

STA 2023

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Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- Apply your working knowledge of the basic concepts used in statistics;
- Interpret statistics used in journal articles in your field;
- Demonstrate your familiarity with interpreting the output of the statistical software package;
- Build upon this foundation for further work in statistics.

Textbook

I do not require a textbook. Detailed notes and the homework for the course can be found on my Home page: <http://faculty.fiu.edu/~bekkerl>. However, the notes and homework are supported by the *STATS I course* at a companion website which can be found here: [STATSprofessor](http://www.statsprofessor.com/) (<http://www.statsprofessor.com/>). This companion website is not required, but you may find it helpful.

Calculator

Students may only use standard/basic or scientific calculators.

Drop Date: March 19, 2018

Any student whose name appears on the class list after this date will receive a letter grade for the course.

Make-up policy:

There are no make-ups given in this course. All assignments are due as indicated. If some unforeseen emergency arises that prevents you from taking an exam, documentation must be provided (i.e., a summons for jury duty, letter on Physicians letterhead stating explicitly why student could not hand in assignment/take exam, etc).

Course Communication

Contact me only using only FIU email.

Exams Policy: During the exam, you will be allowed to use only a **scientific calculator**. NO NOTES/CELL PHONES/GRAPHING CALCULATORS/COMPUTERS/IPADS/, etc. Once you start taking the exam, you must not leave the room until you finish it. NO EXCUSES. You may not leave the room for any reason and then return to continue taking the exam. No one will be allowed to begin the exam after the first person has finished the exam and left the room.

Homework: Homework is not graded, nor is it collected. However, it must be completed to do well on the exams.

Exams: There will be scheduled four chapter exams and cumulative Final. If your final exam grade is higher than

the lowest of your four chapter exam grades, I will double your final exam grade to replace the lowest test grade. If you have missed one exam the final will be doubled to replace that missing grade.

Grading: Your Final score will be your average score of five Exams.

The following scale will be the basis for assigning final grades.

Grade	Range	Grade	Range	Grade	Range
A	Above 90	B	80 - 83	C	60 -70
A-	87 - 89	B-	77 - 79	D	50 - 59
B+	84 - 86	C+	71 - 76	F	< 59

Tentative schedule:

Date	Sections	Lecture Examples	Assignments	Announcements
January 8	1.1 – 1.3	1 - 5	Homework section 1.2, 1.3	
January 10	2.1 – 2.3	6 - 18	Homework section 2.1 - 2.3	
January 17	2.4, 2.5	19 -23	Homework section 2.4, 2.5	
January 22	2.6, 2.7	24 -26	Homework section 2.6, 2.7	
January 24	2.8	27, 27.5	Homework section 2.8	
January 29		Review		
January 31	Exam		Exam 1 (examples 1 - 27.5)	
February 5	3.1- 3.3	28 - 35	Homework section 3.1- 3.3	
February 7	3.4-3.6	36 - 51	Homework section 3.4 -3.6	
February 12	3.7, 3.8	52 - 59	Homework section 3.7, 3.8	
February 14	4.1 - 4.3	60 - 67	Homework section 4.1 -4.3	
February 19	4.4 - 4.6	68 - 73	Homework section 4.4 - 4.6	
February 21			Exam 2 (examples 28 - 73)	
February 26	5.1, 5.2	74 – 86.5	Homework section 5.1, 5.2	
February 28	5.3	87 - 91	Homework section 5.3	
March 5	6.1, 6.2	92 - 96	Homework section 6.1, 6.2	
March 7	6.2	97 - 99	Homework section 6.2	
March 19	Exam		Exam 3 (examples 74 - 99)	Drop Date: March 19
March 21	7.1, 7.2	100 - 105	Homework section 7.1, 7.2	
March 26	7.3, 7.4	105 - 109	Homework section 7.3, 7.4	
March 28	7.5, 7.6	109 - 116	Homework section 7.5, 7.6	
April 2	8.1, 8.2	117 - 121	Homework section 8.1, 8.2	
April 4	8.3, 8.4	122 - 126	Homework section 8.3, 8.4	
April 9	8.5, 8.6	127 – 130.5	Homework section 8.5, 8.6	
April 11	8.6, 8.7	127 – 130.5	Homework section 8.6, 8.7	
April 16			Exam 4 (examples 100 – 130.5)	
April 18		Review for the Final		
April 23		(2:00 – 4:00) PM	Final	

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“For all FIU students admitted to the College of Business, the GPA earned for the Common Prerequisite Course STA 2023, Statistics for Business and Economics, credit hours must be 2.5 or higher. Additionally, students must earn a “C” in this course. Course can not be attempted more than twice. Drops after the add/drop period, which result in a DR grade, are considered an attempt in the course and count as an unsuccessful enrollment.”

Get an A!: This section explains how to succeed in a statistics class.

- Step 1: Review the in-class examples before starting your homework.
- Step 2: Complete the homework on schedule.
- Step 3: Get help on what you couldn't do in the homework.
- Step 4: Review before the exam, do not cram!

Repeat this for 16 weeks and enjoy the A on your transcripts forever.

I would like to apologize in advance for the sections that follow. Most of our students do not need to be told the information contained below, but for the handful that are under the delusion that they deserve special treatment, I must include it.

Classroom Policies

The student is responsible for classroom behavior conducive to the educational process and for achieving standards of performance established by the instructor.

Please note that I do not issue grades of incomplete, and I do not withdraw students. It is your responsibility to withdraw yourself if you are not doing well in the course or you must stay in the class and take whatever grade you earn. There will be no extra credit available. Your grades are based on your class performance and nothing else. Everyone should have and will have the same opportunities in the course. This means you cannot ask me for individual extra credit assignments, and I cannot change your grade or give you extra points. Finally, telling me how important it is that you pass this class doesn't change any of the above principles. Everyone who takes this class feels like it is imperative that they pass. Your grade is not based on your individual circumstances, only on your performance. If I were to grant you special treatment I would be treating you differently. Hopefully, you can see why that would be wrong.

During the lecture you will not allowed to use any computers, IPADS, cell phones, etc.

Academic Integrity/Honesty:

Any form of cheating or academic dishonesty is strictly forbidden in this class.

Please review the [University's Code of Academic Integrity](#) page.

Any student found responsible for academic misconduct will be subject to the Academic Misconduct procedures and sanctions, as outlined in the Student Handbook: <http://globaldatebooksonline.com/flipbooks/flo2011/>).

Signature:

By enrolling in this class you are agreeing to be governed by the policies of this syllabus. You are also stating that you are aware that this syllabus and our accompanying course calendar schedule is subject to change as needed to accommodate unforeseen issues that arise during the term. These changes will be announced in the announcements

and posts in class Blackboard page, so it is important that you read the posted announcements and your classmates' posts daily.