

## **Transcript: IntroCourseMaterials**

On the home page you will find the full menu structure along with some collected resources. It is possible that these resources are more for me than for you but you may find some of them helpful. Some of the data resources might be useful for finding data for your course project (which we will talk about later). In general you do not need to navigate the course materials if you don't want to. You can use the links we provide to each page each week and follow any links on those pages to complete the content. We will look at an example shortly. However, you can get anywhere from anywhere in these materials. At the top there is a menu structure. In this course we will use the introduction, 6050 & 6052, and the software. The sitemap is useful for seeing the full site structure. You can also search the content but this can be difficult for finding specific pages.

Now let's go through how the content works. I will go through Types of Variables. First, on this page you will notice the left-hand menu. You can see that the previous pages you are assigned could be viewed by using this left-hand menu. You can also browse to the next and previous page using the links at the top. At the top of each page and where needed on a page, you will find the course and learning objectives covered. It is helpful to review these objectives and ask yourself if you feel you have mastered them before moving on. Usually the videos will only be on the top, however, there may be a few pages with videos linked later on the page as well. My suggestion is to open any links from a main page in a new window and review the associated content as you come across it in the materials. Then close the window and go back to reviewing the materials. You can open in a new window using right-click and the menu in most browsers or you can use the keyboard-mouse combination of ctrl-left-click for windows computers. Important content such as links to activities, definitions, and examples are set out in boxes. On the video pages, you will usually find the transcripts and the audio along with the YouTube videos. There are two types of embedded self-study questions, learn by doing which tend to do just that, urge you to think as you go and learn by doing and the others are did I get this which give you a chance to check up on whether you understand now that you have gone through the material. In this case, this is fairly easy material so there is just a did I get this to go along with the types of variables. There will be numerous activities where software could be used. In each case we provide the output from both SAS and SPSS so that you can do the activity whether or not you wish to practice the software at that time. Be sure to answer any questions and review the content in the software oriented activities as they will be important to understanding how to read the output from the software. Some optional materials are also linked for those who want to dive deeper. And of course, Google has additional materials; however, not everything on the internet is true so beware. If you find any errors in the materials or if you have any comments or suggestions, please let me know by posting in the appropriate discussion board.