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Prerequisites: EdPsych 581 or Psych 407. At the minimum, you should be familiar with basic concepts of data analysis, hypothesis testing, multiple regression, and ANOVA. You should have a math background through college algebra.

Course Objectives: Introduction to basic concepts and common statistical models and analyses for categorical data; Provides enough theory, examples of applications, and practice using categorical techniques so that students can use these methods in their own research, as well as critically read research papers that use such methods.

Course Web-page: You can find a link to the course web-page at http://education.illinois.edu/faculty-pages/cja. 
The web-page include copies of lecture notes, homework assignments, answer keys, SAS code, announcements, SAS & R example programs, and some handy programs.

We will use piazza.com for communication. You should receive an email about this. You can post questions, make suggestions, answer each others questions, etc. You can choose to be anonymous or not. I will monitor to ask questions and/or make suggestions. Whereas the course web-site is public, this site is not.

Required Text:  

Note: There is a 3rd edition with R that will be coming out in October/November.

1The college is switching me to a new system, so we’ll see how it goes.
Computing: You will have your choice between using SAS or R. SAS is available from sas.com using their SAS Software for Learning program. See https://www.sas.com/en_us/software/university-edition.html You can either get it for download to on demand. There is no cost and have everything that you absolutely need (in some options, PROC Graph is not included). Alternatively, you can get a license and software from web-store; however, this costs money. R is free and can be downloaded from cran-r-project.org.

Which one (or both)? If you have used R and know the basics this will be fine; otherwise, SAS may be a better choice. I have worked thorough all analyses using SAS and am still learning R. SAS requires less programming and R requires more. More will be discussed about choice in the first class.

Evaluation: Homework assignments (60%) and a final exam or project (40%). You have the option of either taking a final exam or doing a project. You are encouraged to do a project rather than the final if you have categorical data from your own research or collaborative research.

Homework: There will be approximately 8–10 homework assignments. Each homework assignment will consist of 2–5 questions and/or problems. They will be due 1 week after assigned and will be due in lecture (hard copy) on the stated due date. No late homework will be accepted without prior approval of the instructor.

Final Exam: The final exams/projects will be take home. The final will be distributed around November 27. The exams/project are due Friday December 14, 4:00 pm. (not late assignments here).

Projects: For those interested in doing a project, you need to either talk to me about your intended project or turn in a proposal describing your intended project by November 13 (or before). The proposal is to ensure that the project is acceptable for this course and it provides an opportunity for preliminary feedback and suggestions. A final paper describing the project is due Friday December 14.

The range of possible projects is quite broad. The intent of the project is to provide you an opportunity to apply the methods for categorical data analysis covered in class to your own research and effectively communicate the results. Projects will typically consist of analyses of data from research that you are currently performing (e.g., masters or dissertation research, collaborative research projects, etc.). Possible projects include (but not limited to):

- Use categorical methods to analyze data from your own research or research in which you are involved.
- Critique the use of procedures often used in your field or in a published research paper(s) and present more appropriate alternative analyses. Such a project should
include a comparison of results obtained from the different types of analyses (e.g., using log-linear models rather than ANOVA).

- An in depth study of a procedure covered in class or one not covered in class (e.g., latent class analysis, log multiplicative association models, correspondence analysis, random effects models for discrete response data), including an application of it to data.

**Illness:** If you are sick, do **NOT** come to lecture, the instructor’s office hours or the TAs office hours. If you need to turn in homework, you can either give it to a fellow student (preferred) or it may be sent electronically (to both the TA and instructor).

**Disability Resources Statement:** To obtain disability-related academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the course instructor and the Disability Resources and Educational Services (DRES) as soon as possible. To contact DRES you may visit 1207 S. Oak St., Champaign, call 333-4603 (V/TDD), or e-mail a message to disabilityillinois.edu. To insure that disability-related concerns are properly addressed from the beginning, students with disabilities who require assistance to participate in this class are asked to see the instructor as soon as possible. If you need accommodations for any sort of disability, please speak to me after class, or make an

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If you sign up for emergency text messages at emergency.illinois.edu, you’ll receive information from the police and administration during these types of situations.

If you have any questions, go to police.illinois.edu, or call 217-333-1216
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*** Projects & Final Exams Due Friday December 14 4:00pm. ***


Or see http://datavis.ca/courses/VCD/


**Generalized Linear Models:**


**Graphical Models**

