

COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS

Course Information Outline

Course Title Basic Statistics PREFIX&NUMBER MAT 108

Lecture Hours 45 Laboratory Hours 0 Credit Hours 3 Course Fee None

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1. Catalog Course Description

An introduction to statistical methods and reasoning as applied to practical problems. Topics include collecting and summarizing data, histograms and other types of graphs, descriptive statistics, normal distributions, sampling, surveys, use of computers in statistics and interpretation of data.

2. Prerequisite(s)

MAT 010 or MAT 014 or MAT 050 or equivalent.

3. Co-requisite(s)

None

4. Textbooks

Larson, Ron: *Elementary Statistics*, 4th ed. (Prentice Hall).

5. Supplementary Books and/or Materials

Student Study Pack including Student's Solutions Manual and CD lectures (Prentice Hall), included with text.

6. Specialized equipment, supplies, facilities, for classes limited by enrollment or restricted by accreditation and/or equipment limitations. (Information will be used to determine differential funding category.)

None

7. Course Content (List of Topics)

- Overview of statistics, data classification
- Experimental design
- Frequency distributions
- Graphs and displays
- Measures of central tendency
- Measures of variation, measures of position
- Basic concepts of probability and counting
- Conditional probability and the multiplication rule

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- The addition rule
- Scatterplots, association, correlation (omit hypothesis testing and the *t*-test)
- Linear regression
- Normal distributions, finding probabilities
- Normal distributions, finding values
- Additional topics: MiniTab, Excel, additional probability

8. Statement of Course LEARNING OUTCOMES

- **Understand** the basic terminology of statistics, such as sample, population, measures of central tendency, variation, and position, and **create** and **interpret** graphs of data
- **Calculate** and **interpret** measures of central tendency, variation, and position
- **Apply** probability rules of multiplication and addition to word problems
- **Find** and **interpret** probability and percentages of the normal distribution and **apply** its characteristics to word problems
- **Understand** correlation between two characteristics collected on data and **use** regression to make predictions

9. Statement of Relation to Curriculum(s)

MAT 108 is a required part of the business programming and microcomputer options of computer information systems programs and the criminal justice program.