



# **MATH 560**

## **PROJECT GUIDELINES**

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## **Project Description MATH 560**



In the project, you need to analyze a real life experiment. You may conduct the experiment and collect data by yourself, or find existing experiment data from online sources, preferably in your major area.

Submit a final report of your findings, including

- (1) a brief background statement covering why you chose to study the system you did and other relevant information,
- (2) the levels of the variables you studied,
- (3) the responses and how they were measured,
- (4) the experimental design chosen,
- (5) the data collected,
- (6) your analysis,
- (7) an interpretation of your results,
- (8) a comparison between what you found and what you expected to find.

## Requirements:

- Each group should contain at most 3 students.
- The project involves three components as below:
  - *Preliminary proposal*: Each group should submit a one-page proposal of their project for approval. The proposal should include a brief description of the problem and your data, and tasks that you intend to complete. This is due on **in 5<sup>th</sup> week** (email submission)
  - *Presentation*: each group will give a short presentation at the end of semester.
  - *Report*: Each group should submit a formal report at the end at the end of semester. (email submission + Hard copy)

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## EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

OBJECTIVE OF EXPERIMENT: To test the hypothesis that (response(s)) is/are a function of (control variables).

DATE EXPERIMENT IS TO START \_\_\_\_\_  
END \_\_\_\_\_

1) How many independent factors are to be studied? \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>FACTORS</u>	<u>TYPE*</u>	<u>DIMENSIONS</u>	<u>RANGE OF INTEREST</u>	<u>LEVELS</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

2) How many Responses (dependent variables) are to be measured? \_\_\_\_\_

List responses in order of importance as follows:

	<u>RESPONSE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DIMENSIONS</u>	<u>SIGNIFICANCE DIFFERENCE YOU WANT TO DETECT</u>	<u>RISK</u>	<u>ESTIMATE OF STD. DEV.</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3) How many runs do you want to make? \_\_\_\_\_ maximum allowable? \_\_\_\_\_

4) How long does it take for one run? \_\_\_\_\_

5) Can all the treatment combinations be randomized? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, which factors can't be? \_\_\_\_\_

\* Put A for qualitative (attribute), V for quantitative (variable), C for controllable and N for uncontrollable.