Statistics 401B Tentative Outline Fall 2006

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Lecture: MWF 10:00 to 10:50 Carver 0298

Laboratory: T 2:10 to 4:00 Snedecor 321
Take home parts of lab assignments to be handed in the following Monday in class.


Week Beginning Material
Aug. 21 Sections 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9
Aug. 28 Chapter 2, Sections 3.1, 3.2
Sep. 4 no class Sep. 4 Sections 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6
Sep. 11 Sections 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 3.10, 3.12
Sep. 18 Sections 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.6, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3
Sep. 25 (Exam 1 Sep. 26) Sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4
Oct. 2 Sections 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8
Oct. 9 Sections 4.9, 4.10, 4.11
Oct. 16 Sections 4.13, 4.14, 4.15, 7.4, 7.5, 8.4
Oct. 23 Sections 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5
Oct. 30 (Exam 2, Oct. 31) Sections 5.6 through 5.12
Nov. 6 Sections 8.5, 8.6
Nov. 13 Sections 6.1 through 6.4
Nov. 20 Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 27 Chapters 13, 14
Dec. 4 Chapter 16
Dec. 11 Final Exam Week

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Course Information and Policies

- **Labs** provide an opportunity for a hands-on approach to the material covered in the lectures. Attendance is mandatory. You should bring your book, notes, and calculator. Lectures will focus on concepts, examples, and interpretations while labs will focus on the more mechanical aspects of our topics (some to be done by hand and some to be done via computer) as well as provide a chance for you to do statistics (rather than just hear about statistics.) Take home parts of lab assignments will be due in class on the Monday following the lab.

- **Exams** are scheduled during lab periods. If, for any reason, you cannot take an exam at the scheduled time and place with the rest of the class, you must contact me before the scheduled time. Each exam may involve a “take-home” component in addition to the in-class test; this will be announced in advance in class.

- **Formula sheets** (if necessary) will be provided for each exam.

- **Reserve materials** all handouts will be available on the course webpage.

- **Grading** will be given on a plus/minus scale.

- The home page for STAT 401B is located at:

  www.public.iastate.edu/~wrstephe/stat401.html

- Iowa State University complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Sect 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. If you have a disability and anticipate needing accommodations in this course, please contact me within the first two weeks of the semester. You may feel more comfortable doing this during my office hours rather than before or after class. Retroactive requests for accommodations will not be honored. Before meeting with me, you will need to obtain a SAAR form with recommendations for accommodations from the Disability Resources Office, located in Room 1176 on the main floor of the Student Services Building. Their telephone number is 515-294-6624.

**Miscellaneous**

- Most extensive calculations will be done by computer software; however, you will find it handy to have a calculator that can do some basic statistical calculations for you. If you are unsure about the appropriateness of your calculator for this class, then see me. I recommend a calculator that can do two-variable statistics. Programmable calculators may be used, but any efforts to program definitions, text material, etc. into them for use on an exam will be considered academically dishonest and treated according to university policy. You are responsible for knowing how to operate your calculator. If you need some assistance, I may be able to help.

- Your active attendance at each class (listening, asking questions and participating in class activities) and your genuine effort on the labs (doing) are two of the most important factors affecting your success in this class. Statistics requires listening, participating, asking questions and doing. Feel free to ask me about problems, either in class or during office hours, after you have worked on them.