

## ESP Project Guidelines

### Overview

In the Science Programme Comprehensive Assessment (ESP project) component of our course, you will investigate an application of probability and statistics techniques in a scientific or technological context. The project will give you an opportunity to showcase your skills including critical thinking, applying course content to new situations, learning autonomously, and communicating your results effectively.

### Grade and deadlines

As per the course outline, the ESP project counts for 20% of the course grade.

You must submit the final version of your project in electronic form or on paper (in person, after class or during an office hour).

The final deadline to do so is 23.59pm on the day of the Final Exam.

No projects will be accepted after that point. Missing projects will receive a **grade of zero**.

### Schedule suggestions

At this late stage of your college career, you are expected to possess the planning and time management skills needed to complete a major project like this in a timely fashion. It is your own responsibility to monitor your progress. Here are some suggestions that may help you to do so:

- Aim to choose a topic by the end of September. Even at a time when we have not covered all theoretical topics you need for your project, you can already read up on the scientific context of the problem. It is highly recommended that you schedule regular meetings to discuss the progress of your project and review a draft version of your report several weeks before the deadline.
- The more feedback and suggestions you would like to receive on ideas, problems, and drafts, the earlier you should arrange for appointments to discuss them.
- Scheduling constraints at the end of the semester imply that no feedback can be given on drafts submitted after Monday 4th of December.

### Plagiarism

Due to the nature of this project, your mathematical derivations or calculations may occasionally follow those you found in one of the original sources you used. However, any ideas or formulas (beyond those considered standard knowledge from your previous courses), phrases, or sentences that do not originate in your own head must be attributed correctly to their proper sources. Even with correct referencing, it is not acceptable to simply copy verbal explanations of derivations, and under no circumstances may you copy any parts of the work of your fellow students.

Violations will be dealt with in accordance with the College's policy on cheating and plagiarism, including (but not limited to) a grade of zero on the project.