

# Stat 260 Welcome!

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## **Office Hours:**

One hour will be held in person and one hour will be held virtually through Zoom.

Information on the schedule, location, and Zoom link will be posted on our Brightspace page.



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# Required Texts and Materials

The best resource to learn the definitions and material for this course is my collection of lecture notes.

Textbooks:

- *Essentials of Probability & Statistics for Engineers & Scientists* by Walpole, Myers, Myers, & Ye. (Contains suggested problems, can purchase as E-Text from the [UVic Bookstore](#).)
- *Introduction to Probability and Statistics* by Tim Swartz. (Pdf posted on Brightspace, does not have our list of suggested problems.)



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# Calculator Requirements

You will want a calculator for your tests and assignments.

The only allowed calculators for in-person tests are the Sharp EL-510R series calculators, which are the approved calculators for the UVic Math & Stats Department.

The calculators can be purchased through the UVic Bookstore.



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# Calculation Of Your Final Grade

Your grade in the course will be calculated by:

Item	Date(s)	Weight
Written Assignments	On Crowdmark (best 6 of 8)	12%
R Assignments	On Crowdmark	6%
Online Assignments	On Brightspace	6%
Test 1	Friday February 10 <sup>th</sup>	10%
Test 2	Friday March 10 <sup>th</sup>	10%
Test 3	Tuesday April 4 <sup>th</sup>	10%
Final Exam	TBA	46%



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# Format of the Course

## Written Assignments

- There will be 8 written assignments on Crowdmark, only your best 6 will count toward your final grade.
- You may handwrite your solutions on paper, or with a tablet, or type your work.

## R Assignments

- There will be 3 R Assignments on Crowdmark, they use the (free!) R statistical software.
- Step-by-step instructions will be included with each assignment.
- Your work must be typed (since you will be copying output from the software).

## Online Assignment

- There are 3 Online Assignments on Brightspace
- The purpose is to review the course material before each Term Test
- You may attempt each Online Assignment an unlimited number of times, only your highest attempt score will be used
- Questions are randomized and you will receive a new collection of questions on each attempt.



## Tests

- There will be 3 Term Tests (midterms):
  - Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Friday March 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup>
- Tests will be written during our lecture time.
- More information on each test will be announced closer to the test date.
- We will provide you with a copy of the course formula sheet and stat tables during tests.

## Final Exam

- The final exam is cumulative and will be written in person.
- The exam is scheduled by Records to occur during the exam period Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Please do not make plans for employment or other activities which may conflict with our exam time during these days until the exam schedule is released in mid-February.
- Deferred exams are only given for excused absences.
- Practice tests (term tests and finals) will be posted on Brightspace.
- We will provide you with a copy of the course formula sheet and stat tables during tests.



## If You Miss A Test

- If you miss a term test due to a legitimate reason (illness, accident, family affliction, etc.) contact me via email ASAP, preferably before/on the test date.
- Documentation for missed tests is not needed. (Documentation for missed final exam may be needed, check the university regulations.)
- There is a time limit for requesting a concession on term work (within one week of grades being returned).
- Reweighting scheme is in the Course Outline. You cannot pass the course if you miss all three term tests.
- Alternate times for tests will not be provided. (i.e. You must write with your section, and there are no make-up tests.)



# If You Miss An Assignment

- If you miss an R Assignment: Hopefully this doesn't happen! Lots of working time (weeks) will be given, they typically take about 1 hour to complete. If something does happen though, contact me ASAP by email.
- If you miss a Written Assignment: Your lowest two scores (including missed assignments) will be dropped. Use these wisely! If you miss 3 or more assignments due to a valid reason, contact me ASAP by email.
- If you miss an Online Assignment: Again, hopefully this doesn't happen. Lots of working time (weeks) will be given and multiple attempts are allowed. If something does happen, contact me ASAP by email.
- Alternate assignments for missed or low-scoring work will not be provided.





# Expectations For This Semester

- We are still navigating some uncertainty brought on by the pandemic. Please be patient with us, instructors usually are told information at the same time as you.
- Please post content and policy questions on the Brightspace Discussion Forum, keeping email to questions of a more sensitive nature (e.g. grades, excused absences, etc.).
- Talking to me in person (in class or in office hours) or posting on the Brightspace Discussion Forum will generally give answers quicker than email.
- I am a sessional instructor (meaning I am not a full time nor a permanent faculty member). To set some boundaries: I will monitor the Discussion Forum every weekday throughout the day, and will reply to email 1-2 times per day. I will not reply to email or Forum posts between Friday evenings and Monday mornings.



# Let's Talk COVID Procedures

Live lectures will not be recorded. Instead, there are a collection of pre-recorded lecture videos which will be made available on Brightspace.

If you miss class you should obtain a copy of the lecture notes from that day. I will not post filled in lecture notes nor will I send copies via email. Instead ask your classmates for a copy of the notes (there is a space to share notes on the Brightspace Discussion Forum), or you can photograph my printed notes during lectures.

Documentation for missing assignments and tests is not needed.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you do not attend any in-person lecture if you are not feeling well. If you are questioning whether you are well enough to attend class, you are not well enough to attend.

If I am not well enough to attend lecture, there will be an announcement made on Brightspace. Instructions on what to do will be in the Brightspace announcement.

I have to be extremely careful with the COVID risks I take, so I will be wearing a mask while I lecture this semester. I will wear a microphone so I can be heard clearly.



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## Finally, Your To Do List:

- If you haven't yet, visit our Brightspace page. (This is how I will take attendance.)
- Read our Course Outline, and the handouts on Undergraduate Policies and Information.
- Get a calculator (required: Sharp EL-510R series).
- Visit Crowdmark and try use the interface. (It will be visible once the first assignment is posted, this should be on Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup>.)
- Download the R statistical software. I have videos posted on how to download and use the program if you want more help.

I look forward to a great semester of working with you all!



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