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2017-18 Semester 2 Mathematics (UG & PG)

Course: I3034-MATH-20802-1171-2SE-020800: MATH20802 Statistical Methods 2017-18 2nd Semester
Instructor: Saralees Nadarajah *
Response Rate: 247/274 (90.15 %)

1 - Overall, I would rate this unit as being excellent

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Agree	(5)	210	85.02%					
Mostly Agree	(4)	33	13.36%					
Neither Agree Nor Disagree	(3)	4	1.62%					
Mostly Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor	BM Data		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	BM Data		Mean	STD	Median
247/274 (90.15%)	4.83	0.41	5.00	3154		4.34	0.88	5.00

2 - The feedback that I received on my work was helpful

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Agree	(5)	221	89.47%					
Mostly Agree	(4)	22	8.91%					
Neither Agree Nor Disagree	(3)	4	1.62%					
Mostly Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor	BM Data		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	BM Data		Mean	STD	Median
247/274 (90.15%)	4.88	0.37	5.00	3154		4.27	0.96	5.00

3 - This unit was well organised

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Agree	(5)	218	88.26%					
Mostly Agree	(4)	27	10.93%					
Neither Agree Nor Disagree	(3)	2	0.81%					
Mostly Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor	BM Data		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	BM Data		Mean	STD	Median
247/274 (90.15%)	4.87	0.36	5.00	3154		4.41	0.89	5.00

4 - The course materials were helpful

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Agree	(5)	223	90.28%					
Mostly Agree	(4)	20	8.10%					
Neither Agree Nor Disagree	(3)	3	1.21%					
Mostly Disagree	(2)	1	0.40%					
Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor	BM Data		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	BM Data		Mean	STD	Median
247/274 (90.15%)	4.88	0.39	5.00	3154		4.52	0.77	5.00

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5 - The support classes were helpful

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Agree	(5)	208	84.21%					
Mostly Agree	(4)	27	10.93%					
Neither Agree Nor Disagree	(3)	12	4.86%					
Mostly Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor	BM Data		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	BM Data		Mean	STD	Median
247/274 (90.15%)	4.79	0.51	5.00	3154		4.30	0.97	5.00

6 - The eLearning resources provided in this unit were helpful

Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percent	Percent Responses	Means			
Agree	(5)	221	89.47%					
Mostly Agree	(4)	17	6.88%					
Neither Agree nor Disagree	(3)	9	3.64%					
Mostly Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor	BM Data		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	BM Data		Mean	STD	Median
247/274 (90.15%)	4.86	0.44	5.00	3154		4.42	0.83	5.00

