

MTH/STA 169: section 04, credit:3, Summer 2 2008

ELEMENTARY STATISTICS

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OFFICE HOUR: LDB 439 C

Monday - Friday: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.; or by appointment.

CLASS HOUR:

Class LDB 219: M Tu W Th Fr : 12:00-1:50 p.m.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Textbook: Bluman, A. G. (2008). Elementary Statistics: A Step by Step Approach, 5th Ed., McGraw Hill, ISBN: 0073486809.

Calculator: TI-83/ plus or TI-84 plus.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Inference, in the form of estimation, decisions, and predictions, plays an important role in everyday life as well as in scientific and other organized research. In many cases, a knowledge of probability and statistics is essential for understanding the results of research and for making decisions based on data.

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During the semester, there will be five quizzes, three in-class exams and a cumulative final exam. You are allowed to use one ($8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$) of notes.

Any student who does not take an exam at the scheduled time without prior consent of the instructor will receive a grade of zero on that exam. If any student feels that a sudden illness is sufficiently extreme to warrant a make-up exam, the instructor must be provided with documentation prepared by an appropriate medical authority.

Homeworks and Quizzes: Homework is not collected. Although homework problems will not be collected, it is strongly recommended that you work some of the problems from the text in order to assist your understanding of the content of the course. Work the problems in order to understand the conclusions in the given context. This will help to see the meaning and relevance of the procedures which we will discuss. In order to assess your progress with the homework I will set a quiz on every two days. This quiz will consist of the homework questions which you should have already done. Because of this, you won't have much time to do the quiz and if you haven't worked the problem out previously, you will probably not have enough time.

Item	Total point	Date
5 quiz	100	
First Mid-Term Exam	100	Friday, July 11, 08
Second Mid-Term Exam	100	Friday, July 19, 08
Third Mid-Term Exam	100	Friday, July 26, 08
Final Exam	200	Thursday, July 31, 08

Your final course will be determined by your cumulative score out of a maximum possible of 600. There is no set formula used to determine the letter grade for the course, but the following are some guidelines,

Total point	Grade
540 – 600	A
480 – 539	B
420 – 479	C
360 – 419	D
≤ 359	F

Attendance:

Attendance is very important. Class attendance is a requirement of this course. Regular attendance will indicate the amount of interest and effort a student is willing to exert in learning.

ACADEMIC HONESTY:

All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials.

Classroom Rules of Conduct:

Students will refrain from behavior in the classroom that intentionally or unintentionally disrupts the learning process and, thus, impedes the mission of the university. Cellular telephones and pagers must be turned off before class begins. Students are prohibited from eating in class, using tobacco products, making offensive remarks, reading newspapers, sleeping, talking at inappropriate times, wearing inappropriate clothing, or engaging in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in a directive to leave class. Students who are especially disruptive also may be reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action in accordance with university policy.

Visitors in the Classroom:

Unannounced visitors to class must present a current, official SHSU identification card to be permitted in the classroom. They must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. If the visitor is not a registered student, it is at the instructor's discretion whether or not the visitor will be allowed to remain in the classroom.

This policy is not intended to discourage the occasional visiting of classes by responsible persons. Obviously, however, the visiting of a particular class should be occasional and not regular, and it should in no way constitute interference with registered members of the class or the educational process.

STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS POLICY:

University policy states that a student who is absent from class for the observance of a religious holy day must be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence. Students must be excused to travel for observance of a religious holy day. A student who wishes to be excused for a religious holy day must present the instructor with a written statement describing concerning the holy day(s) and the travel involved. The instructor should provide the student with a written description of the deadline for the completion of missed exams or assignments.

LEARNING DISABILITIES:

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that no otherwise qualified disabled individual shall, solely by reason of his/her handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic or Student Life program or activity. Disabled students may request assistance with academically related problems stemming from individual disabilities by contacting the Director of the Counseling Center in the Lee Drain Annex or by calling (936) 294-1720.