

## EECS 461 Probability and Statistics

Fall Semester 2022

Assignment #0 Due 25 August 2022

The following questions are intended to give me a little bit of information about you, and I may share some answers with the entire class. However, there are no points associated with this assignment (it is not included in your homework score for the course), so if there are any questions that you do not wish to answer, you should simply leave them blank with no penalty whatsoever. Please provide answers on this sheet (as many as you care to), and turn it in (hard copy) on the due date. If there are any answers that you don't want me to share with the rest of the class, please indicate which ones.

1. Name and KUID

Morgan Bergen, 3073682

2. What name do you want me to use when I am talking to you?

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3. In what city or town were you born?

Wichita, Kansas

4. Where do you call "home" now?

Lawrence, Kansas

5. From what high school (name and city) did you graduate?

Wichita Collegiate School, Wichita, KS

6. Where else have you lived?

Damascus, Syria

7. How many brothers and sisters do you have, and what is your birth order?

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8. What hobbies, interests or special talents do you have?

Tennis, Pickle-ball, Filmmaking, Writing, Audiobook Listening, Socializing with Strangers, Aimlessly Surfing the WWW, Eating alone at a Restaurant, Traveling Overseas, Driving on the Countryside, Conversing with my Dog  
Other interests are Behavioral Economics, Game Theory, Capital Markets, Biological Anthropology, DApp Engineering, Web Development, Residential Real-Estate, Programming & Digital Design ([morganbergen.com/digital-art](http://morganbergen.com/digital-art)), Post production Cinematography and Philosophy. Juggling is a special talent of mine.

9. Of your material possessions (physical things), which do you value most and why?

My devices because they store all of my favorite memories, letters, etc.

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10. What part of a religious or spiritual community (Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Wiccan, etc.)

Mother: Muslim Sunni

Father: Christian Mennonite

Age 14: Atheist

Age 18: Agnostic

Age 19: Pantheist [morganbergen.com/a-meditation-on-god](https://morganbergen.com/a-meditation-on-god)

11. What languages do you speak (well enough to get around)?

english, arabic

12. What is your major

Computer Science

13. What influenced your decision to pursue this particular major?

Reason 0: I would like to start a healthcare prevention software company that mitigates the causes of obesity.

Reason 1: we are living in the era of computation whereby all means of labor may be captured

<https://www.weforum.org/reports/the-future-of-jobs-report-2020/>

World Economic Forum future of jobs report 2020. (Figure on page 34) and (Conclusion excerpt on page 49)

Reason 2: Why Software Is Eating the World by Marc Andreessen

<https://a16z.com/2011/08/20/why-software-is-eating-the-world/>

14. How many credit hours are you taking this semester?

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15. How many hours per week do you expect to work this semester?

50 - 60 hours

16. Do you anticipate any other activities that will require a significant amount of your time this semester (clubs, commuting, getting married, planned surgery, etc.)?

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17. What are your career goals? That is, what do you hope to be able to do with your degree?

I hope to work in the fintech industry (e.g. Ripple, Vanguard) -> the software related Industry roles I'm most interested in is front-end web development, UI Design, macOS app development, Web Extension APIs, and Growth Market Engineering. Abstractly speaking my professional goal consists of designing, building, deploying, or selling something valuable that profoundly impacts and improves people's financial health irrespective of the country or the parents they were born into/from. After working in industry for 10 - 15 years I hope to gain enough insight and capital to start my own software company; however life is all about course correction so one primary low level goal of mine is to save 30-50% of my income and invest that into residential b-class real-estate properties so I can retire early and go back to school to get my PHD.

18. What course or subject (need not be in EECS) has interested you most so far, and why?

Biological Anthropology, because it's interesting to see how we are simply primates with a thin cerebral cortex and just like primates our mosts primal state condition is hardcoded to seek pleasure and avoid pain.

19. Anything else you would like me to know?

I wrote a paper on my website on the purpose of higher education from a student's perspective, I would love to know your thoughts on the paper.

[morganbergen.com/the-purpose-of-higher-education-read](https://morganbergen.com/the-purpose-of-higher-education-read)