7 - Prof/Dr. Saralees Nadarajah's teaching was excellent

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Agree	(5)	218	88.26%					
Mostly Agree	(4)	27	10.93%					
Neither Agree nor Disagree	(3)	2	0.81%					
Mostly Disagree	(2)	0	0.00%					
Disagree	(1)	0	0.00%					
I have not been taught by this lecturer	(0)	0	0.00%					
				0 25 50 100	Instructor	BM Data		
Response Rate	Mean	STD	Median	BM Data		Mean	STD	Median
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8 - What aspect of Prof. /Dr. Saralees Nadarajah's approach to teaching best helped your learning?	
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- Straight to the point, very clear handwriting and diagrams/graphs, explains content well. Best lecturer I have had so far at university.
- Everything!
- He gives very detailed examples and explanations throughout the course unit as well as being very available and prompt for feedback and guidance
- support classes, we had a lot of opportunities to ask him questions and he is friendly and patient when I ask questions!
- He is very friendly and willing to explain things.
- So much personal feedback, so many resources to work through: just generally brilliant.
- Giving us a lot of help and really nice to talk to us if we have got problems. Good explanation in contents and loads of useful materials.
- the weekly test
- Easily available for any further questions about the course
- He is very nice like a friend and always patient to solve the question we confused.
- Very methodical and clear
- We had weekly quizzes and thus that made sure that I was on top of the content for the unit. Also the notes are easy to follow and not overly complicated. I like that we are provided with past papers as this gives an indicator of the kind of questions that can come up in the test.
- Prof. Saralees Nadarajah is very approachable, supportive and patient. He is able to transmit his passion for the subject and his teaching is clear. The quizzes we have to hand every week make me revise constantly. The emails he send us and the feedbacks he provides are really useful to understand common mistakes. Finally, he is kind and understanding, always ready to answer any question we have and to help us.
- Everything. Saralees goes beyond the call of duty.
- Plenty of examples providing in both lectures and tutorials
- the layout of the course, the weekly quizzes gave me incentive to keep working hard every week,
- Best teacher
- .
- Saralees stores everything on his webpage from the past decade, including example questions, past papers + solutions, podcasts etc. It is incredibly helpful! He works through examples in his lectures rather than just reading through his lecture notes which is very helpful. He is very fast when it comes to marking and provides individual feedback to everyone, even for such a large class. Definitely one of the best teachers I've had.
- very nice, very patient
- Lots of examples - big complete list of them very useful
- Following any assessment he sets, Saralees provides helpful feedback exceptionally quickly. This allows me to quickly learn from my mistakes, whilst the work is fresh in my mind. Saralees has excellent teaching resources. He provides useful practice questions with answers and complete working. I once emailed Saralees a question about statistics, he responded within 9 minutes. This is incredible. This exceptional level of support is matched only by his politeness and good sense of humour.
- Although he is pretty slow with content, he goes through enough examples to ensure that we are understanding the content that he is covering in a lot of detail. More over the weekly quizzes help us to keep up to date with his content. He also marks our work and uploads solutions very quickly (within 24 hours) in which some lecturers such also take note on.
- Quick marking and feedback.
- nice
- He is the best teacher I have met at UoM
- I have to say that he's the best professor I have ever met in the university. Everything is perfect and he's very helpful.
- Incredibly approachable and easy to contact if there are any problems
- His continued support Going above and beyond what other lecturers do Doing examples
- The constant uploading of covered material. Also the attention given to students.
- Fully dedicated, very fast e-mail replies, great and fast feedback, very clear
- Weekly assigned quiz which is great!
- He's so organised and has so many resources it's really helpful when learning the content of this course.
- He was very welcoming and always offered to give me extra assistance if I required it.
- Saralees is a very nice teacher and all the material of the course is very complete!

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- The enthusiasm that Saralees brings to each lecture is contagious. Although i don't find myself needing the help that much and, so at time it can get overwhelming, i understand how useful this could be to others on the course who are having difficulty or feel uncomfortable when asking for help as this makes him very approachable and, as he says, he is available at any time.
- weekly quiz is nice! also his podcast is always the clearest one.
- Brilliant lecturer and a nice person. Will help with any problem at any time.
- He provides many useful examples.
- The fact that he provides us with all the material we can ask for already makes him one of the best lecturers I have had. He makes sure that any examples meaningful for the final exam are gone through in class, as well as making sure that every student is aware of what is happening every week in terms of lectures and homework as well as giving us a guide where he specifies what we should focus on for our exam.
- The resources available are vast and his teaching style means you are very well equipped for exams. He goes through many examples in classes and tutorials and works at a pace which even the slowest can keep up with.
- Great support
- Carefully explain course material to us, one quiz per two weeks help a lot
- Gain more knowledge from the course, more understanding of statistics methods.
- Saralees is legit the perfect lecturer, everything was top notch and well organised
- The depth of examples given for every aspect of the course.
- I enjoyed the weekly quizzes. They ensured that I was kept up-to-date with the content, and for each quiz submitted, they were marked very quickly with feedback. This really helped my learning. I also appreciated that Dr Nadarajah was available out of lectures and was willing to meet up with students that had concerns.
- Extremely professional, helpful and hard working. Always available to help. Very friendly to talk to. Provides excellent examples. I couldn't fault him.
- Very prompt and up-to-date feedback on homework and tests; Many examples are given in lectures which I found supportive; The online materials are inclusive; Lectures are well-organised.
- Dr Nadarajah is remarkably responsible and always ready to help, even on holidays and weekends. And some approaches to questions are inspiring.
- Provision of extensive questions and 10 years of past exams with answers!
- From my point of view, Prof. Nadarajah is the most diligent lecturer I have ever met in the university. The materials provided in his course website is detailed and integrated. and his class delivery is well-organised and he can always make difficult points easy to understand~
- He gives useful feedback for tests very quickly after submission (can't think of a time where feedback took more than a day).
- Dr. Saralees Nadarajah is a very patient lecturer and always reply emails as soon as possible, which is really helpful for me. His teaching is in a perfect speed and easy to follow.
- Saralees is an excellent lecturer and teaches in a way that is easy to follow and understand and marks all work amazingly quickly.
- The best lecturer i have ever had in my entire life. He honestly cares about the students doing well and he is just so helpful. He always sends emails asking us if we need help. He answers emails very quickly and always marks our work very quickly. It has been such a pleasure being one of his students. The mini quizzes each week have been very helpful as they have reinforced my understanding of each topic, the podcasted example classes are excellent because during revision if i get stuck on a question from the example sheet i can always go back and watch the podcast where the question is explained.
- Course materials provided by Dr. Saralees Nadarajah are so detailed which are quite helpful for me.
- Clear examples and good communication with students
- His resources (online and inclass), teaching, delivery and amazing feedback.
- The lecturer is very warm, and hardworking as well. The frequent quizzes may be the most helpful way for us to get up-to-date feedback of our study.
- Everything he does
- Dr. Saralees is the best teacher which I have met in the Manchester. He always updates the relevant materials quickly so that we are able to get that as soon as possible. He is also able to reply to our email related to academic in two minutes which impresses me very much. Dr. Saralees is very considerable to send us some emails about further internship or some career advice which gives us a lot of instructions for our directions. As long as we have any academic problems he is willing to help us at any time and he also provides us with feedback in details about our homework or quiz. I appreciate and respect Dr. Saralees very much.
- Great lecturer, always ready to help with any question, and always goes out of his way to make sure you have the materials you need.
- Dr. Saralees Nadarajah is a very responsible teacher, he care about every of his student. If you have any question, just ask, Dr. Saralees would make every effort to help you.
- Excellent Prof!
- I have never had a lecturer that interacted with me as much as he does. It's very fresh.
- Professor gives us many useful information about our course on blackboard. It is very helpful .

