

Mathematics 107 - Introduction to Probability and Statistics
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Text: Elementary Statistics, 8th ed. Mario F. Triola with computer disc and formula sheet.

Materials: Calculator(TI-83) and Math 107 Notebook

Other Resources:

- (1) The library has on reserve a set of videos and CDs with topics from the text and presented by Triola (the author) and others.
- (2) Companion web site of the textbook: <http://www.awlonline.com/triola>

Course Content: Visual displays of data, measures of central tendency and of variability, classification of data, counting, probability, Chebyshev's Theorem, normal distribution, binomial distribution, Central Limit Theorem, hypergeometric distribution, Poisson distribution, Confidence Intervals, Hypothesis testing (means, proportions, variances), Simple linear Regression and correlation, Analysis of Variance (one way), Contingency Tables, nonparametric tests (Wilcoxon Rank-Sum and Kruskal-Wallis Tests). Emphasis is on inference.

Goals: At the end of this course students should be able to: categorize a data set; work various simple probability problems; understand the role of functions in statistics; describe major misuses of statistics, recognize several distributions and characterize them; analyze interval data for which statistical tests involving means, proportions, medians, rankings, and variances are the parameters; interpret relationships in bivariate data; know the difference between parametric and nonparametric statistics in relation to inherent assumptions of the general statistical model; recognize the limitations of statistics; understand the role of statistics in analyzing data and in inference; use a computer and/or a calculator to find measures of central tendency, measures of variability, basic test statistics; interpret statistical findings in relation to the situation from which the data was drawn, describe the experimental nature of mathematical statistics, draw inferences using the vocabulary of statistics. The goal is for students to begin to be good consumers of information.

Classes: Class attendance and consistent preparation for class will determine the success or failure the student realizes in this course. Students are expected to attend all classes and are responsible for all material covered in class as well as any changes made in the

schedule regarding homework, experiments and other dates. Missing more than three classes without legitimate reasons will result in an appropriate academic penalty.

Class time will be used to enrich topics in statistics but will not be used to summarize information from the text. It is your responsibility to read the textbook.

Homework: A homework assignment is due almost every day of class at the end of class. Generally all that will be recorded is whether the assignment was done. However, persistently shoddy work will be brought to the attention of the student and may be factored into the homework portion of the grade. The student must be present in class to turn in the homework. Late homework will not be accepted. Collaboration is allowed and encouraged. Working in groups can be an effective learning tactic. However, each student must write his or her own solutions.

Basic problems and listings of the information for which you are responsible are included in the Math107 Notebook. You will need to stay current with the assignments in the notebook.

To do well in this course, the average student will need to study about 6-8 hours outside of class per week. Preparing experiments and studying for tests will take additional time.

Tests: Each test is worth 100 points and will be given on the following Fridays in Seney Hall: **at 2:15 on February 1, February 22, March 22, April 12, and April 26.** Tests should take around 75 minutes. There is no provision for making up tests. Emergencies will be handled on an individual basis.

Experiments: Each experiment is worth 50 points. Example experiments are provided in the notebook for this course. Experiments involve group work can not be made up. You must be present on the day the experiment is assigned to be in a group and have a grade for the assigned experiment.

All experiments are the results of group work. Each student is expected to participate in a somewhat “equal” manner. A form for each student to give individual contributions and to sign must accompany each experiment. No experiment will be accepted after the due date and time.

Excuses: Any conflicts, problems, or emergencies deemed legitimate by the instructor will be handled according to the individual circumstances. The student is expected to take all tests and exams at the scheduled times. For legitimate excuses arrangements will be made to take a test prior to the testing time. There will be no make-up tests given after the testing time.

Final Exam: A cumulative final exam will be given at the time scheduled by the Registrar.

You may use formula sheets that are provided and your calculator for appropriate portions of tests, experiments, and the final exam.

Tutors: Student tutors are scheduled for a limited amount of time per week, in the Gregory Study room. If you have difficulty with homework problems, you may want to discuss these problems with tutors. A listing of tutors for mathematics courses, with times and places, may be found posted outside the mathematics offices after the first week of classes.

Grading: Grades will be determined by student performance on homework, five tests, two experiments and a comprehensive final exam:

Homework	100
5 tests @ 100 each	500
2 experiments @ 50 each	100
Final Exam	<u>200</u>
	900

The following scale will be used to assign letter grades:

A:	810 – 900	points
B:	720 – 809	points
C:	630 – 719	points
D:	540 – 629	points
F:	Below 540	points

Grades of A-, B+, B-, C+, C-, D+ may be assigned for sums of points near the above cutoffs in total points.

