Course Planner

GCSE (9-1) Statistics

Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9-1) in Statistics (1ST0)

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Introduction

This course planner provides one possible two-year course and one possible one-year course for the delivery of GCSE Statistics (9-1). These models are suggestions only and there are a number of valid ways of structuring the course.

The amount of time available for statistics in the curriculum varies widely from centre to centre. Teachers will want to adapt the models presented here to suit their circumstances.

The course planner provides opportunities to apply statistical techniques to solve problems within the framework of the statistical enquiry cycle (SEC). Students should have experience of the application of statistical techniques across the curriculum, in subjects such as the sciences, social sciences, computing, geography, business and economics, and outside the classroom in the world in general.

Assessment objectives for GCSE Statistics

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| Skill | Weighting | Assessment objective |
| Demonstrate knowledge and understanding, using appropriate terminology and notation, of standard statistical techniques used to:  • collect and represent information  • calculate summary statistics and probabilities. | 55% | AO1 |
| Interpret statistical information and results in context and reason statistically to draw conclusions. | 25% | AO2 |
| Assess the appropriateness of the statistical methodologies and the conclusions drawn through the application of the statistical enquiry cycle. | 20% | AO3 |

Prerequisite knowledge from GCSE Mathematics

Students will need to be familiar with the following mathematics before entering for GCSE Statistics.

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| GCSE Mathematics topic area and reference | | Content |
| 1. Number | **N1** | order positive integers, decimals and fractions; understand and use the symbols =, ≠, <, >, ≤, ≥ |
| **N2** | apply the four operations to integers, decimals and simple fractions (proper and improper), and mixed numbers; understand and use place value (for example when working with very large or very small numbers, and when calculating with decimals) |
| **N3** | recognise and use relationships between operations, including inverse operations, for example cancellation to simplify calculations and expressions; use conventional notation for priority of operations, including brackets, powers, roots and reciprocals |
| **N9** | understand and use standard form |
| **N10** | work interchangeably with terminating decimals and their corresponding fractions (such as 3.5 and or 0.375 and ). Recognise that some fractions can be written as recurring decimals |
| **N11** | identify and work with fractions in ratio problems |
| **N12** | interpret fractions and percentages as operators |
| **N13** | use standard units of mass, length, time, money and other measures (including standard compound measures) using decimal quantities where appropriate |
| **N14** | estimate answers; check calculations using approximation and estimation, including answers obtained using technology |
| **N15** | round numbers and measures to an appropriate degree of accuracy (for example to a specified number of decimal places or significant figures); use inequality notation to specify simple error intervals due to truncation or rounding |
| 2. Algebra | **A2** | substitute numerical values into formulae and expressions, including scientific formulae |
| **A5** | understand and use standard mathematical formulae; rearrange formulae to change the subject |
| **A8** | work with coordinates on Cartesian grid |
| **A9** | understand and use the general equation of a straight line *y = mx* + *c* where *c* is the intercept with the *y*-axis and *m* =. |

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| GCSE Mathematics topic area and reference | | Content |
| 3. Ratio, proportion and rates of change | **R3** | express one quantity as a fraction of another, where the fraction is less than 1 or greater than 1 |
| **R4** | use ratio notation, including reduction to simplest form |
| **R5** | divide a given quantity into two parts in a given part:part or part:whole ratio; express the division of a quantity into two parts as a ratio; apply ratio to real contexts and problems (such as those involving probability) |
| **R8** | relate ratios to fractions and vice versa |
| **R9** | define percentage as ‘number of parts per hundred’; interpret percentages and percentage changes as a fraction or a decimal, and interpret these multiplicatively; express one quantity as a percentage of another; compare two quantities using percentages |
| **R11** | use compound units such as speed, rates of pay, unit pricing |
| **R14** | interpret the gradient of a straight line graph as a rate of change |
| 4. Probability | **P1** | record, describe and analyse the frequency of outcomes of probability experiments |
| **P7** | construct theoretical possibility spaces for single and combined experiments with equally likely outcomes and use these to calculate theoretical probabilities |

Planner at a glance

Option 1: Two-year course planner

This option is designed for the delivery of GCSE Statistics as a two-year course with the option of teaching alongside GCSE Mathematics. Though the number of teaching hours varies from centre to centre, this option is based on up to 2 hours per week.