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- perfect lecturer I have seen .I love you
- A good focus on examples and that we were given access to a large amount of resources from day one.
- The quizzes helped us keep on top of our work. Lots of example question for us to practice.
- He is extremely helpful. He was able to answer any question at any time.
- His willingness to help students understand the course and the abundance of resources he provided online. Dr Nadarajah frequently went beyond what was expected, even providing video podcasts of tutorial classes. He is also very contactable and will respond quickly to any queries. He is remarkably excellent at marking the weekly quizzes and tests.
- He really invested his time to get to know each student and aid us in any way he could.
- His lectures and support classes are really organised
- Very enthusiastic, clearly likes what he's teaching, always willing and wanting to help.
- every aspect! best teacher ever!!!
- His continual feedback on work handed in and the extremely quick responses to questions, queries and coursework grades.
- Incredible timing with feedback on recently submitted quizz's/coursework, or even general enquiries. Impeccable notes and organisation. An overall very generous and fantastic lecturer, we definitely should have more like him.
- All the resources he supplies
- Dr nadarajah provides excellent content in lectures, tutorials and on his webpage. Also his willingness to help at anytime is really encouraging.
- He provides a lot of helpful resources and goes through a lot of examples in lectures and tutorials. Both help me understand the content thoroughly. Also, the weekly quizzes take the pressure off the midterm and exams as they are worth 10%. Prof. Nadarajh puts a lot of tim einto this course which is evident and greatly appreciated.
- Everything, he is a wonderful man with the best attitude towards teaching I ever saw.
- All material was made available and there are 10 years worth of past exams. Loads of examples are given. All lectures and tutorials are recorded. Weekly quizzes make staying motivated easier.
- online resources are very details that help me to have a good revision.
- How he treats everyone with the respect they deserve and tries his best to be understanding and helpful.
- Weekly quizzes and reminder emails about them were great to always keep on track with the workflow. Use of website and podcasts is greatly appreciated
- Really attentive, marking was really quick and example classes were very useful. Excellent teaching
- Providing a lot of examples and going through a lot of them
- In the everyweek's tutorial,he leads us to do the problem sheet and also write down the solution way on the black board, that is so useful. Meanwhile he mark all our week work and email us the result, as well as the coursework test. He does lots of hardworking by heart we all can feel that. He also upload lots of problem sheet and the past papers which would be very thankful and helpful. Overall, thank you for all the help.
- depth and clarity of explanations working out examples in class to help us get through the exercise sheets
- Lots of examples and a well organised web page
- Dr Nadarajah has an infectious enthusiasm for statistics and is always willing to help his students in whatever way he can
- Notes lectures are really well organised. I like the use of weekly quizzes as they help me to assess my knowledge on a weekly basis.
- Enthusiasm
- Abundance of online resources and examples, and approachable attitude that meant I was never afraid to ask questions!
- His dedication to his work. He's always keen on giving feedback and approaching us in terms of making sure we are coping
- He is always willing to answer questions.
- He make sure all of us feel comfortable in his class.
- Provides lots of materials and makes it clear which content is examinable. Very nice as well.
- I think Dr. Saralees Nadarajah's weekly test is very helpful for me. It makes me know what I've done wrong or not enough every week. So it gives me time to correct my mistake and find what I haven't handle.
- Every aspect actually.
- His time and effort put into feedback
- he is very nice

