete pre-course assignments, and are graded in participation, computer exercises and a final exam. Some night sessions may occur.~~

**Justification:**

Does this course cover material which crosses into another department?  No

**Learning Outcomes:**

**Attach Syllabus**

**Additional Attachments**

**Specialized Course Categories:**

**Additional Comments:**

## Reviewer

### Comments

**Marcy Glover (mglover2) (12/02/19 9:28 am):** Rollback: As requested to fix language.

**Jennifer Bazaz Gettys (jbazaz) (12/02/19 10:02 am):** Rollback: Please revise the course's description, the last sentence doesn't appear to be complete.