MATH 501 – Mathematical Statistics
Course Syllabus

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Note: This syllabus details the rules and procedures by which this course is to be conducted. You are responsible for reading this syllabus and knowing the contents – enrollment in this course constitutes an acknowledgement of this responsibility and implied consent to these rules and procedures.

Description: Probability, distributions, moments, point estimation, maximum likelihood estimators, interval estimators, test of hypothesis.

Prerequisites: MATH 314 or three semesters of calculus.

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course a student will understand

- Basic probability theory, including its theoretical underpinnings and calculus.
- Distribution theory for discrete and continuous random variables.
- Expectations of random variables.
- Random samples and sampling distributions of statistics.

Texts:
- Casella, C., and Berger, R (2002). *Statistical Inference*, 2nd Edition. Brooks/Cole Cengage Learning.
- Verzani, J., "simpleR: Using R for Introductory Statistics". Available FREE at http://cran.r-project.org/doc/contrib/Verzani-SimpleR.pdf

Software: R, latest version is 3.4.1 (Single Candle), though what we do should be version independent. R is a FREE and state of the art statistical computing environment. It is available for download at http://www.r-project.org/. There are R builds for Windows, Mac, and Linux/Unix operating systems. Instruction will be given for use in Windows but the builds for other OS's are very similar.

eCollege: I will get an eCollege coursesite up and running as soon as I am able. All handouts will be posted on the site. I will try where possible to post .pdf files rather than, or in addition to, Office documents. You will need the Adobe Reader (http://www.adobe.com/) which is another free download. However, Mac users may have to access Office documents occasionally. There are packages available that enable Mac users to work with Office documents (Office for Mac and OpenOffice come to mind).

Topics covered: We will cover most if not all of Chapters 1- 5. For details, see Class Schedule.

Grading: on a standard 100% scale:
- **HW: 30%**
- **EXAMS: 15% each**
- **FINAL: 25%**

Disputed grades will only be changed if graded assignments are produced which indicate the recorded grade is erroneous.

Exams: There are 3 exams and a cumulative final. There will be no makeup exams. With proper documentation of a valid excuse for missing an exam, the % of your grade due to that exam will be rolled over into the cumulative final; absent such documentation a missed exam counts as a zero. Exams are take home, distributed Tuesday and due that Friday at 8am. We will not meet Thursdays of exam weeks.

Exam schedule:
- **Exam #1---**Tuesday, September 19th
- **Exam #2---** Tuesday, October 17th
- **Exam #3---** Tuesday, November 14th
- **Final ---** Friday, December 15th due at 8am.

Homework: will be assigned in class.

Attendance/Class Participation/Academic Integrity: Students are expected to attend all lectures in a timely fashion and to participate in classroom and group discussions and activities; therefore no record of attendance is necessary.

Tutoring: Services up to the level of Calculus I provided by the Math Skill Center (Binnion Hall Room 328) with the following hours: M and W, 8am–8pm; T and R, 8am–6pm; and F 8am–3pm.

Calculator Loan Program: we have set up a calculator loan program to support students. You can borrow a calculator for a semester with a fee ($10-$15 for TI-83/84). Go to the Math department office.

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Tentative Class Schedule:

Week of/ Days	Topics
8/28 TR	1.1– Set theory 1.2 - Basics of probability theory
9/4 TR	1.2 - Basics of probability theory 1.3 - Conditional probability and independence
9/11 TR	1.4 - Random variables, 1.5 – Distribution functions 1.6 - Density and mass functions
9/18 TR	2.1 - Distributions of functions of a random variable **Exam #1**
9/25 TR	2.2 – Expected values 2.3 - Moments and moment generating functions
10/2 TR	3.2 – Discrete distributions 3.3 - Continuous distributions
10/9 TR	3.4 – Exponential families 3.5 - Location and scale families
10/16 TR	3.6 - Inequalities and identities, 3.8 – Miscellanea (Markov) **Exam #2**
10/23 TR	4.1 – Joint and marginal distributions 4.2 - Conditional distributions and independence
10/30 TR	4.5 - Covariance and correlation 4.3 – Bivariate transformations
11/6 TR	4.4 – Hierarchical models and mixture distributions 4.7 – Inequalities
11/13 TR	4.6 - Multivariate distributions **Exam #3**
11/20 T	5.1 – Random samples, 5.2 - Sums of random variables from a random sample **Thanksgiving**
11/27 TR	5.3 – Sampling from the Normal distribution 5.4 - Order statistics
12/4 TR	5.5 – Convergence concepts (5.6 - Generating a random sample)
12/11	**Finals**

Final Exam: Friday, December 15th due at 8am