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- Without a question, Saralees knows his Statistics. He performs his role as a lecturer outstandingly. But what makes him stand out as a lecturer is that fact that he goes above and beyond the call of duty. For example, he has taken it upon himself to get to know every student in his lecture by face. This really makes me feel as though he cares and is a great sense of motivation for my learning. He has also stressed in his lectures that we are able to ask him for help 24/7 about not just the material he is covering, but also other maths modules and general issues too. I assure you that the level of support that this man is offering is unparalleled. The fact that tutorials are recorded is INCREDIBLY useful for my learning and I wish that all lecturers would implement this. This is because, if during revision time, I come to a question from the problem sheet that I am struggling with or have forgotten how to do, I can watch the podcast for a great and instant explanation.
- All our work is marked and given back to us with corrections and useful feedback within 24 hours of handing it in. Saralees is very enthusiastic and willing to help with any work and at any time. This has been really essential in the understanding of the course unit as well as having lots of links and helpful material on his webpage.
- Podcasts and uploading lecture notes only and having the course material on your site, AMAZING TEACHER!
- He is the hardest working person, he gives us support every time you need, The most responsible teachers I've ever seen
- The weekly quiz is really helpful to enhance my understanding of the content of this unit. He is a very responsible teacher.
- He takes his time in his lectures to be methodical and explain everything very clearly.
- Feedback given within 24 hours, responds to emails 24/7 (literally), is happy to speak to you regarding questions in his office from 11-5pm EVERY DAY as well as weekends by appointment. He also has given us his phone number to setup appointments. He easily puts in 200% effort simply because he wants to be a good teacher for us, and he is, amazing.
- Every week's quiz is very helpful!
- He always took the time to ensure we understood everything and gave us a lot of work to practice on.
- An excellent teacher. He is hard working and makes comment on our quiz every week. Very helpful with your lecture. So lucky to be taught by Saralees.
- Great!
- Everything about him is spectacular.
- Saralees is the man.
- He has a lot of resources online including past papers with solutions, also has a lot of examples which help me understand the maths a lot more. He records every tutorial and lecture's which help revision when you want to review things done in class. His handwritten notes along side the typed up notes are really useful. His feedback is very good and always responds very quickly.
- quiz is so good
- Very responsive teacher to questions and homework
- Having access to all the past exams and past midterms together with the complete solutions, having podcasts of the lectures and tutorials.
- Best lecturer! Lots and LOTS of great material and extremely well organised and clear notes.
- He is very methodical, precise and clear during his lectures and provides all the resources you could ever need at the start of the module meaning prepping for revision is a lot simpler.
- He's very caring and supportive. Lots of emails!
- Saralees is an excellent lecturer. Many emails are sent (arguably in excess), but the dedication to the learning experience, the continual assessment introduced in this year is extremely helpful and Saralees is a very entertaining personality and makes the lectures easy to follow, easy to catch up on by providing a podcast to every class and emails are given in good time.
- Sense of humour.
- He gave weekly feedback on how we were doing in the course and was always happy/available to help if needed.
- The hands-on approach, actually keeping in frequent communication with students which seems rather lacklustre in this uni.
- Lost of online materials and always happy to help in tutorials.
- His online resources could not have been better and his prep for midterms and tests is second to none
- nice man
- He is extremely clear in explanations, has a sense of humour, and it seems to go the extra mile to help students
- Made everything simple and gave loads of examples in and outside of lectures which was extremely helpful.
- He is on top of everything. He responds immediately to every email, has plenty of resources available, access to every past paper with solutions. His site was the best thing about the course
- Extremely responsive to emails 24/7. Advice and feedback on quizzes/midterm tests is very useful. Lecturer is extremely dedicated to teaching and answering questions. Lecturer is very approachable and always willing to answer queries, no matter how frequent or insignificant. Overall, one of the best lecturers by whom I have been taught during my degree.