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| **Term** | **Year** | Content area | Topics |
| Autumn | Yr 1 | 1. The collection of data | 1(a) Planning  1(b) Types of data  1(c) Population and sampling  2(h) Estimation  1(d) Collecting data |
| Spring | Yr 1 | 2. Processing, representing and analysing data | 2(a) Tabulation, diagrams and representation |
| Summer | Yr 1 | 2. Processing, representing and analysing data | 2(b) Measures of central tendency  2(c) Measures of dispersion  2(e) Scatter diagrams and correlation |
| Autumn | Yr 2 | 2. Processing, representing and analysing data  3. Probability | 2(f) Time series  3. Experimental and theoretical probability  2(d) Further summary statistics |
| Spring | Yr 2 | 3. Probability distributions  2. Processing, representing and analysing data  Statistical enquiry cycle/A03 practice | 3. Probability distributions  2(c) Standardised scores  2(g) Quality assurance  Mini-investigation |
| Summer | Yr 2 | Revision |  |

Option 2: One-year course planner

This is an accelerated one-year option to deliver GCSE Statistics. Though the number of teaching hours varies from centre to centre, this option is based on up to 4 hours per week. Students should carry out a statistical investigation in the Spring term to gain full experience with the statistical enquiry cycle and develop relevant AO3 skills.

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| **Term** | Content area | Topics | Investigation |
| Autumn | 1. The collection of data | 1(a) Planning  1(b) Types of data  1(c) Population and sampling  2(h) Estimation  1(d) Collecting data |  |
|  | 2. Processing, representing and analysing data | 2(a) Tabulation and diagrams  2(a) Representing data |  |
| Spring | 2. Processing, representing and analysing data  3. Probability | 2(b) Measures of central tendency  2(c) Measures of dispersion  2(e) Scatter diagrams and correlation  2(f) Time series  3. Experimental and theoretical probability | Statistical enquiry cycle (A03) investigation |
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| Summer | 3. Probability  2. Processing, representing and analysing data | 2(d) Further summary statistics  3. Probability distributions  2(c) Standardised scores  2(g) Quality assurance |
|  | Revision | Revision |  |

Option 1: Two-year course planner

Topics in bold type are Higher tier only.

Year 1

| Year 1 | Statistics specification content | Co-teaching opportunity with GCSE Mathematics | Statistical enquiry cycle opportunity |
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| Autumn 1 | 1. The collection of data  1(a) Planning   * Hypotheses * Designing investigations * Strategies to deal with potential problems   1(b) Types of data   * Describing data   + Raw data, quantitative, qualitative, categorical, ordinal, discrete, continuous, ungrouped, grouped, bivariate and multivariate * Advantages and implications of merging/grouping data * Primary/secondary data   + Advantages and disadvantages   1(c) Population and sampling   * Population, sample frame and sample * Judgment, opportunity (convenience) and quota sampling | **S5**  apply statistics to describe a population | *Defining a question or hypothesis to investigate.*  *Developing a strategy for how to process and represent data.*  *Designing methods for collecting primary data.* |
| Autumn 2 | 1(c) Population and sampling   * Random, systematic and quota sampling   + Advantages of each method   + Techniques to avoid bias * Stratified sampling   2(h) Estimation   * Use summary statists to make estimates of population characteristics * Use sample data to predict population proportions * Know that sample size has an impact on reliability and replication * **Apply Petersen capture recapture formula to calculate an estimate of the size of a population**   1(d) Collecting data   * Collection of data   + Experimental (laboratory, field and natural), simulation, questionnaires, observation, reference, census, population and sampling   + Reliability and validity   + Collecting sensitive content matter   + **Random response** * Questionnaires and interviews   + Leading questions, avoiding biased sources, time factors, open/closed questions, different types of interview technique * Problems with collected data   + Missing data, non-response, ‘cleaning’ data * Controlling extraneous variables   + **Control groups** | **S1**  infer properties of populations or distributions from a sample, while knowing the limitations of sampling | *Deciding what data to collect and how to collect and record it, giving reasons.*  *Making inferences and/or predictions.*  *Organising, processing and ‘cleaning’ data, using technology.* |
| Spring 1 | 2. Processing, representing and analysing data  2(a) Tabulation   * Tally, tabulation, two-way tables * Frequency tables   2(a) Representing data   * Pictogram * Pie chart * Bar charts * Stem and leaf diagram * Population pyramid * Choropleth map * **Comparative pie chart** * **Comparative 2D representations/comparative 3D representations**. * Interpret and compare data sets represented pictorially * Line graphs * Bar line (vertical line) charts * Frequency polygons * Cumulative frequency (discrete and grouped) charts * Histograms (equal class width) * Box plots * Interpret and compare data sets represented graphically | **S2**  interpret and construct tables, charts and diagrams, including frequency tables, bar charts, pie charts and pictograms for categorical data, vertical line charts for ungrouped discrete numerical data, tables and line graphs for time series data and know their appropriate use | *Generating diagrams and visualisations to represent the data, including an understanding of outputs generated by appropriate technology.*  *Suggesting improvements to presentation.* |
| Spring 2 | 2(a) Representing data   * **Histograms unequal class widths**   + **Frequency density**   + **Interpret and compare data sets displayed in histograms**   2(a) Representing data   * Justify appropriate form to represent data * Graphical misrepresentation * Determine skewness by inspection   + Interpreting a distribution of data with reference to skewness   + **Calculating skewness** * Comparing data sets represented in different formats | **S3**  construct and interpret diagrams for grouped discrete data and continuous data, i.e. histograms with equal and unequal class intervals and cumulative frequency graphs, and know their appropriate use |
| Summer 1 | 2(b) Measures of central tendency   * Averages from raw or grouped data   + Mean, median, mode * **Weighted mean** * **Geometric mean** * Justify appropriate average to use in context   2(c) Measures of dispersion   * Range, quartiles, interquartile range (IQR), percentiles * **Interpercentile range, interdecile range** * **Standard deviation** * Identifying outliers by inspection * **Identifying outliers by calculation** * Comment on outliers in context * Compare data sets using appropriate measure of central tendency and measure of dispersion | **S4**  interpret, analyse and compare the distributions of data sets from univariate empirical distributions | *Generating statistical measures to compare data, understanding the advantages of using technology to automate processing.*  *Analysing and interpreting diagrams and calculations.* |
| Summer 2 | 2(e) Scatter diagrams and correlation   * Explanatory (independent) variables and response (dependent) variables * Correlation   + Positive, negative, zero, weak, strong   + Distinction between correlation and causation * Line of best fit   + **Using the regression equation *y*= *a*+ *bx*** * **Calculate Spearman’s rank correlation coefficient** * Interpret Spearman’s rank in context * **Interpret Pearson’s product moment correlation coefficient (PMCC) in context** * **Understand the distinction between Spearman’s rank correlation coefficient and Pearson’s product moment correlation coefficient (PMCC)** | **S6**  use and interpret scatter graphs of bivariate data; recognise correlation and know that it does not indicate causation; draw estimated lines of best fit; make predictions; interpolate and extrapolate apparent trends while knowing the dangers of so doing | *Reaching conclusions that relate to the questions and hypotheses addressed.* |