HONOR CODE: THE HONOR CODE OF OXFORD COLLEGE APPLIES TO ALL WORK SUBMITTED FOR CREDIT POINTS TOWARD YOUR GRADE. ALL SUCH WORK WILL BE PLEDGED TO BE YOURS AND YOURS ALONE OR THAT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ON ANY EXPERIMENT ARE HONESTLY STATED. YOU PLEDGE THAT WITH YOUR SIGNATURE.

How to succeed in this course:

The main suggestion to a student is to **take the responsibilities**. The following is a list of advice a student should start with.

- Spend some time on studying the course every day.
- Prepare for and attend the lectures, take notes in class, participate in discussions.
- Read the textbook before and after the class, start the homework right away.
- Form study groups.
- Ask questions.
- Review before the tests, Reflect after the tests.

Proposed Calendar

Section I

1/16, 18, 23 (W, F, W)

Introduction to Statistics

Describing, Exploring, and Comparing Data

Section 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, and 1-4

Section 2-1, 2-2, and 2-3

1/25, 28, 30 (F, M, W)

Describing, Exploring, and Comparing Data

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Counting

Section 2-4, 2-5, and 2-6

Notes for Descriptive Statistics

Section 3-7

**Test 1 at 2:15 on Friday, February 1 in Seney Hall in assigned rooms.
(Chapters 1, 2 and counting)**

Section II

2/4, 6, 8 (M, W, F)

Laws of Probability

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Probability Distributions

Section 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, and 3-5(Not 3-6)

Notes for Counting and Probability

Section 4-1 and 4-2

2/11, 13, 15 (M, W, F)

Binomial and Poisson Distributions

Normal Distribution

Section 4-3, 4-4, and 4-5

Section 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, and 5-4

2/18 (M)

Central Limit Theorem, Normal Approximation to the Binomial Distribution

Section 5-5 and 5-6

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Notes for Probability Distributions

2/20 (W) Review

Experiment 1 assigned

**Test 2 at 2:15 on Friday, February 22 in Seney Hall in assigned rooms.
(Chapter 3, 4, 5)**

Section III

2/25, 27 (M, W)

Confidence Intervals - Means

Section 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, and 6-4

3/1, 4 (F, M)

Confidence Intervals - Proportion and Introduction to Hypothesis Testing

Section 6-5 (Not 6-6), Section 7-1 and 7-2

3/6, 8 (W, F)

Hypothesis Testing - Means

Section 7-3 and 7-4

3/6 Experiment 1 due

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3/18 (M)

Hypothesis Testing - Proportions

Section 7-5

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Notes for Inference 1

3/20 (W) Review

**Test 3 at 2:15 on Friday, March 22 in Seney Hall in assigned rooms
(Chapters 6 and 7)**

Section IV

3/25, 27, 29 (M, W, F)

Inferences from Two Samples - Means

Sections 8-1, 8-2 and 8-3

Inferences from Two Samples - Proportions

Section 8-4 and 8-5

4/1, 3, 5 (M, W, F)

Inference from Two Samples - Two Means

Section 8-6(not case 3)

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Notes for Inference 2

Correlation and Regression (Formal Hypothesis Testing)

Section 9-1, 9-2 and 9-3

4/3 Experiment 2 assigned

4/8 (M)

Regression

Section 9-4, 9-5 and 9-6

4/10(W) Review

**Test 4 at 2:15 on Friday, April 12 in Seney Hall in assigned rooms.
(Chapter 8 and 9)**

Section V

4/15 (M)

Multinomial Experiments and Contingency Tables

Section 10-1, 10-2 and 10-3

Experiment 2 due

4/17 (W)

Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)

Section 11-1, 11-2 and 11-3

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Notes on Additional Parametric Models

4/19 (F)

Nonparametric Statistics — Wilcoxon Rank-Sum Test and Kruskal-Wallis Test

Section 13-1, 13-4 and 13-5

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A Brief History of Mathematics

4/22 (M)

Nonparametric Statistics — Rank Correlation

Section 13-6

Read Section 14-2, pages 756-759:

Which Procedure Applies?

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Notes for Nonparametric Models

4/24 (W) Review

Test 5 at 2:15 on Friday, April 26 in Seney in assigned room.

(Parts of Chapters 10, 11 and 13)

4/29 (M) Last Class Day

Test 5 Returned