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- He is a really humble and excellent teacher who always cares about every students and monitor their performance. He motivates me and gave me a lot of confident to keep studying and work hard not matter the grade is bad or good.
- everything- best lecturer i have ever had
- Very hands-on, willing to get involved and ensure my proper understanding of the course.
- He provides a lot of resources and gives instant feedback.
- Every question I asked got detailed explanation. Contents are well orgnised. Enough exercise are given.
- best teaching support I had. the online material and teaching quilty was excellent that even when I was behind a few time I was able to catch up very quickly.
- We get weekly quiz and we can get feedback quickly. This part is really helpful.
- When approaching a question he explains all the steps. Even the simple steps, which can be very helpful.
- The wide range of advice, e.g. advice on common mistakes and the printed notes in addition to lecture notes
- He was unbelievably hard working
- Honestly, Dr. Saralees Nadarajah is the most responsible teachers I have ever seen in my whole student life. The lecture notes and weekly quizzes are really helpful.
- His ability to provide a large range of examples in every lecture, and that in tutorials he works through every question clearly.
- he is a very intelligent man, he organised clear and concise and has the ability to deliver complex information in an usimplistic manner
- The quizzes really help me study the course every week. He finish the content early which is good and a lot of examples were given in lecture. Most likely everything that he did through out the course help my learning.
- Content was delivered and a concise way. More difficult concepts were also explained well, with good use of the tutorial classes to develop them.
- A metric tonne of worked examples. Also, his weekly quizzes were extremely good at hammering home information.
- Everything. His willingness to help with any problem and being available 24/7. He really cares about his students and that makes attending lectures a joy. He also prides himself on being an excellent lecturer and this is obvious through his notes.

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9 - Please provide details of what you valued about this unit	
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- Counts towards actuarial exemptions.
- All notes and willingness to help whenever!
- It was very well organised
- The level of difficulty in the question sheet was high, but not unachievable. This pushed me to learn more and become better.
- The amount of eResources are amazing. I wish every lecturer did this
- really help us to improve our study in statistics and good prestudy for year 3
- Weekly tests were good Online material helped go over things clearly after lecture
- The content of this unit is difficult but Dr. saralees did his best to teach us
- So many resources for revision!
- I think that the main value of this unit goes to Saralees as he is one of the only lecturers that treats and respects students as equals. He makes learning his unit more enjoyable and he is always there to answer questions no matter how 'silly' they may be. He is very reliable and very efficient with his marking of midterms and quizzes and we usually receive our scores within a few hours.
- The aspect of this course that I valued the most was its impeccable structure, and the fact that we were provided with so many examples to work through for revision.
- Great online notes. Lectures are a good pace and very well delivered.
- the lecturer is very helpful and always willing to help, very friendly and I appreciate the regular emails keeping me up to date with my studies
- Every week quizz
- Access to all course materials from the past 10 years, weekly quizzes,
- Quick marking very helpful, materials provided and number of them very useful.
- Interesting content taught by a passionate lecturer. Very useful example classes.
- Very good.
- very clear
- Lots of examples in the Lecture
- Nothing
- The lecturer! All links together Very useful content Interesting
- the tutorials, the lectures, the content
- I think it's great how quickly Dr Nadarajah gives us feedback on our work, for example we received the marks for our midterms on the same day that we took them, I think this was really impressive.
- Excellent
- lecturer is the best!
- The weekly quizzes meant we could keep up with the course at a manageable pace and receive marks for it.
- - Great organisation - Interesting content - Good pace - Lecturer's availability
- The organization of Saralees left me speechless, as compared to other lecturers.
- The content is just a development on previously taught material and so is easier to understand at times then fresh material.
- Excellent Always sending emails to remind us about important event !
- I love more about the different distribution and all sort of methods
- To be honest, I hated stats and probability before taking this course. But the teaching style was interesting, easy to follow, yet also challenging and it has become my favourite subject now and I want to pursue stats in the future.
- The availability of Saralees. He's always willing to help his students, no matter what time.
- I really liked the fact that there were a lot of questions provided, enabling us to practice and apply what we've learnt. In addition, we went through a lot of examples in lectures consolidating the theory.
- Skills with manipulating statistical functions will be helpful
- The content is useful in practice.

