

AMS 7: Statistical Methods for the Biological, Environmental and Health Sciences

Background survey

Name: _____

What ARE your needs and interests, anyway?

Please take a little while to think about the following questions and write a few sentences as an answer. Your comments will be used to plan the application areas emphasized in the examples and problems in the course. Please return this in class today or at the beginning of the next class meeting.

(1) What is your major interest of study here? (If you haven't yet declared a major, what general fields of study most interest you?)

(2) Are you taking the course to satisfy a curriculum requirement (if so, which one?), or just because you want to, or is there some other reason that you find yourself here (specify)?

(3) What do you intend to use the material of this course for (field study, research, ...)?

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(4) Do you think you'll go on to take one or more other statistics courses (if so, which one(s))?

(5) If you've already begun to try to read the research literature in your field, please give me the names of one or two journals that most interest you — I may be able to pick out some journal articles and use them as case studies by the end of the quarter.

Please feel free to add any other remarks that will help me design the course to best fit your needs. (Use additional sheets of paper, stapled onto this one, if you need them.)

Thanks.