Department of Mathematics and Statistics  
MTH 220.017—Introduction to Probability and Statistics  
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Office Hours:

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Class meeting time and place: TUE/THR 1230-1450pm Mathematics Building Room 212

Course Description: Probability, random variables, mean and variance, binomial distribution, normal distribution, statistical inference and linear regression.

Text and Materials
1. Case Study Manual. Freely available on D2L
2. TI-83/84 Calculator

Course Requirements  
Homework, In Class Exercises, 2 Midterm Exams, Group Project, and Final Exam

Grading Policy
The final average will be computed using the following weights:

- HW and Group Exercises 15%  
  - Due on almost every Thursday before class begins.
- Two midterm exams 25% each  
  - 1 may be replaced by your final exam  
  - Given in Lecture Sections
- Project 10% (In class group presentation, 2-3 member groups)
- Final exam 25%  
  - Mandatory and comprehensive  
  - Cannot be dropped

Homework and Group Exercises: HW assignments will be provided through D2L. Students will submit their HW in class on the appropriate due date. In addition to regular HW, additional group exercises in class will be conducted as well as a few potential quizzes. Participation is required for these additional assignments, so if you miss class that day, then you will not receive credit for the assignment that day.

Exams Tentatively Feb. 28, April. 18: There are no make-ups for missed exams, so make every effort to be at class on exam day. If you know ahead of time that you will miss an exam, see me at least one class before the scheduled exam and we will work something out. Department policy requires that you bring and be recognizable from either your SFASU Student ID or another valid photo ID before you are permitted to take each exam.
**Final Exam** Thursday, May 16, 10:30am-12:30pm: The final exam is comprehensive with a slightly heavier emphasis on the material from case studies 4 and 5.

**Project (TBD):** I will discuss this in detail once the two midterms have been completed. Projects can be completed in groups of 2-3 class members and all members must participate in all project activities including the final class presentation.

**Grading Scale (100%):** A: 90-100, B: 80-90, C: 70-80, D: 60-70, F: Below 60

**Attendance Policy**
Attendance is expected and will be reflected in everything you submit. It will be increasingly difficult to get a good grade or even pass if you miss class regularly. When a student misses class, s/he is expected to proactively and promptly acquire the missed information before the next calendar class day and meet all requirements administered by the instructor and the student must: Submit an official, dated note from attending doctor, parent, or supervisor, depending on the nature of the absence. Documentation must be submitted promptly.

The following is an excerpt from SFA Policy 5.4:

*The federal definition of a credit hour is an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally established equivalency that reasonably approximates:*

1. Not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours out-of-class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit, or 10 to 12 weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time, or;
2. At least an equivalent amount of work as outlined in item 1 above for other academic activities as established by the institution including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.

To this end, all students in courses offered by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics that wish to be successful should plan to spend a minimum of two hours outside of class for every credit hour associated with this course. Expected activities to be completed in the time outside of class include reviewing notes from previous class meetings, reading assigned course resources, completing all assigned exercises and projects, and performing periodic assessment preparation.

See [http://www2.sfasu.edu/math/docs/syllabi/MTH220Syllabus.pdf](http://www2.sfasu.edu/math/docs/syllabi/MTH220Syllabus.pdf) for elements common to all sections.
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Core Objectives (CO):
1. Critical Thinking [CO 1]: to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
2. Communication Skills [CO 2]: to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
3. Empirical and Quantitative Skills [CO 3]: to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions

Credit hours: 3

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Course Prerequisites and Corequisites: See general course prerequisites.

General Education Core Curriculum: This course has been selected to be part of SFA’s core curriculum. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has identified six objectives for all core courses: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Empirical and Quantitative Skills, Teamwork, Personal Responsibility, and Social Responsibility. SFA is committed to the improvement of its general education core curriculum by regular assessment of student performance on these six objectives. Assessment of these objectives at SFA will be based on student work from all core curriculum courses. This student work will be collected in D2L, the assessment management system selected by SFA to collect student work for core assessment.

