Introductory Statistics
Math 140, Fall 2012

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Class meeting time & place. MW 5:00-6:40 pm, CR5122 (CR=Chaparral Hall).


Textbook. A. E. Watkins, R. L. Scheaffer, and G. W. Cobb, Statistics: From Data to Decision, Wiley, 2nd edition, 2010. A printed copy of the textbook is not necessary, but access to Wiley PLUS is required to complete all the homework. Use the link (http://edugen.wileyplus.com/edugen/class/clss94419/) to create a Wiley PLUS account. You will be asked for an access code (included if you purchase a printed copy of the textbook at the CSUN bookstore) or a credit card number to buy access to Wiley Plus. An online copy of the book is available to everyone accessing Wiley Plus. Topics from Chapters 1-9 will be covered.

Calculators. A TI-83 or TI-84 is required. It will be used during regular class meetings and all exams. It will aid the statistic study and understanding of quantitative data.

Prerequisite. A passing score on the ELM = Entry Level Mathematics examination, or a waiver. http://www.csun.edu/testing/placement/elm.htm.

Assessment. Your grade will be based on attendance, homework, three in-class exams, and an optional (see details below) final exam.

Attendance. Attendance is considered mandatory; attendance means on time attendance. Repeated absences will affect your grade.
Homework. Homework will be regularly assigned. All homework is to be completed on line by accessing Wiley Plus. (Please see the textbook section above.) Due dates will be available in Moodle.
In-class exams. There will be three in-class tests. You will have the entire class period (100 minutes) to work on each test. Make-up tests will be given only in case of an emergency. A justification note is necessary. Dates will be available in Moodle.
Final Exam. This exam is optional (see grading scheme below) and includes all topics covered during the semester. Wednesday, December 12, 5:30-7:30 pm, CR 5122.

Grading Scheme. A few days after the third midterm, you will receive an email including your semester grade summary and your final grade in case you decide not to take the final exam. You should let me know whether or not you will take the final exam by Monday December 10th. Your grade will be calculated as follows:

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Note. If you take the final exam, your final grade could improve or drop depending on your final exam grade. The ± will be used when assigning final grades. 90% guarantees an A, 80% a B, 70% a C, and 60% a D.

Important Notice. The last date to drop the class is Friday September 7th.