

THE DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

MATH 680: Advanced Statistical Learning
Fall 2025 Course Syllabus

NJIT Academic Integrity Code: Academic Integrity is the cornerstone of higher education and is central to the ideals of this course and the university. Cheating is strictly prohibited and devalues the degree that you are working on. As a member of the NJIT community, it is your responsibility to protect your educational investment by knowing and following the academic code of integrity policy that is found at: [NJIT Academic Integrity Code](#).

Please note that it is my professional obligation and responsibility to report any academic misconduct to the Dean of Students Office. Any student found in violation of the code by cheating, plagiarizing or using any online software inappropriately will result in disciplinary action. This may include a failing grade of F, and/or suspension or dismissal from the university. If you have any questions about the code of Academic Integrity, please contact the Dean of Students Office at dos@njit.edu

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Description: This course builds on the material in [MATH 478](#) or [MATH 678](#) and serves as a second graduate course in data science with emphasis on statistics. It covers many topics in high dimensional data analysis, including LASSO, SCAD and other regularization procedures, sparse PCA, sparse k-means, and asymptotic theory for high dimensional models. This course will provide students with necessary theoretical and computational skills to understand, design, and implement modern statistical learning methods, including ensemble learning (bagging, random forest, and boosting). Students will use the R statistical software.

Number of Credits: 3

Prerequisites: Basic knowledge in statistical concepts or instructor approval.

Course-Section and Instructors:

Course-Section	Instructor
Math 680-101	Professor Z. Shang

Office Hours for All Math Instructors: [Fall 2025 Office Hours and Emails](#)

University-wide Withdrawal Date: The last day to withdraw with a W is [Monday, November 10, 2025](#). It will be strictly enforced.

POLICIES

DMS Course Policies: All DMS students must familiarize themselves with, and adhere to, the [Department of Mathematical Sciences Course Policies](#), in addition to official [university-wide policies](#). DMS takes these policies very seriously and enforces them strictly.

Grading Policy: The final grade in this course will be determined by homework assignments.

Your final letter grade will be based on the following tentative curve.

A	90 - 100	C+	75 - 80
B+	85 - 89	C	70 - 75
B	80 - 85	F	0 - 70

Attendance Policy: Attendance at all classes will be recorded and is **mandatory**. Please make sure you read and fully understand the [Math Department's Attendance Policy](#). This policy will be strictly enforced.

Religious Observance: NJIT is committed to supporting students observing religious holidays. Students must notify their instructors in writing of any conflicts between course requirements and religious observances, ideally by the end of the second week of classes and no later than two weeks before the anticipated absence.

Assignments: Homework will be assigned for each chapter.

Exams: The exams will test your knowledge of all the course material taught in the entire course. Make sure you read and fully understand the [Math Department's Examination Policy](#). This policy will be strictly enforced.

Late Submission Policy: Late submissions of homework assignments will deserve zero points.

Cellular Phones: All cellular phones and other electronic devices must be switched off during all class times.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Further Assistance: For further questions, students should contact their instructor. All instructors have regular office hours during the week. These office hours are listed on the Math Department's webpage for [Instructor Office Hours and Emails](#).

Accommodation of Disabilities: The Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS) offers long term and temporary accommodations for undergraduate, graduate and visiting students at NJIT.

If you need an accommodation due to a disability, please contact the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services at oars@njit.edu, or visit Kupfrian Hall 201 to discuss your specific needs. A Letter of Accommodation Eligibility from the office authorizing student accommodations is required.

For further information regarding self identification, the submission of medical documentation and additional support services provided please visit the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS) website at:

<https://www.njit.edu/accessibility/>

Important Dates (See: [Fall 2025 Academic Calendar, Registrar](#))

Date	Day	Event
September 1, 2025	Monday	Labor Day
September 2, 2025	Tuesday	First Day of Classes

September 8, 2025	Monday	Last Day to Add/Drop Classes
November 10, 2025	Monday	Last Day to Withdraw
November 25, 2025	Tuesday	Thursday Classes Meet
November 26, 2025	Wednesday	Friday Classes Meet
November 27 to November 30, 2025	Thursday to Sunday	Thanksgiving Recess - Closed
December 11, 2025	Thursday	Last Day of Classes
December 12, 2025	Friday	Reading Day 1
December 13, 2025	Saturday	Saturday Classes Meet
December 14 to December 20, 2025	Sunday to Saturday	Final Exam Period

*Updated by Professor Z. Shang - August 2025
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