STAT 201: Elementary Statistical Inference, Spring 2016

Time and Place: MWF 8:00-8:50 am, Jan 20 - May 10, HECC 203 (Harrington Educ. Ctr.)
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Course Description: This is an introductory course in statistics. Although there is no prerequisite, it is assumed that you will be familiar with basic algebra. This is not a math class. There is a reasonable amount of basic math, but the focus is on understanding statistical concepts and principles.
Prerequisites: None.

Course Material: Moore and Notz, Statistics: Concepts and Controversies, (8th ed.). You need only purchase online access to the ebook. To do so, go to:

http://www.macmillanhighered.com/launchpad/scc8e/2889694

Please bookmark this webpage. You have three options to enroll in the course: purchase direct access, buy an access code, or get free 21 day access while deciding. If you have problems contact their Customer Support at (800) 936-6899.

Help Sessions: In addition to the above office hours, you will have access to free help sessions in Blocker 162 at the following times: Monday, Thursday 10 am - noon and 5-7 pm, plus Sunday 10 am - noon.

Grading: Your grade will be computed as follows:

1. In-class participation: 10% - We will use i-clicker system for in-class exercises/quizzes.

2. Homework: 30% - Available under Assignments on LaunchPad. You get 2 chances per question (except True/False). These will be automatically graded, and the grades will be automatically added to your gradebook (late homework counts as zero). The two lowest homework grades will be dropped.

3. Exams: 60% - There will be two midterm exams (Fri Feb 26 and Wed Mar 30), plus a comprehensive final exam (Thu May 5, 10am - noon). Each exam will count 20% of your grade. All exams will be mostly multiple choice (you are responsible for bringing your own green Scantron form (882E) to each exam).

4. Your final grade will be as follows: [90%, 100%] = A, [80%, 90%) = B, [70%, 80%) = C, [60%, 70%) = D, [0%, 60%) = F, i.e., an 89.9 is a B.

5. Grades will be available only through the textbook website; we will not use ecampus for this course.
Homework and Exam Grade Policy: Once you have received a grade from me, you will have one week to raise any concerns about that grade with me. After one week, no changes to your grade can be made.

In-Class Participation: We will use the REEF smartphone / i-clicker system for holding real-time in-class quizzes. To get set up, go to http://support.reef-education.com/ and follow the instructions. When you register your name, use your Texas A&M TAMU - University Identification Number (UIN) for the Student ID; this will be how I will know who answered what and give you credit. Enter all the relevant information, and if you have an iClicker, you can register that with this service, too. If you are using your iClicker exclusively, you do not need to purchase the REEF registration. Be sure to sign up for the correct Stat201 course, Spring 2016, course id 13033.

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