

Syllabus for Math 15 Statistics– Eureka Campus

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Course ID and Section #	Math 15-E3140	
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Textbook Information	<i>Title & Edition</i>	Interactive Statistics, 3 rd ed.
	<i>Author</i>	Aliaga & Gunderson
	<i>ISBN</i>	0-13-149756-1

Course Description

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 probability techniques to make decisions via hypothesis testing and will estimate parameters using confidence intervals. Topics include descriptive statistics; probability and sampling distributions; statistical inference; correlation and linear regression; analysis of variance, chi square and t-tests; and application of technology for statistical analysis including the interpretation of the relevance of the statistical findings. The course includes applications using data from disciplines including business, social sciences, psychology, life science, health science, and education.

Student Learning Outcomes

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

Special Accommodations

College of the Redwoods complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act in making reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. Please present your written accommodation request at least one week before the first test so that necessary arrangements can be made. No last-minute arrangements or post-test adjustments will be made. If you have a disability or believe you might benefit from disability related services and may need accommodations, please see me or contact [Disabled Students Programs and Services](#). Students may make requests for alternative media by contacting DSPS at 707-476-4280.

Academic Support

Academic support is available at [Counseling and Advising](#) and includes academic advising and educational planning, [Academic Support Center](#) for tutoring and proctored tests, and [Extended Opportunity Programs & Services](#), for eligible students, with advising, assistance, tutoring, and more.

Academic Honesty

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In the academic community, the high value placed on truth implies a corresponding intolerance of scholastic dishonesty. In cases involving academic dishonesty, determination of the grade and of the student's status in the course is left primarily to the discretion of the faculty member. In such cases, where the instructor determines that a student has demonstrated academic dishonesty, the student may receive a failing grade for the assignment and/or exam and may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct (AP 5500) is available on the College of the Redwoods website at:

www.redwoods.edu/district/board/new/chapter5/documents/AP5500StudentConductCodeandDisciplinaryProceduresrev1.pdf Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the college catalog and on the College of the Redwoods website.

Disruptive Classroom Behavior

Student behavior or speech that disrupts the instructional setting will not be tolerated. Disruptive conduct may include, but is not limited to: unwarranted interruptions; failure to adhere to instructor's directions; vulgar or obscene language; slurs or other forms of intimidation; and physically or verbally abusive behavior. In such cases where the instructor determines that a student has disrupted the educational process a disruptive student may be temporarily removed from class. In addition, he or she may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct (AP 5500) is available on the College of the Redwoods website at:

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Emergency Procedures for the Eureka campus:

Please review the campus evacuation sites, including the closest site to this classroom (posted by the exit of each room). The Eureka **campus emergency map** is available at:

(http://www.redwoods.edu/Eureka/campus-maps/EurekaMap_emergency.pdf). For more information on Public Safety, go to <http://redwoods.edu/safety/> In an emergency that requires an evacuation of the building:

- Be aware of all marked exits from your area and building.
- Once outside, move to the nearest evacuation point outside your building:
- Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel.
- Do not leave campus, unless it has been deemed safe by the Incident Commander or campus authorities. (CR's lower parking lot and Tompkins Hill Rd are within the Tsunami Zone.)

RAVE – College of the Redwoods has implemented an emergency alert system. In the event of an emergency on campus you can receive an alert through your personal email and/or phones at your home, office, and cell. Registration is necessary in order to receive emergency alerts. Please go to <https://www.GetRave.com/login/Redwoods> and use the “Register” button on the top right portion of the registration page to create an account. During the registration process you can elect to add additional information, such as office phone, home phone, cell phone, and personal email. Please use your CR email address as your primary Registration Email. Your CR email address ends with “redwoods.edu.” Please contact Public Safety at 707-476-4112 or security@redwoods.edu if you have any questions.

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Prerequisite:	Math 120 (or equivalent) or acceptable score on placement exam
Recommended Preparation:	English 150
Required Materials:	Interactive Statistics, 3 rd . ed by Aliaga & Gunderson, ISBN: 0-13-149756-1 TI-83/84 Calculator
Optional Materials:	Hardcopy of How to Lie With Statistics (a pdf version is provided in Canvas) Microsoft Excel

Course Objectives: 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.

To be successful in this course you must do the following:

1. Attend class AND participate.
2. Complete the homework assignments to the best of your ability BEFORE class. I will provide assistance but you will NOT learn if you do not first attempt the assignments on your own.
3. Do NOT procrastinate. You will have three take-home exams and several weeks to work on them. If you procrastinate you will miss out the purpose of the exams.
4. Be prepared to take a short quiz each week. You may or may not have notice of when quizzes will be given or what they will cover. I am interested in what you know, not what you crammed for.

Do NOT be distracted by text messages, phone calls, Facebook, Snapchat, etc. Your success depends on you being focused while in class.

Exams: You will have two take-home exams and will have several weeks to complete each one. Do NOT procrastinate! The semester will conclude with a mandatory Final Exam that will be taken **in class** during the assigned final exam time for this section.

Exam 1: Analysis of the book, *How to Lie With Statistics* by Darrell Huff. Details are in the Assignments section in Canvas.

Exam 2: Analysis of media vs. science. You will assess the validity of a media article and compare it to the actual scientific study the media piece is based on. Details for this exam will be in the Assignments in Canvas after Exam 1 is completed.

Final Exam: Monday December 11, 2017 8:30-10:30. The final will ONLY be given at this time.

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Grade Weighting:

Homework	15%
Quizzes	20%
Exam 1	15%
Exam 2	20%
Final Exam	30%

Rounding up to the next grade will be considered for each student and the decision will be based on effort, attitude, and attendance.

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 Rules:

- It is imperative that the instructor and each student are treated with respect. Students should feel free to ask questions without being ridiculed. Respect each other!
- Stay awake. There is no point in being in class if you are not engaged.
- Do NOT engage in conversation with your neighbor unless instructed to do so, even if you are talking about statistics. This is disruptive to your classmates. If you have a question, ask the instructor so that the entire class can benefit from the discussion.
- Stay OFF of your cell phone! Your Snapchat, Facebook, phone call, and/or text message can wait.
- Video/Picture policy – You may NOT take pictures/video of your instructor. I will not violate your privacy and I expect the same courtesy. You should be taking notes but if you need to take a picture of the board you may do so, but let me know first. I do NOT want to be in your photos. If you would like to voice record the class, let me know first.

Faculty Initiated Drop:

1. Students missing the first day of class, August 28 WILL be dropped.
2. Students displaying poor attendance/performance during the first two weeks of the term WILL be dropped on Sept. 11.
3. Students missing more than 15% of the class MAY be dropped, however, if your intention is to drop you should do so – do not expect me to do it for you.

Holidays/No Class Days:

- September 4 – Labor Day
- November 10 – Veteran’s Day
- November 24 – Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 8 – Instructor Absence