



STAT 270

Introduction to Probability and Statistics

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Day Course
Statistics Workshop

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Prerequisite:

Corequisite: MATH 152 or MATH 155 or MATH 158. Students wishing an intuitive appreciation of a broad range of statistical strategies may wish to take STAT 100 first.

Textbook:

STAT270-3 Course Notes by Tim Swartz. The notes will be available in the lecture during the first week (\$20 cash). Alternatively, they can be purchased from Tim Swartz in K10539 which are available now till the beginning of the term.

Calendar Description:

Basic laws of probability, sample distributions. Introduction to statistical inference and applications. **Quantitative**

Outline:

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1. Introduction to graphical and numerical descriptive statistics including histogram, boxplot, scatterplot, sample mean, sample median, sample standard deviation and sample correlation coefficient.
2. Elementary probability rules, basic combinatorial formulae, conditional probability and independence.
3. Introduction to discrete distributions including probability mass function, expectation, binomial distribution and Poisson distribution.
4. Introduction to continuous distributions including probability density function, expectation, cumulative distribution function, uniform distribution, gamma distribution, exponential distribution, normal distribution, normal approximation to the binomial distribution, jointly distributed random variables, statistics and their distributions, Central Limit Theorem.
5. Single sample inference including estimation and testing for proportions and means.
6. Two sample inference including estimation and testing for differences in proportions and differences in means, paired data.

Grading Scheme:

4 Midterms – 12 marks each
Final Exam – 52 marks

The grading is subject to change.

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