Year 2

| Year 2 | Statistics specification content | Co-teaching opportunity with GCSE Mathematics | Statistical enquiry cycle opportunity |
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| Autumn 1 | 2(f) Time series   * Moving averages * Identifying trends * Interpreting seasonal and cyclical trends in context * Mean seasonal variation   + **Predictions using average seasonal effect**   3. Probability  3. Experimental and theoretical probability   * Likelihood * Expected frequency of a specified characteristic within a sample or population * Use collected data and calculated probabilities to determine and interpret risk * Compare experimental data with theoretical predictions * Understand that increasing sample size generally leads to better estimates of probability and population parameters * Use two-way tables, sample space diagrams, tree diagrams and Venn diagrams to represent all the different outcomes possible for at most three events | **P3**  use appropriate language and the 0–1 probability scale  **P2**  apply ideas of randomness to calculate expected outcomes of multiple future experiments  **P3**  relate relative expected frequencies to theoretical probability  **P5**  understand that empirical unbiased samples tend towards theoretical probability distributions, with increasing sample size  **P6**  enumerate sets and combinations of sets systematically, using tables, grids, Venn diagrams and tree diagrams | *Making predictions.*  *Making inferences and/or predictions.* |
| Autumn 2 | 3. Experimental and theoretical probability   * Independent events * Conditional probability * **Difference in terms of bias**   2. Processing, representing and analysing data  2(d) Further summary statistics   * Index numbers / **weighted index numbers**   + Retail price index (RPI)   + Consumer price index (CPI)   + Gross domestic product (GDP) * Interpret data related to rates of change over time when given in graphical form * Calculate and interpret rates of change over time from tables using context specific formula | **P8**  calculate the probability of independent and dependent combined events, including using tree diagrams and other representations, and know the underlying assumptions  **P9**  calculate and interpret conditional probabilities through representation using expected frequencies with two-way tables, tree diagrams and Venn diagrams | *Interpreting the diagrams and calculations.* |
| Spring 1 | **3. Probability distributions**   * **Binomial distribution**   + **Notation B(*n*, *p*)**   + **Conditions that make binomial model suitable**   + **Mean (*np*)**   + **Calculation of binomial probabilities** * **Normal distribution**   + **Notation N(μ, σ2 )**   + **Characteristics of Normal distribution**   + **Conditions that make Normal model suitable**   + **Approximately 95% of the data lie within two standard deviations of the mean and that 68% (just over two thirds) lie within one standard deviation of the mean**   2(c) Measures of dispersion   * **Standardised scores**   **2(g) Quality assurance**   * **Know that a set of sample means are more closely distributed than individual values from the same population.** * **Control charts**   + **Use action and warning lines in quality assurance sampling applications**. |  |  |
| Spring 2 | Statistical Enquiry Cycle/A03 Practice  Mini-investigation  Use this time to carry out an investigation. Students should have the opportunity to work with real world data sets. They may choose to investigate a problem from the sciences, geography, business, economics or other relevant field. Students should:   * Define a hypothesis to be investigated * Decide data to collect * Plan a strategy on how to process and represent data * Generate diagrams to represent data * Generate statistical measures * Analyse diagrams and calculations * Draw conclusions relating to hypotheses   + Discuss reliability   + Identify weaknesses   + Suggest improvements   + Make refinements |  |  |
| Summer 1 | Revision for Paper 1 and Paper 2 | | |

