Cañada College

Summer 2009

Math 200 OLH

Online Introduction to Probability & Statistics Syllabus

Mandatory Orientation: Monday, June 22, 2009, 4:00pm-6:00pm; Room 17-205
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Online Courseware: http://www.coursecompass.com

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  Mondays 10:30-12:30pm at the Learning Center and by appointment.

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of Math 120 with a grade of C or better or appropriate score on the college placement test.

Catalog Description: Measures of central tendency and dispersion; sampling distributions, statistical inference, hypothesis testing, regression/correlation, contingency tables.

Some Student Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this course, you will be able to …
  • Define statistical terms.
  • Given a set of data or a probability scenario, compute basic descriptive statistics or the probability and interpret the results.
  • State the Central Limit Theorem and give examples of applications.
  • Given an inferential statistics problem, identify the appropriate hypothesis test, perform the hypothesis test, and interpret the results.
  • Apply the concepts of descriptive and inferential statistics.

Required Materials:
Text and Technology:
  Essentials of Statistics 3rd edition, by Triola (text can be found online).
  Access to CourseCompass courseware (from bookstore or purchase online).
  Computer with internet access and with necessary software and plug-ins.
  Graphing Calculators: TI-84 (preferred); TI-83 or TI-89 also acceptable.

Reading the Text: Since there are no lectures it will be important to read through the text. You should at least skim over the section before attempting the assignments. Also, with the “interactive” online textbook, you can find other multimedia resources such as videos, animated applets that help uncover the concepts discussed in the text.
**Checking the Courseware:** This class is NOT a self paced class. You should check the courseware periodically and be aware of assignments and deadlines. Most of this information can be found under the announcements page and, if necessary, would have links to other pages in the courseware.

**On-campus Requirements:** Although this is an online course, you will be required to be come to campus for the following meetings:

1. Mandatory Orientation;
2. One Midterm Exam [check online site for dates]; and
3. The Final Exam [check online site for dates].

In addition, there will be periodic office hours and some review session which are optional – to be announced.

**Your course grade will be based on the following:**

- Journals/Discussion Board Check Ins 5%
- Course Projects 5%
- Quizzes 10%
- Homework Assignments 10%
- Midterm Exams 30%
- Final Exam 40%
- Study Plan Tutorials Extra Credit: 2.5%

**Grades Update:**

Grades are updated online periodically. Announcements will be made when they are updated.

**Final Grades will be assigned according to your overall percentage:**

- A: 90.00% and above.
- B: 80.00% to 89.99%
- C: 70.00% to 79.99%
- D: 60.00% to 69.99%
- F: Below 60%

**Journal/ Discussion Board Check Ins:** Journal assignments come in two different forms: assessments, self-evaluations, and write-ups. Some of these assignments will be "free-response" to be submitted online as a ".doc" or ".txt" file and others will be discussion board responses to share with the class. Another purpose for the discussion board assignments is to encourage you to check, post, and reply to the discussions in the discussion board. These will be assigned periodically under Assignments.

**Grading and Late Policy:**

- 10 points for completed assignment.
- 8 points if submitted incorrectly.
- 5 points for up to 3 days late.
Course Projects: There will be two assigned projects that will apply the statistical concepts to your real life. Instructions and details will be provided on the courseware as the projects are assigned.

Grading and Late Policy:
Start with 30 points; points deducted for errors.
3 point deduction for each day late.

Quizzes: Since the homework assignments do not cover statistics from a holistic point of view, you will periodically be quizzes that mimic the exam questions. These quizzes might be from the problems sets in the text or questions posed online. Check under Assignments.

Grading and Late Policy:
Start with 10 points; points deducted for errors.
3 point deduction for each day late.

Homework Assignments: Homework can be found on the online courseware and should be done online. These problems quickly assess your learning and understanding of the materials covered in the text.

Grading and Late Policy:
Homework assignments will be automatically graded.
You are allowed to make up two homework assignments for the term.
To make up one homework assignment, send me an email with the subject titled: “MAKE UP HOMEWORK;” state the section you want to make up and give an excuse of why you did not complete the homework. You have up to five days to make up

Midterm Exam: There will be one proctored midterm exam with 100 points. Toward the end of the semester, there will be an optional opportunity to make up the midterm to gain more points. Details will be posted after the exam.

Final Exams: The final exam is comprehensive with 200 points. It will be have two parts: a take home portion and a proctored portion. The take home portion will be available online for download/print and will be due when you come in to take the proctored portion. Details will be available online near the end of the term.

Study Plan Tutorials: As you go over the text, there are study plan problems where you can practice homework type problems. These problems are tracked online and will be used as extra credit for the final overall grade.

“There are three types of lies: lies, damn lies, and statistics.”
-- M.Twain