

Syllabus for: Math 15 Elementary Statistics

Semester & Year:	Fall 2012
Course ID and Section Number:	Math 15 – E1895
Number of Credits/Units:	4
Day/Time:	
Location:	MWF 8:30-9:45 in LRC 105
Instructor's Name:	
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Course Description (catalog description as described in course outline):

The study of statistical methods as applied to descriptive statistics and inferential statistics. An emphasis on the meaning and use of statistical significance will be central to the course. Students will use frequency distributions, graphs, measures of relative standing, measures of central tendency, measures of variability, correlation, and linear regression to explore descriptive statistics. Students will use the laws of probability and statistical tests (t-tests, chi-square, ANOVA, and regression analysis) to make decisions via hypothesis testing and estimate parameters using confidence intervals.

Student Learning Outcomes (as described in course outline) :

- Accurately communicate statistical ideas using correct statistical notation, graphs, and vocabulary.
- Use descriptive and inferential statistics to solve real-world problems.
- Demonstrate appropriate use of technology in making decisions based upon real-world data.
- Read and interpret information that contains statistical analysis and be able to communicate these results.
- Judge the validity of research reported in the mass media and peer reviewed journals.

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PREREQUISITE: Math 120 (Intermediate Algebra) with a grade of "C" or better, or satisfactory performance on the math assessment exam.

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION: English 150 or higher.

MATERIALS:

- Textbook: *Interactive Statistics* 3ed. by Aliaga/Gunderson
ISBN: 0-13-149756-1
- Optional Text: *How to Lie With Statistics* by Darrell Huff ISBN:
0-39-331072-8
- Calculator: TI-83 or TI-84. No other calculator will be supported by the instructor, i.e., if you choose to use something else you are on your own.

OBJECTIVE: This is an introductory course to the science of statistics. Statistics is about making sense out of data. At the most basic level statistics is how to organize data. At the other end of the spectrum is inferential statistics where you make decisions/inferences based upon the data. There are two primary goals for this course:

1. Properly collect and analyze a set of data.
2. Critically examine statistical information presented both in the media and in peer-reviewed journals.

At the end of this course students should be able to:

1. Accurately communicate statistical ideas using correct statistical notation, graphs, and vocabulary.
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The 5 items listed above are known as the **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES** for this course. More detail is provided at: <http://msenex.redwoods.edu/mathdept/outlines/current/math15.php>

COURSE STRUCTURE: This section of Math 15 will meet three days a week, MWF 8:30-9:45 AM for 16 weeks, August 27 – December 10 with a **final** examination on **Monday December 10 8:30-10:30 AM**. Each week you will be required to do the following:

1. **Attend class.** Be ready to listen and work. Your participation is required!
2. **Read the assigned sections of the text.** Reading the text will reinforce what you will learn in lecture. Take notes as you read. While this is a good, solid textbook it is not a good reference book. It will be necessary for you to keep good, organized notes, including definitions, formulas, and tips for calculations and running tests using your calculator.
3. **Complete homework assignments by the due date.** Homework due dates will be announced in class. Being absent is not an excuse for ignorance. Do not just copy answers from the back of the book. It is very obvious when this is done and it will result in you not learning the material, i.e., you will not pass the quizzes and exams.
4. **Be prepared to take a short quiz each week.** Quizzes are designed to tap into your critical thinking skills. You may be required to combine concepts.

5. **Participate** in the classroom discussions and/or activities.

ESSAY EXAMS: You will have two take-home exams and will have several weeks to complete them. The details of Essay Exam #1 will be available on the first day of class. Essay Exam #2 details will be given midway through the term.

FINAL EXAM: The final exam is mandatory and will **only** be given on **Monday August 10 8:30-10:30 AM**. Exam questions and details are available to you throughout the semester.

GRADING:

Your overall grade will be weighted as follows:

Homework	15%
Quizzes	10%
Essay Exam #1	25%
Essay Exam #2	25%
Final	25%

TIME: Like all math classes, this class will require a great deal of your time. Make sure that you stay organized, make a schedule, and stick to the deadlines.

CLASSROOM CONDUCT: It is imperative that the instructor and each student are treated with respect. Students should feel free to ask questions without being ridiculed. **Anyone displaying inappropriate language and/or attitude, mistreating the instructor or a classmate will receive an F for this course,** regardless of how many points you have accumulated. **Respect each other!**

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