

Stat C1000 - Introduction to Statistics

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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you have. I am very happy to answer all of your questions!

Textbook: *Understanding Uncertainty, 4th Edition*, by Soler

Calculator: You will need to purchase a TI-83+ or TI-84+ calculator; it will be needed for the labs, homework, quizzes, and exams.

Course Description: This course is an introduction to the study of statistics. It does not require a knowledge of calculus but does assume a familiarity with the concepts of intermediate algebra. Students will learn methods of displaying data, descriptive statistics, basic concepts of probability theory, random variables, common statistical distributions, estimates and sample size, hypothesis testing, goodness-of-fit test, contingency table analysis, test of two independent population parameters, and regression and correlation. Students will apply basic statistical concepts to data from education, business, social sciences, and natural sciences. To aid in the analysis of data, the use of technology will be required.

Time Commitment: As stated in the De Anza College course catalog, students are expected to spend at least two hours studying outside of class for each credit hour. That means you should be spending at least **four and a half hours** on each homework assignment (reviewing the notes, reading the textbook, doing the homework problems, watching videos related to the course material, etc.).

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- 1) Organize, analyze, and utilize appropriate methods to draw conclusions based on sample data by constructing and/or evaluating tables, graphs, and numerical measures of characteristics of data.
- 2) Identify, evaluate, interpret and describe data distributions through the study of sampling distributions and probability theory.
- 3) Collect data, interpret, compose and defend conjectures, and communicate the results of random data using statistical analyses such as interval and point estimates, hypothesis tests, and regression analysis.

Disabled Students Program and Services: If you have a physical or learning disability that requires special accommodations, please see the Disabled Students Program Counselor. Contact me within the first week of class to communicate your accommodation needs.

Attendance: You are expected to attend all classes, arrive on time, and stay for the entire class; I take attendance every single class. I reserve the right to drop/withdraw students who are absent more than **two** times during the quarter. If you miss class, please send me an email (my email address is above) explaining the reason.

Withdrawal/Drop Policy: It is the ultimate responsibility of the student to formally drop the class. You should not rely on the instructor to drop you from a class for non-attendance. You may drop the class in MyPortal or by completing the proper forms in the Office of Admissions and Records. To be eligible for a refund of fees and/or prevent a recorded grade of "F" or "W", you must drop the class on or before the following posted dates:

October 4 - Last day to drop without a "W" and apply for a refund.

November 13 - Last day to drop with a "W".

Student Conduct: A student who is disruptive will be asked to leave the class. A student who refuses to leave the room will be dropped from the class and will be reported for further

action. Please read the course catalog for more information.

Cell Phone/Laptop Use: There is no reason to have your cell phone or laptop out during class. If I see your cell phone or laptop, I will ask you to put it away.

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating is absolutely forbidden in my class. Students who submit the work of others as their own or cheat on exams or other assignments will receive a failing grade in the course and will be reported to college authorities. Please look at the course catalog for more information.

Homework is collected every class and the first nineteen homework assignments are worth five points each. The last few assignments will be collected, but not graded. Late homework is not accepted under any circumstances. Your lowest homework score will be dropped. As mentioned earlier, students should spend at least four hours and thirty minutes on each assignment.

Quizzes: After the first class, there will be a quiz given right at the beginning of every single class (except for classes where there are exams). The first twelve quizzes are each worth ten points. The remaining quizzes are ungraded. If you miss a graded quiz for any reason (college event, illness, natural disaster, etc.), your score on the quiz is 0/10. No makeup quizzes are allowed. Your lowest quiz score will be dropped.

Exams: There will be three exams and each is worth 100 points. There will be no reviews or study guides given for the exams. If you miss an exam for any reason (college event, illness, natural disaster, etc.), your score on the exam is 0/100. No makeup exams are allowed. If the missed exam is due to a documented illness, the score will change from 0 to the final exam percentage.

Final Exam: The final exam will be given during final exam week and it is worth 200 points; it covers the entire quarter. There will be no review or study guide given for the final. If you miss the final exam for any reason (college event, illness, natural disaster, etc.), your score on the exam is 0/200. No makeups are allowed for the final exam.

Extra Credit: There is no extra credit given in this class. If you are interested in improving your grade, please spend more time working on the homework assignments.

Grading: It can be inferred from the last few lines that there are 700 total points.

Here is my grading scale:

A	B	C	D	F
90% - 100%	80% - 90%	70% - 80%	60% - 70%	0% - 60%
630 - 700 pts	560 - 629 pts	490 - 559 pts	420 - 489 pts	0 - 419 pts

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