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- Excellent to the power of n , with n tends to plus infinity!
- Weekly tests kept me on track and made sure I understood the course content. This was especially helpful for harder questions in the unit. Tutorials and lectures are very clear. Tutorials format very helpful for immediate clarification on questions.
- Having all of the resources including past papers going back many years is extremely useful and helpful in my learning.
- EVERYTHING
- Weekly quizzes were very helpful, also this unit has interesting material.
- Everything
- It will be an insult to put a number on how many things I value about this unit all thanks to Dr Saralees Nadarajah. I hate Statistics so I did not expect much from this unit initially but the way it turned out, I even feel like I am living longer. He has the heart that really wants to help the students and the brain to know how to. His efforts should be more recognised. If heaven exists, he belongs there after this life.
- It is very useful for our further research on statistics or finance.
- Statistics methods are helpful for me to learn more about Statistics.
- Splitting the course work marks between 1 test and several weekly questions were much better than just 1 big test.
- I valued Dr Nadarajah's approach and some of the subject matter.
- The weekly quizzes were a very good addition to the course and helped me keep up with all the course content.
- I valued the amount of resources and support available.
- Lots and lots of examples, very appreciated, good pace going through content. Tutorial classes are good format. Also a big fan of the way the 20% coursework was stricter between the test and weekly quiz', continual testing is the best kind in my opinion.
- The fact that we did not simply learn content to pass an exam, we learnt the content thoroughly and understood it well.
- Knowledge
- really helpful
- Being kept up to date via email with regards to upcoming lectures/quizzes and even the speedy exam result within 24HOURS!!!! Very impressive 5/5
- Liked that there were weekly quizzes alongside a midterm to break up the marks and make sure we kept on top of work
- Lecturer has been excellent.
- We are more familiar with statistics and learned lots of distributions and statistics method like estimators , hypothesis test.
- Interesting to learn and applicable to many areas in life and future modules. availability of material from many years in the course website
- How much he cares about students doing well.
- The weekly quizzes, providing regular feedback on my work, is really useful in helping my understanding
- Actuarial exemption
- I valued the time and effort put into making it as easy as possible for us to learn and understand the unit with clear, organised resources and constant support
- The love and care of Saralees <3 #best teacher ever
- The example classes are helpful.
- Good follow on module from previous statistics courses
- I think the materials on the blackboard is very helpful. Whenever I want to review the knowledge I can use it. It improves my efficiency.
- I learn a lot of new things and it help me a lot
- The number of resources online
- learn a lot of
- I liked how the course started with a slight recap and overlap of the previous statistics we have covered in earlier modules because it was essential that I was strong in these areas to be able to progress smoothly through the course. I think the content in this course is actually interesting to learn about and I enjoy doing the many problems available to me.
- Saralees
- It's very helpful for other math units as well, it's a better evaluation of Probability1 and 2
- This unit give me best feelings of study,

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- The vast amount of online resources.
- The ridiculous amount of effort Saralees has put in to helping students.
- I valued the amount of resources that were provided and the constant guidance given by Dr Saralees
- Nice
- the course is very interesting and the teacher is really nice!!
- Dr. Saralees Nadarajah is just so nice, highly recommend to take this course
- This course helped me in other courses as well.
- It was very organised and laid out in a way that made it easier to understand and remember. Statistics is used a lot in a financial career which I personally want to pursue and this unit has taught me the maths I'll need for my future career.
- distribution
- I'm better at stats
- The professor has been the only one that really showed that he cares about his students and want to help them anytime with anything.
- Lots of support throughout.
- The course is well structured and the lectures were very well delivered and the overall teaching is very thorough.
- Well organised and near exhaustive materials.
- the course materials online were exceptional
- Having an 'active' lecturer
- Clear teaching and plenty of examples to consolidate ideas.
- very well thought-out course, very enjoyable
- Very thorough and well organised course materials.
- Extensive collection of course materials. Regular and email updates.
- This unit is interesting and take me to next level of understanding about mathematics.
- everything
- Very interesting topics covered.
- It provided a lot of material to help with revision.
- Excellent teacher and excellent course.
- the content was soo well organised makes learning this unit more fun than I expected.
- The learning resources: -the fact that the visualiser notes are scanned and put online is very beneficial as in lecture I can just concentrate on what is being written Also the course is well structured. I really value how Saralees makes an effort to speak to every student and make them feel comfortable, it's very admirable.
- It is very well organised, it is clear exactly what I need to know for the exam
- Very well structured
- The large amount of online resources meaning revision is a lot easier than with other modules. Having so many solutions available is great and the quizzes were a fantastic idea, to split up the percentages, rather than having a 20% midterm.
- the online resources have been very helpful. there is so much information and tools for us to access which comes in handy when i'm am trying to revise. the content of this unit has been interesting, made more so by the lecture had. i have also really enjoyed the weekly quizzes we have been assigned as they force me to keep up to date with what we are doing in lectures to maximize my grade.
- It's a relatively straightforward knowledge-based unit, and while I obviously wouldn't want all my units to be this way, it does make a nice break from the more fiddly stuff.
- The quizzes were really helpful and kept me doing independent work each week. This alongside the midterm test, helps relieve pressure on exam. The constant emails filled with reminders, tips, internship opportunities and even happy christmas emails is so refreshing and it really helps me personally when I know that a lecturer really cares and wants to help.