Option 2: One-year course planner

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|  | Statistics specification content | Co-teaching opportunity with GCSE Mathematics |
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| Autumn 1 | 1. The collection of data  1(a) Planning   * Hypotheses * Designing investigations * Strategies to deal with potential problems   1(b) Types of data   * Describing data   + Raw data, quantitative, qualitative, categorical, ordinal, discrete, continuous, ungrouped, grouped, bivariate and multivariate * Advantages and implications of merging/grouping data * Primary/secondary data   + Advantages and disadvantages   1(c) Population and sampling   * Population, sample frame and sample * Judgment, opportunity (convenience) and quota sampling | **S5**  apply statistics to describe a population |
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| Autumn 2 | 2. Processing, representing and analysing data  2(a) Tabulation   * Tally, tabulation, two-way tables * Frequency tables   2(a) Representing data   * Pictogram * Bar charts * Pie chart * Stem and leaf diagram * Population pyramid * Choropleth map * **Comparative pie chart** * **Comparative 2D representations/comparative 3D representations**. * Interpret and compare data sets represented pictorially * Line graphs * Bar line (vertical line) charts * Frequency polygons * Cumulative frequency (discrete and grouped) charts * Histograms (equal class width) * Box plots * Interpret and compare data sets represented graphically * **Histograms unequal class widths**   + **Frequency density**   + **Interpret and compare data sets displayed in histograms** | **S2**  interpret and construct tables, charts and diagrams, including frequency tables, bar charts, pie charts and pictograms for categorical data, vertical line charts for ungrouped discrete numerical data, tables and line graphs for time series data and know their appropriate use  **S3**  construct and interpret diagrams for grouped discrete data and continuous data, i.e. histograms with equal and unequal class intervals and cumulative frequency graphs, and know their appropriate use |
|  | 2(a) Representing data   * Justify appropriate form to represent data * Graphical misrepresentation * Determine skewness by inspection   + Interpreting a distribution of data with reference to skewness   + **Calculating skewness** * Comparing data sets represented in different formats |  |
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|  | * Understand that increasing sample size generally leads to better estimates of probability and population parameters. * Use two-way tables, sample space diagrams, tree diagrams and Venn diagrams to represent all the different outcomes possible for at most three events. * Independent events * Conditional probability * **Difference in terms of bias** | **P5**  understand that empirical unbiased samples tend towards theoretical probability distributions, with increasing sample size  **P6**  enumerate sets and combinations of sets systematically, using tables, grids, Venn diagrams and tree diagrams  **P8**  calculate the probability of independent and dependent combined events, including using tree diagrams and other representations, and know the underlying assumptions  **P9**  calculate and interpret conditional probabilities through representation using expected frequencies with two-way tables, tree diagrams and Venn diagrams |
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**Statistical Enquiry Cycle/A03 Practice**

During the Spring term/start of the Summer term, students would benefit from carrying out a statistical investigation.

***Mini-investigation***

Students should use this time to carry out an independent statistical investigation. Students should have the opportunity to work with real world data sets. They may choose to investigate a problem from the sciences, geography, business, economics or other relevant field. In the investigation students should:

* Define a hypothesis to be investigated
* Decide data to collect
* Plan a strategy on how to process and represent data
* Generate diagrams to represent data
* Generate statistical measures
* Analyse diagrams and calculations
* Draw conclusions relating to hypotheses
  + Discuss reliability
  + Identify weaknesses
  + Suggest improvements
  + Make refinements
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