The chart below indicates the core objectives identified by SFA to be assessed in this course. The instructor of each section of the course will provide the assignment(s) that will be used to assess the objectives as well as the date(s) by which the assignments must be completed and uploaded in D2L.

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<th>Definition</th>
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<td>Critical Thinking Skills</td>
<td>To include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.</td>
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<td>Only assessed in fall of odd years. (See instructor for due date(s).)</td>
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Course outline:

- Descriptive Statistics [CO 1, 2, 3]
  - Graphical Display of Data
  - Measures of location
  - Measures of Dispersion
- Probability [CO 1, 2, 3]
  - Classical Probability
  - Probability Laws (Rules)
  - Counting Techniques
- Probability Distributions [CO 1, 2, 3]
  - Random Variables
  - Discrete Distributions
    - Binomial Distribution
    - Hypergeometric Distribution
  - Continuous Distributions
    - Uniform Distribution
    - Normal Distribution
- Sampling Distributions [CO 1, 2, 3]
  - Random Samples
  - Central Limit Theorem
- Statistical Inference [CO 1, 2, 3]
  - Estimation
    - Point Estimation
    - Interval Estimation
  - Hypothesis Testing
- Linear Regression [CO 1, 2, 3]

Approximate time spent

- Descriptive Statistics [CO 1, 2, 3] 10%
- Probability [CO 1, 2, 3] 20%
- Probability Distributions [CO 1, 2, 3] 20%
- Sampling Distributions [CO 1, 2, 3] 10%
- Statistical Inference [CO 1, 2, 3] 30%
- Linear Regression [CO 1, 2, 3] 5%

Explicit instruction in Critical Thinking, Communication and Empirical and Quantitative Reasoning is in addition to implicit instruction, modeling and practice that occur daily in the discussion of limits and continuity, derivatives and antiderivatives, applications of derivatives and definite integration. This explicit instruction includes explanation of solving mathematical problems by thinking critically, communicating logically ordered solutions with complete and correct notation, and applying empirical or quantitative skills as appropriate to the problem.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

The penalty for a student found cheating on any part of an assignment, quiz, or exam in this class will range from a grade of zero on the work to a grade of F in the course, and may result in additional, more severe disciplinary measures. A student who allows another to copy his work and the student copying the work are both guilty of cheating. Do your own work. Do not show your completed work to others. Do not allow others to copy your work.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty (SFA policy 4.1):
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:
- using or attempting to use unauthorized materials on any class assignment or exam;
- falsifying or inventing of any information, including citations, on an assignment;
- helping or attempting to help other student(s) in an act of cheating or plagiarism.
Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were one’s own. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

- submitting an assignment as one's own work when it is at least partly the work of another person;
- submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from the Internet or another source;
- incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper or presentation without giving the author credit.

**Withheld Grades Semester Grades (SFA Policy 5.5)**
Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average. The circumstances precipitating the request must have occurred after the last day in which a student could withdraw from a course. Students requesting a WH must be passing the course with a minimum projected grade of C.

**Students with Disabilities**
To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to [http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices](http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices).

**Acceptable Student Behavior**
Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the [Student Conduct Code, policy 10.4](http://www.sfasu.edu/studentconduct)). Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the Early Alert Program. This program provides students with recommendations for resources or other assistance that is available to help SFA students succeed.

**Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):** At the end of MTH 220, a student who has studied and learned the material should be able to:

1. Exhibit an understanding of basic probability rules and concepts [CO:1,3]
2. Demonstrate an understanding of different probability models and ways they are used in statistical inference. [CO: 1, 2, 3]
3. Demonstrate an understanding of point estimation of population parameters. [PLO: 1,3]
4. Demonstrate an understanding of interval estimation about population parameters and inference that can be drawn from such techniques. [CO: 1,3]
5. Demonstrate an understanding of hypothesis testing concerning population parameters and inference that can be drawn from such techniques. [CO:1,3]

*There are no specific program learning outcomes for this major addressed in this course. It is a general education core curriculum course and/or a service course.*

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