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10 - Please provide details of what you think could be improved on this unit	
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- Maybe harder examples during lectures.
- Perhaps more of an introduction to each distribution as there are so many and they are quite difficult to memorise each one individually
- More detailed notes that include solved examples.
- pace is too slow
- Nothing. It's perfect
- I really enjoyed Dr. Saralees Nadarajah's teaching, and his delivery of material was really good. But almost every materials covered in this unit is already studied in first year stat course so a lot of stuffs are overlapped; they were just a bit of extensions of first year's. The point is this course is pre-requisite for every stat module in third year, so i didn't have any choice to not to take this unit. If it wasn't then i would choose another module since there were other many attractive modules in second year. I believe students who spent much time to study stat in their first year can skip this module but still, can understand the third year stat modules. The lecturer was really great and i am going to take his third year stat module (extreme value), but the course would be improved if it cover more advanced stuffs.
- everything is fine.
- Nothing, everything is perfect.
- No improvements. Top job Sarlees! Come on guys!
- Perhaps the weekly quizzes could be biweekly and worth 2 marks instead, this would allow students more time to work on the problems and the opportunity to maybe ask two part questions
- the example sheets are a bit too difficult
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- More variation in lectures
- Handwritten lecture notes are available for the course, however they are in the same document as answers to the example classes. It's time consuming to flick through the example class pages to get to the lecture notes. In an ideal world, there would be 1 document for hand written lecture notes, and a separate document for hand written example classes answers.
- Nothing
- everything is perfect
- This course is excellent
- Nothing
- Nothing!
- Nothing.
- maybe faster pace - but that's a really small issue compared to everything else.
- The jokes.
- very good already
- Nothing, if you are willing to put the work in, everything you require is available on Saralees' website.
- I would have liked to have learned a bit more about the practical applications of all the distributions learned throughout the course.
- Nothing, I strongly think other lecturers should take Saralees as an example to follow and learn from.
- Maybe more application type questions on the content or even broadening the content to fit more real world type situations in to questions.
- Already perfect
- The lecturer is very nice and helpful, the notes of this course was very detail. So I think it's already the best.
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- Personally I thought that this unit is excellent the way it is and I thoroughly enjoyed it.
- A lecture at the beginning establishing some of the fundamental rules when manipulating notation which has been lightly used up to this point, such as sum and product symbols, would have been helpful. Also, some of the distributions need a more intuitive explanation, like Chi Squared distribution, Gumbel distribution or the gamma distribution. Gamma was introduced almost without comment, despite being particularly complicated to work with. I still don't really understand what they are beyond an equation whereas, for example, I have a much deeper understanding and intuition behind Binomial, exponential and normal distributions. And i think this intuition will be very important when trying to apply these skills practically
- hope there are more new content, rather than knowledge taught in the course Introduction to Statistics. hope there are more content combined with other disciplines, eg. medicine and finance.
- Perhaps include additional new topics to make it more interesting and exciting as the first half was mostly a repeat of familiar concepts with a few new concepts

