## Course Details

**Course Code:** F77SA  
**Full Course Title:** Introduction to Statistical Science A  
**SCQF Level:** 7  
**SCAF Credits:** 15  
**Available as Elective:** No

### Delivery Level

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**Additional Information:**

### Course Aims

- To provide an introduction to statistical science
- To develop the ability to understand and describe data using various graphical and numerical methods

### Learning Outcomes – Subject Mastery

- Understand the role and use of statistics in real life and realise the purpose of statistical science
- Distinguish between populations and samples and between population parameters and statistics
- Be familiar with various sampling methods and be able to design sampling regimes for simple studies
- Explain the differences between data collected from experiments and observational studies
- Distinguish between different types of data
- Understand, interpret and describe data using appropriate graphical displays
- Calculate numerical summaries of data and interpret them as measures of location and variation
- Explore the relationships between two variables using scatter-plots and cross-tabulation
- Calculate the sample correlation coefficient and understand its meaning
- Appreciate issues related to the concepts of association and causation
- Understand the role of probability models in statistical inference
- Use computer software (Excel) to produce graphical and numerical summaries of data

### Learning Outcomes – Personal Abilities

At the end of the course, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate the ability to learn independently
- Manage time work to deadlines and prioritise workloads
- Use an appropriate computer package to present and describe data
- Present results in a way which demonstrates that they have understood the technical and broader issues of data collection and description

### Syllabus

- Introduction to the concept of statistics: the role and purpose of statistical science
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- Collecting data: sampling and sampling distributions; experiments; observational studies; types of data
- Describing and understanding data: graphical and numerical summaries
- Describing and understanding data from two-dimensional populations: graphical exploration; the sample correlation coefficient; association and causation
- Informal introduction to probability models and to confidence intervals (for population mean) and statistical tests (including the interpretation of P-values).

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