

STAT 500 : Applied Statistics Fall 2009

Section 1: M,F 10:10-11:00am 104 Thomas , W 10:10-11:00am 64 Willard

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Grader information: (will be announced on the course ANGEL site)

Aim: The course is an introduction to the basic concepts and methods of applied statistics. It is intended for graduate students who either have no prior statistics courses (math skills assumed), or who wish to review the fundamentals before taking additional 500 level Statistics courses.

Textbook: *An Introduction to Statistical Methods and Data Analysis* by R. Lyman Ott and Michael Longnecker (5th edition) bundled with Minitab 14 student version. The textbook is on reserve in Physical and Math Science Library (PAMS) at 201 Davey Lab.

Grades:

Homeworks	20 %
Midterms:	50 % (Oct 5, Nov 2)
Project:	5 % (project Dec 7)
Final Exam:	25 % (per University schedule)

Grading (tentatively): Course grades in each of the nine categories will be tentatively awarded based on the following lower bounds:

F	D	C	C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A
0	60	70	77	80	83	87	90	93

Exams: Midterm exams and final will be closed book and comprehensive. More focus will be given to material not covered in the prior exams. For midterm exams, you will be allowed to bring in a formula sheet made up by yourself. This sheet may comprise two pages of one sided 8.5x11 inches sheets. For final exam, you can bring three pages of one sided 8.5x11 inches sheets. No early or late exams will be allowed without a legitimate excuse.

Website: the ANGEL (cms.psu.edu) site of this course

Course Content: Chapters 1,2 (brief highlights only)

Most of Chapters 3-11 and part of Chapters 12, 13, 15

Home works: Homework assignments will be given and collected on Friday almost every week. You must show all work on the homework problems to get full credit. Doing the homework promptly and carefully is necessary for learning the material. A reasonable amount of collaboration is allowed on homework. However, each student must turn in his or her own written work which reflects his or her own individual understanding of the material. **Late home works will not be accepted. Note that the lowest homework score will be dropped.**

Solutions: Solutions for the homework assignments will be posted with a link to it from the homepage of Stat500. Solutions to most of the practice homework assignments can be found in “**Answers to Selected Problems**” posted on the course ANGEL site.

Special Fall 2009 Flu Protocols -In compliance with Pennsylvania Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control recommendations, students should NOT attend class or any public gatherings while ill with influenza. Students with flu symptoms will be asked to leave campus if possible and to return home during recovery. The illness and self-isolation period will usually be about a week. It is very important that individuals avoid spreading the flu to others. Please e-mail me by e-mail if you come down with flu symptoms and I will e-mail the corresponding powerpoint lectures to you.

Academic Integrity: All Penn State and Eberly College of Science policies regarding academic integrity apply to this course. See

<http://www.science.psu.edu/academic/Integrity/index.html> for details.