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- I think everything is quite perfect! I really recommend other teaching staffs to learn from Prof. Nadarajah!
- Lectures can feel a little slow.
- The unit is excellent.
- NOTHING. he is amazing
- Everything is perfect.
- Maybe focus less on rewriting results and material, that is already on the written course notes that have been handed to all of the students. Providing results and proofs that are not on the notes would be more helpful.
- Nothing
- I have never said this but there is no room for improvement for this lecturer. He is exemplary not just to lecturers in this university but to every teacher in the world. Our university is extremely fortunate to have him and I am even more fortunate to have such a supportive and dedicated teacher in my university life.
- I think details what we get are perfect. Our professor is excellent.
- All in all really well taught and Saralees is really committed to the course and is as students. Sometimes feel bombarded with information. Saralees emails a lot with the same thing in the email. The website could be more structured into folders?
- This unit is too similar to introduction to statistics studied in the first year. I would recommend adding more new materials.
- Sometimes there is far too much time spent working through examples in a non engaging uninteresting way. In these lessons it is away to lose concentration and instead of learning from being taken through each example, just copy down the answer. There is a lack of student involvement.
- There is nothing to be improved
- No comments.
- The only thing would be possible a more challenging mid term test, other than that nothing can be improved it was excellent.
- Nothing. Fantastic
- nothing
- Nothing
- so far nothing need to be improved, perfect at all(please keep it lol
- My Main difficulty in this unit was the use of Distributions that may have been taught/shown in the pre-requisite units but aren't really Distributions that are overly highlighted during any of the work we have previously done.
- It has already been excellent , thank you for our professor .
- Not much, the lecturer is excellent.
- This course seems very heavily focused on methods and techniques, so at some times it does feel as though this unit is just revision of earlier probability/statistic modules.
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing!
- nothing. Its perfect??
- I think the class between the example classes and lectures are very far. We have to travel quite a distance.
- Sometimes the quizzes are repetitive.
- Everything is perfect I think.
- Everything is pretty good
- More examples
- everything is good
- Overall, the course is very good. If I could make a slight improvement, I would like to hear more about how the statistics that I am learning about can be applied and used in the real world.
- The work is difficult
- Nothing, Saralees' teaching is perfect.

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- I think it's perfect so far to be honest
- Nothing.
- Literally nothing, Saralees goes beyond the expectations of every aspect of the course.
- Nothing
- Nice
- maybe we can have more examples or to get answers and explanation of quizzes during the example classes
- Not much to improve on. Possibly if we could send the Quizzes by email in case I'm not in Manchester around the time of the deadline. I had an urgent matter once and wasn't able to hand the quiz in which I complete. However, that can be easily resolved with planning ahead so it's not a huge problem.
- everything is good
- The website could be better organised as there is just a list of long links - more tabs would be better Having test result totals of the weekly test be more readily available could help knowing how well you are doing
- Nothing.
- Nothing!
- This unit appears to not introduce much in the way of new content. A large portion of the content delivered is a repeat of MATH10282 Introduction to Statistics with additional examples and a small number of additional techniques - which made the unit easy and very much a revision unit.
- It's mostly repetition from MATH10282, maybe could alter up the syllabus by a tad bit.
- Lectures could be a bit more engaging
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- Nothing.
- N/a
- The content itself is quite dry, and sometimes the lectures seem to spend far too long on simple concepts. I appreciate Saralees makes it as easy as possible for his students to follow but sometimes it really dragged.
- Solutions to the example booklet
- Nothing
- Focus on studying and hope mark scheme can be given so I can check my answers by myself even the teacher is busy
- nothing
- Nothing!
- This course can be improved by not having the lecture in stop-ford. Wastes a lot of lecture time.
- Everything is good enough for me.
- nothing needs to improved.
- In example classes he should answer the question in smaller steps (instead of all at once) so that the students who can't initially answer the question can atleast tackle bits of it. Most of the time I find starting the question is the hardest part. So if we're shown how to approach it I'd be able to give it a better attempt.
- The exercise sheets are in the wrong order e.g. we cover sheet 9 before sheet 6 which was confusing Could possibly be more varied content in the module rather than loads of confidence intervals, I expected to learn more stats concepts e.g. goodness of fit tests
- Better feedback on quizzes.
- Nothing, Dr.Saralees Nadarajah is perfect on this.
- Hardly anything, this has been one of my favourite modules and Saralees has been one of my favourite lecturers. There is always support available and so many materials to make learning easier.
- honestly i feel as though this is the best module I have done at university, there is just so much information and resources to use I can not fault how this module has been taught this semester.
- I hope we can do kahoot quiz or something fun after finishing the content.
- Nothing, no flaws.
- Absolutely nothing.

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