

# Course Outline

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**Course Title:** Introduction to Statistics for the Social Sciences

**Course Code:** STAT 203

**Spring 2013**

**Credits:** 3

**Section:** C100

**Course Description:**

Descriptive and inferential statistics aimed at students in the social sciences. Scales of measurement. Descriptive statistics. Measures of association. Hypothesis tests and confidence intervals. Quantitative.

**Requisite:**

Students in Sociology and Anthropology are expected to take SA 255 before this course. Intended to be particularly accessible to students who are not specializing in Statistics. Students with credit for STAT 101, 102, 103, 201, 270, ARCH 376, or BUEC 232 (formerly 332), may not subsequently receive credit for this course. Recommended: a research methods course such as SA 255, CRIM 120, POL 213 or equivalent is recommended prior to taking STAT 203.

**Textbook:**

- Levin, Jack, Fox, James & Forde, David. [ELEMENTARY STATISTICS IN SOCIAL RESEARCH](#). (11TH) Allyn & Bacon

*Textbook(s) are available for purchase from the SFU Burnaby Bookstore approximately 3 weeks prior to the start of classes, either in person or online through the SFU Bookstore [eService](#).*

**Course Material:**

All course material available online the first day of classes.

**Course Requirements:**

Assignment/Exam	Percentage
<a href="#">Final Exam</a>	50%
<a href="#">Mid-term Exam</a>	30%
Assignment 1	5%
Assignment 2	5%
Assignment 3	5%
Assignment 4	5%

**Requirements Notes:**

Please Note: Students requiring accommodation as a result of a disability must contact the Centre for Students with Disabilities at 778-782-3112 or [csd\\_office@sfu.ca](mailto:csd_office@sfu.ca).

Students are responsible for following all exam policies and procedures (e.g., missing an exam due to illness) available [here](#).

**Delivery Method:**

- [WebCT](#)
- IBM SPSS Statistics Base GradPack 20 (or most recent version)

**Delivery Notes:**

You require SPSS to complete this course. Download SPSS from [OntheHub](#). Select the version “SPSS Statistics Base GradPack,” and choose the 6-month license. It can be purchased using PayPal or a credit card. When you purchase the software, you must use your SFU student email address as proof of your student status. Prices and operating system details are available at the [OntheHub](#) website.

Please note: SPSS is limited to the North American Market, if students are travelling outside of North America, there may be problems with purchasing this software.

**Please Note:** This course outline was accurate at the time of publication but is subject to change. Please check your course requirements carefully when your class starts.

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