

Statistics 300	–	Introduction to Probability and Statistics (Course Code – 15198)
Time	–	Spring 2016: Mon/Wed 12:30 p.m. to 2:35 p.m. [8/20/2016 to 12/15/2016]
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**DROPS:** Enrolled and wait list students will be dropped if they miss the first class session and also do not contact the instructor (phone, e-mail, or text) before the first class ends.

## PREREQUISITES

Intermediate college algebra (Math 120 or Math 125) with a "C" or better. An automated system checks prerequisites taken in the Los Rios District since 2003. The system will not let you enroll or be put on the wait list until it knows you qualify. If you want to add the class, talk with me about how to become qualified, which needs to be done by September 4.

## TEXTBOOK and CALCULATOR

*Elementary Statistics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, by W. Navidi and B Monk. [We will not be using the ConnectMath module, but the bookstore package is probably the best available value].

Calculator: The Texas Instruments Model TI-30X IIS or TI-30X IIB is **“required”**. This calculator is widely available for less than \$20.00 (tax included). Instructor will not explain any graphing calculator. If you use a graphing calculator, it will probably be a net disadvantage.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Develop skills in understanding and applying basic statistical methods.
2. Develop an appreciation for the use of statistics in decision making, and an appreciation of its limitations.
3. Develop an ability to use computers and/or calculators for statistical analysis of data.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course covers basic concepts, descriptive statistics, probability, random variables, probability distributions, parameter estimation, hypothesis testing, linear correlation, linear regression, contingency tables, and analysis of variance. Applications are made to business, social sciences, and natural/physical sciences.

## GRADING POLICY

Everyone can earn an "A" in the class. Students compete with the material, not with each other (i.e., you will not be graded on a "curve"). Grades are based on the average of three "unit scores". Each unit has homework, quizzes, and an exam. Grading is determined as follows:

### **Homework (written on paper and handed in) plus**

**Quizzes 25 % (Lowest homework and quiz are dropped in each Unit)**

**Unit1 Exam 25 % (Monday, September 26)**

**Unit2 Exam 25 % (Monday, October 31)**

**Final Exam 25 % (Monday, December 12 from 12:45 to 2:45 pm)**

**[All exams will count equally, and no exam will be dropped]**

Exams and quizzes are "open notes and open book." Do not plan to look everything up during exams. Exams are challenging, and some problems will not "look like" those you have practiced, though they will involve the same principles. "Open notes and open book" means you must be well organized. If you need to look something up, you should be able to find it in the book or in your notes within 15 seconds.

Letter grades will be assigned according to the following %'s after regular rounding:

**A -- 90 to 100 %**

**B -- 80 to 89 %**

**C -- 70 to 79 %**

**D -- 60 to 69 %**

**F -- < 60 %**

## OTHER POLICIES

1. Missed exams are very difficult to make up. Check the schedule and plan for all exams. Talk to the instructor well ahead of time if the schedule for an exam is a problem for you.
2. Attendance is taken every class day. CA law requires that you miss VERY few classes.
3. If you decide to drop the class, it is your responsibility to follow the prescribed procedures. If you just stop attending, you may end up with an "F" on your transcript.
4. Cell phones and other communications systems (pagers, laptops, etc.) must be silenced in the classroom. Outside communications (texting, etc.) are not acceptable during class. Talk with the instructor about any emergency situations. Please minimize side conversations.
5. Honesty (doing your own work on exams and any extra credit offering) is required. Students may cooperate on all practice problems and on any "take home" quizzes, but you should try them before working with others. The instructor will follow campus policies on academic integrity. Please take this seriously, get the benefit of doing all your own work, and expect to be caught and reported if you "cheat". To reduce temptations to cheat, exams may be copied before they are returned, and multiple versions of exams may be prepared so the answers your neighbor gets may not be the correct answers for you.

## RESOURCES

- **Class “SI” (T.B.A., supplemental instruction assistant: Nidhi Bhutani)**
- **Math Center** (Enroll in MATH 74 for ¼ unit for full access for the whole semester)
  - If you want access to both the EGC’s Learning Resources Center and the Main Campus’ Math Center, you must enroll separately for each (that is, enroll for ¼ unit of Math74 online and again for ¼ unit of Math 74 through Admissions & Records)
  - informal tutoring
  - extra resources (videos, etc.)
  - good place to get together and work with others in the class
- **MESA** (Math/Engineering/Science Achievement) Center
- **Instructor**
  - See front page of syllabus for contact information
  - Phone
  - e-mail (text instructor to alert him if you send an e-mail)
  - Text (better than email)
- **Desire2Learn (D2L)** is a gateway to some class resources on the web and to grades for quizzes and exams.
- **EOP&S** (<http://crc.losrios.edu/services/support/eops>) support services if you qualify
- **DSPS** (<http://crc.losrios.edu/services/support/dsps>) if you have a disability
- **CARE** (<http://crc.losrios.edu/services/support/care>) financial help if you qualify
- **COUNSELING**, both academic and personal

### Important Dates from the CRC website.

Fall Term 2016	Start-End Dates of Terms	Last Day to Drop Class to Qualify for a Refund for Enrollment and Tuition Fee	Last Day to Drop Class Without Notation on Record	Last Day to Drop Class with a "W" Grade	Last Day to Petition for Credit/No Credit
Full Semester	8/20 – 12/15 (Last day to enroll is 1/31)	9/2	9/4	11/15	9/23

## CONTACT NUMBERS

CRC Science/Math/Engineering Department (916-691-7204)

CRC Math Center (916-691-7459)

CRC Bookstore (916-691-7319)

CRC Admissions & Records (916-691-7411)

## **Student Learning Objectives (SLOs)**

### **Learning Outcomes and Objectives for Statistics 300**

*Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:*

**SLO 1: ORGANIZE, DISPLAY, DESCRIBE AND COMPARE REAL DATA SETS.**

- Organize and display data appropriately by preparing tables and graphs.
- Analyze data by computing measures of central tendency, measures of dispersion, and measures of position.
- Analyze bivariate data for linear trends using the least-squares regression model and the correlation coefficient.

**SLO 2: DISTINGUISH BETWEEN PROBABILITY MODELS APPROPRIATE TO DIFFERENT CHANCE EVENTS AND CALCULATE PROBABILITY ACCORDING TO THESE METHODS.**

- Compute probabilities using the laws for sums, products, conditionals, and complements.
- Analyze both discrete and continuous probability distributions by considering areas under the graph of a function or a histogram.
- Use the normal and binomial probability distributions to compute probabilities.

**SLO 3: APPLY INFERENTIAL STATISTICAL METHODS TO MAKE PREDICTIONS, DRAW CONCLUSIONS ABOUT HYPOTHESES AND COMPARE POPULATIONS.**

- Select the appropriate hypothesis test, perform the necessary computations and comparisons for the test, and explain the conclusion of the test.
- Test significance of correlation and make predictions based on linear trends using the least-squares regression model.
- Create and interpret confidence interval estimates for population parameters based on appropriate probability models.

*Additional Instructor Teaching Objectives (ITOs) –*

*Upon completion of this course, students will have improved their ability to:*

**ITO 1: ADDRESS UNFAMILIAR ANALYTICAL SITUATIONS CALMLY AND WITH COURAGE.**

**ITO 2: INTERPRET THE MEANING OF ALGEBRAIC EXPRESSIONS USED IN STATISTICAL FORMULAS.**

**ITO 3: INCORPORATE STATISTICS INTO QUANTITATIVE THINKING ABOUT THE WORLD IN WHICH THEY LIVE.**