

Moderation Report for STSB6816

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I have reviewed the content of the course prepared by Sean van der Merwe for the STSB6816, presented at the University of the Free State in 2020.

The content of the course has been put together well and will teach the students not only the statistical concepts required by the course but also R coding, RMarkdown etc. which are valuable and essential skills for statistics students. Given the uncertain times of 2020, and the move to all online teaching, it seems that the lecturer has coped very well with this. Students were provided individual datasets to avoid coping, and all chat sessions during classes are recorded in case of interesting questions being raised. A comprehensive record of previous courses, the current course notes, assignments, essays etc. were all provided to me.

Given the challenges of 2020, I think that the lecturer has done an outstanding job in keeping up the standard of the course, while providing students with all the content and resources that they require to perform well. I am happy that the course was presented at the correct level and was well prepared.

Tests and Assignments

I reviewed the marking of 6-8 test submissions for both Test 1 and Test 2, and the content of a similar number of assignments.

Only change: Test 2 - 2013105875 – I calculate the marks adding up to 85.5 not 95.5.

Marking was done fairly and consistently. The time allocation for the tests was reasonable and the marks allocated were appropriate for the questions being asked and the complexity of the response required. Some of the marking on the scripts was a bit difficult for me decipher, but

this is probably a result of the electronic marking and the students are probably familiar with the lecturer's handwriting.

The tests and the assignments adequately covered the content of the course. The instructions provided were very clear and comprehensive. Students should not have had any trouble in understanding what was required of them. The questions were relevant and provided practical applications of the theory. The questions were at the correct level for this course.

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