

INTRODUCTION TO APPLIED PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS

MATH 1530

Course Description:

An elementary introduction to the basic concepts of probability, descriptive statistics, and statistical inference, including point estimation, confidence intervals, and hypotheses testing.

3 credits

Prerequisites:

ACT Math sub score at least 19, Math SAT at least 460, or Math SAT2016 at least 500 within last 2 years; Accuplacer or COMPASS score at least 3 within last 2 years; or MATH 1000 with C- or better within last 2 years; or MATH 1530 within last 2 years

Major topics:

1) Introduction to Statistics

- a. Statistical and Critical Thinking
- b. Types of Data
- c. Collecting Sample Data

2) Summarizing and Graphing Data

- a. Frequency Distributions
- b. Histograms
- c. Graphs that Enlighten and Graphs that Deceive

3) Statistics for Describing, Exploring, and Comparing Data

- a. Measures of Center
- b. Measures of Variation
- c. Measures of Relative Standing and Boxplots

4) Probability

- a. Basic Concepts of Probability
- b. Addition Rule
- c. Multiplication Rule: Basics
- d. Multiplication Rule: Complements and Conditional Probability
- e. Counting
- f. Probabilities through Simulations
- g. Bayes' Theorem

5) Discrete Probability Distributions

- a. Probability Distributions
- b. Binomial Probability Distributions
- c. Parameters for Binomial Distributions

6) Normal Probability Distributions

- a. The Standard Normal Distribution
- b. Applications of Normal Distribution
- c. Sampling Distributions and Estimators
- d. The Central Limit Theorem
- e. Assessing Normality
- f. Normal as Approximation to Binomial

7) Estimates and Sample Sizes

- a. Estimating a Population Proportion
- b. Estimating a Population Mean
- c. Estimating a Population Standard Deviation or Variance

8) Hypothesis Testing

- a. Basics of Hypothesis Testing
- b. Testing a Claim about a Proportion
- c. Testing a Claim about a Mean
- d. Testing a Claim about a Standard Deviation or Variance

9) Inferences from Two Samples

- a. Two Proportions

10) Correlation

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Textbooks:

Required: Essentials Of Statistics Pkg'd W/Mystatlab, Triola Pkg

Optional: Triola, Mario F. *Essentials of Statistics, 5th ed.* London: Pearson, 2014.

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