

UGA Statistical Consulting Center

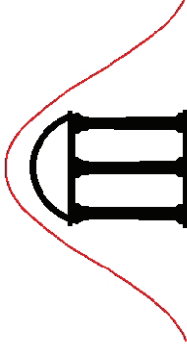
The mission of the UGA Statistical Consulting Center (SCC) is to provide knowledgeable, educational, and affordable statistical assistance to students, faculty and staff at the University of Georgia, as well as off-campus individuals and organizations.

In order to fulfill this mission, faculty members and graduate consulting assistants of the Department of Statistics collaborate on client projects. This allows the SCC to assist clients while providing Statistics graduate students with the opportunity to gain experience in other disciplines and with real-world applications of statistical methods.

The SCC is a not-for-profit entity, meaning the cost to clients is only what is necessary to support the daily operations of the center. This allows the SCC to continue its mission, while making statistical assistance affordable for all clients.

This brochure is designed to answer some common questions about the SCC. For other inquiries and to request assistance, please see the contact information on the back of the brochure.

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What services does the SCC offer?

The SCC offers a variety of services, including providing general advice on design of experiments, surveys and other research studies, discussing general procedures for analyzing data, providing data analysis, interpreting output from statistical software packages, reviewing statistical procedures already completed, and helping to prepare research articles and grant applications. The SCC is an appropriate resource for any research taking place on campus, including faculty research projects as well as those related to students' MS theses and PhD dissertations. The SCC will also, resources permitting, accept projects from off-campus educational, governmental, individual, or commercial clients. The SCC is not a tutoring service, however, and cannot offer assistance with homework assignments.

How much does it cost?

The SCC is a not-for-profit entity, and therefore works to ensure that clients are charged only what is necessary to operate the center. All clients are offered a free initial consultation of up to two hours, which, for some clients, is sufficient time to complete the statistical work necessary for the project. For clients whose projects require assistance beyond the initial

consultation, on-campus clients are charged at the following rates:

Consultant	Hourly Rate
Graduate Student Consultant	\$35/\$30 ¹
Associate Director	\$70/\$60 ¹
Director	\$105/\$90 ¹

Rates for off-campus commercial clients are typically 50% higher than the rates listed above. Clients with non-pressing deadlines who are willing to allow their data to be analyzed by graduate consultants working for course credit may qualify for free consulting; please contact the SCC if you are interested in this option.

How are appointments arranged, and how do they work?

To set up an appointment, please visit the SCC's web site at

<http://www.stat.uga.edu/consulting>

and click on the "Application for Statistical Consulting Assistance" link. Once the SCC receives an application, the client will be

¹ Discounted rates apply to clients from supporting academic units (currently the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education, and Family and Consumer Sciences).

contacted by SCC staff and an initial consultation meeting will be arranged.

Typically, the Director or Associate Director of the SCC will be present for the initial consultation, along with a graduate student consultant. Depending on the project, a client may be asked to bring information (data, written explanation, etc.) to this meeting, or to e-mail it to SCC staff in advance. For all student clients, the faculty member directing the student's research (generally the student's major advisor) is requested to be present at the first meeting. If the initial consultation is sufficient to complete the work, there is no charge; if further work is required, the Director or Associate Director will provide the client with a good-faith estimate of the number of hours and the cost required to finish the work. Under no circumstance will a client be charged until the project's cost has been discussed by the client and the SCC staff.

How can the SCC be contacted?

Contact information for the SCC can be found on the back of this brochure. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to visit us on the web. Thank you for considering sharing your project with the SCC!