

Feedback on the lectures of “Biostatistics” provided by NWSMU

I am a first-year student of graduate school of biomedical sciences, department of disaster and radiation medical sciences master course, Nagasaki University, Mariya Ivanchykava.

During my educational program, I had a course of “Biostatistics” held by Prof. Sviatoslav Plavinskij.

Even though Biostatistics was a difficult course for me, Professor’s explanation was available and clear. Lectures included valuable and important information that could be used during further Master course. Prof. Sviatoslav Plavinskij kindly answered all our questions during the lectures and helped us to understand biostatistics deeply not only theoretically but also in practice using SAS OnDemand for Academics. I never heard about this system before and I was pleased to get to know about it. Professor Plavinskij showed us how to work with the program and now I can use it in my research work.

However, I was a little bit upset because I could not meet Professor personally and visit NWSMU in Saint Petersburg this year due to the quarantine and COVID-19.

Nevertheless, I think one week is an extremely short period of time to memorize such amount of information and I would like to have more lectures and especially practice in a longer time to understand the course better because as I said above materials provided by professor are really needed and useful in my future surveys.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I am really grateful to the professor for the course in general and for teaching us how to use SAS OnDemand for Academics in particular.

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Best regards,

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I am a first year student of Disaster and Radiation Medical Sciences Master course. Recently, I have finished the course of «Biostatistics» which was performed by Professor Sviatoslav Plavinskij. During the classes I was introduced the optimal methods for collection, processing, maintaining, analysis and presentation of data. Moreover, I obtained practical knowledge on how to use statistical software, namely “R” and “SAS on Demand for Academics”. Professor showed us how to use the software on relevant and concrete examples. These skills are essential for representative statistical analysis and will help me to conduct a research for the Master thesis. Furthermore, ability to use mentioned above statistical and data analysis systems is required for any qualified person working in biomedical sciences.

Biostatistics is a continually developing and complicated subject. However, Professor Plavinskij found a comprehensive way how to explain it. All lectures were clear and easily understandable. Professor illustrated the difficult concepts using tables and graphs, answered every arisen question and provided additional information when necessary. Unfortunately, I did not have a possibility to meet Professor personally because of COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the fact that the course was performed on “Zoom” I did not identify any problem with communication. Furthermore, Professor created a good working climate and effectively organized our classes.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to the Nagasaki University, North-Western State Medical University and especially Professor Sviatoslav Plavinskij for the given opportunity to study Biostatistics under Professor’s supervision.

Sincerely,

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Feedback on course “Biostatistics” from student Aizhan Zabiroya

Professor Sviatoslav Plavinskij

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Professor Plavinskij is a great professor. I can tell that he puts a lot of time and effort into this course through his attention to detail and his comments. He really does his best to give us a deep and detailed knowledge.

Before the biostatistics course, I did not know about the SAS system and program. Now I find it very useful, especially for our future articles and for processing large amounts of data. Since the system already includes ready-made formulas, their accuracy and fidelity cannot be questioned. Thanks to the professor's desire to teach us this program, we mastered the basic working tools. At the moments when we had questions, the professor was patient and clarified incomprehensible points to every student.

I would recommend lectures provided by Professor Plavinskij to other students. He is very personable and enjoys teaching. He also takes the time and energy to improve and make sure that we have a great learning experience. This course was incredibly valuable.

In class, I thoroughly appreciated the use of concrete examples. I continued to use and improve knowledge in SAS program.

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It is no secret that since the pandemic has penetrated into our daily lives, all lessons have moved to an online format.

I was worried that a lesson like Biostatistics would be hard to learn through zoom. But the lesson taught by Professor Plavinsky was clear and fascinating. All the material presented in the lessons was well explained by the professor.

The various statistical programs were also well explained in terms of the differences and advantages between the SAS and R programs.

They are very useful and easy to use and will become a very useful tool in scientific work in the future. And all this thanks to Professor Plavinsky.

Toilybayeva Aliya

Feedback on the lectures of “Biostatistics”

Katsiaryna Tratsiakova

The lectures on Biostatistics provided by the North-West State Medical University were extremely informative. The presentations were structured and understandable, which is very important when you study in another language. Professor Plavinsky in rather limited amount of time managed to provide a lot of valuable and relevant information on the subject. I learnt a lot of new things, in particular, the basics of working with epidemiological software, which will be useful in my future researches. The manner in which the information was explained showed SAS software as a helpful tool, rather than something overcomplicated. Additionally, I appreciate that Professor Plavinsky pointed out ways for further knowledge improvement: reliable authors and trustworthy internet sources.

Professor Plavinsky is a wonderful professor. I believe that study with him is a great experience to us. Although all our courses must be conducted online due to the COVID-19. Professor Plavinsky still explained each point carefully for us. Especially teach us to use the SAS system. I think this will play a very important role in our future study and research.

In the course of the professor Plavinsky's class, he will carefully state each key point, and when we have any problems when using SAS system, he will explain clearly and show us the correct steps very intimately. This is very important.

All in all, I would like to thank the professor Plavinsky for his patience and enthusiastic lectures. Thank you very much.

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