

Introduction to Statistical Thinking
Math 1040, Section 1
MW 12:55 P.M. – 1:45 P.M.
WEB 102
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Generally speaking, I am available for consultation whenever I am in my office. Please feel free to drop by outside of the regular office hours. Bear in mind, however, that while I may be on campus during the day, it is possible (likely!) that I could be otherwise occupied. Thus, if you are unable to come to the regular office hours, and NEED to meet with me, it may be in your best interest to set up an appointment beforehand.

Text: Statistics: Concepts and Controversies
David S. Moore and William I. Notz
Sixth Edition, ISBN 0-7167-8636-2

Prerequisite: Math ACT score of 23 or grade of C or better in MATH 1010

Tutoring: The Rushing Math Center offers FREE drop in tutoring, a computer lab, and study areas for undergraduates. The Rushing Student Center is between LCB and JWB on the main campus. The hours of operation are 8:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. on Friday.

Holidays: Labor Day: September 3 (Monday)
Fall Break: October 8 – October 12
Thanksgiving: November 22 – November 23

Withdrawal Date: Be aware that the last day to drop term length fall semester classes is Wednesday, August 29. The last day to withdraw from term length fall semester classes is Friday, October 19.

ADA Statement: The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that reasonable accommodations be provided for students with physical, cognitive, systemic learning, and psychiatric disabilities. Students need to contact the instructor at the beginning of the semester to discuss any such accommodations that they may require for this course.

Lab Sections: You should be enrolled in one of the six lab sections for this course. Meetings with your lab section will take place on Thursdays and will be run by a teaching assistant. The purpose of these meetings is to provide you with a small group forum to discuss the course material. This is a good place to discuss any topics you are having difficulty with and to work through any homework questions that you have been unable to solve on your own.

Grading

Final Grading Scale:

100-93% A	86-83% B	76-73% C	66-63% D
92-90% A-	82-80% B-	72-70% C-	62-60% D-
89-87% B+	79-77% C+	69-67% D+	60-59% E

Homework: 20%

Homework assignments in this course will be given via the WeBWork system. This is a web-based application independent of the university WebCT program. There will be approximately 10-12 assignments during the semester, which will be posted on the WeBWork page for this course as they are assigned. A brief introduction to the WeBWork user interface will be given during the second class meeting (Wednesday August 22).

Quizzes: 15%

Quizzes will be given each Thursday in your lab section. Your 12 highest scores will count toward your grade. There will be NO make-up quizzes given for any reason. The quizzes will cover the material discussed in class earlier in the week.

Midterms: 40% (each midterm exam will be worth 20% of your final grade)

Two midterm exams will be given during the semester. The exams will be given on Monday September 24 and on Monday November 5.

Final Exam: 25%

The final exam will be administered on Friday, December 14 from 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Absence from an exam will be excused only if you can produce verifiable and convincing evidence that you have/had a significant illness or serious family crisis that will prevent/prevented you from attending. Except under exceptional circumstances, you must make arrangements with me well before the missed test, and you will be expected to take the exam prior to your absence.