

## STATISTICS 216: Fall 2004

### SECTION 14

#### Elementary Statistics

- Text: Introduction to the Practice of Statistics, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, by Moore and McCabe.
- Instructor: Mark Greenwood, 2-252 Wilson Hall, 994-1962 (greenwood AT math DOT montana DOT edu)
- Course Supervisor: Steve Cherry, 2-225 Wilson Hall, 994-5367 (cherry AT math DOT montana DOT edu)
- Schedule: MWF 1:10-2, 1-132 Wilson Hall
- Office Hours: MWF: 2:10-3 and Tuesday 11-12 in Wilson 2-252
- Grading: There will be two mid-term exams (see calendar and below) and a comprehensive final (the final exam will be weighted toward the material from the end of course). In addition, there will be 1 computer project and homework/quizzes. The relative values of these components are:

First Mid-term 25%

Second Mid-term 25%

Final Exam 35%

Computer Project 5%

Homework/quizzes 10%

The exams will be the same for all sections. The projects and homework/quizzes will be assigned and graded by the instructor for each class.

- Exam policy: There will be 3 common exams given, two mid-terms and a final. The exam schedule is Exam 1 - Tuesday, October 5 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm; Exam 2 - Tuesday, November 16 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm; Final Exam - Monday December 13 from 10 to 11:50 am.

University policy “takes the position that when students register, they commit themselves to completing their academic obligations as their **primary** responsibility” (MSU 2004-2006 Bulletin, page 59). Accepted reasons for not taking an exam at the regularly scheduled time include

Illness

Death or illness in the immediate family

Other family emergency

Military obligations

Participation in University sponsored events

Exam conflicts (e.g. 2 exams scheduled at the same time)

Any other emergency over which the student has no control

Documentation will be required. Note that going home early at the end of the semester is NOT a valid reason for missing the final. Students who work should plan their work schedules around exam times. In general, having to work is NOT a valid excuse for missing an exam. Students with valid exam conflicts (i.e. 2 exams scheduled at the same time) have the option of taking the STAT 216 exam immediately prior to the regularly scheduled time: 4:45 - 5:45 pm on October 5 and November 16; and 8:00 - 9:50 am on December 13. Students should contact the course supervisor in the Department of Mathematical Sciences (Wilson Hall 2-225) no later than 24 hours prior to the exam. Students with other valid reasons should check with the course supervisor for options. Unless the nature of the emergency precludes it this should be done no later than 24 hours prior to the exam.

- HW/ Quizzes: Short quizzes will be used to highlight important topics, check for your understanding of the material and verify that you were in class. All quizzes will be graded out of 3 points, with 3 points for perfection or near perfection, 2 points for moderate errors, 1 point for being there but not getting anything correct and 0 points for not being present. Excused absences for the previously listed reasons will be replaced with your average score on the quizzes prior to that date. The quizzes will be equally weighted to produce the final grade for the HW/ Quizzes component of the course.

- Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Turn all cell phones off during class.
- Prerequisites: The prerequisite for Statistics 216 is any one of the following:

Math ACT score of 23 or higher

Math SAT score of 530 or higher

A C– or better in any 100 level (or higher) math course.

A score of 3.5 or higher on the Math Placement Level Exam (MPLEX)

Any student that does not satisfy one of the above should drop the course or take the Math Placement Level Exam to determine if they have the necessary mathematical background to successfully complete the course. The MPLEX will be given in Roberts 111 on August 27, 30, and 31 and on September 1, 2, and 3 (you must start the test by 3:15 because you must be finished by 4:00). A picture ID is required.

- The Course Web Page: Additional information about the course is available at

<http://www.math.montana.edu/courses/s216/>

- Drops and Adds: Students can drop online the first 10 days of the semester. After that they will need a signature from their instructor. Adds on August 30 and 31 will be handled in Wilson Hall 1-110 from 9:00 to 1:00. After that date the course supervisor will handle add requests in Wilson Hall 2-225. A schedule will be posted outside his office.

- Some Departmental Policies

- Do not attempt to turn in homework or other assignments in the math office. They will not be accepted.
- Do not call or email the math office for information on grades. University policy on privacy does not allow office staff to give out information on grades in such cases.
- Your final exam can be mailed to you if you provide your instructor with a self-addressed stamped envelope during the semester. We suggest a 6.5 x 9.5 inch envelope so the final will just have to be folded in half (letter size) or thirds (legal size) to fit.
- Students may pick up their final exam in the math office only during certain times which will be announced later. This will no doubt be an inconvenience for some but there are 97 sections of 100 and 200 level courses taught in the Department of Mathematical Sciences with an enrollment well in excess of 2000 students and we have found it increasingly difficult to get other departmental tasks accomplished during exam week if students can drop in at any time to get exams.
- Final course grades will be posted outside your instructor's office using the last 4 digits of your student's ID (GID or Banner Number). Be sure to inform your instructor if you object to this. Your number and grade will not be listed if that is your wish.