

Math 109: Probability and Statistics Spring 2008

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Calculators and Computers: You are expected to have a calculator with you in class every day and may use it on homework assignments and on all tests and exams. I will communicate with you regularly through your WFU e-mail address. You should check that e-mail address daily or arrange forwarding to an address that you do check daily. I will send numerous documents to you as attachments to e-mail messages (mostly Word, Excel and PDF format). You will be expected to print these documents and use them as directed. You are responsible for keeping your WFU ThinkPad and printer in working order, complete with ink cartridges and paper. If you have problems with your computer, your printer or your WFU e-mail address you should contact your RTA the Help Desk immediately so that repairs can be made quickly.

Homework : You will be given an assignment each day in class. You will be expected to read and study the reading assignment and make your best attempt to work the given exercises prior to the next class meeting. There will be concepts discussed in the reading assignment that we may not cover in class. My goal in class is to provide you with a basic introduction to the material so that you will be able to read and understand the textbook. I recommend that you read each assignment at least twice, once before we talk about that topic in class and then again after we have talked about that topic in class. Most homework will not be graded but I may request to see your homework at any time.

Graded Assignments : There will be some assignments made in class to be turned in on or before a specified date. The due date may be the next class meeting or some future date. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to contact a classmate to determine if a “turn in assignment” was given during class so that you can turn it in on time. These assignments are due at the beginning of class on the due date specified and will not be accepted late. If you are not able to be in class on the date these are due, it is your responsibility to send your assignment to class with a classmate or to deliver the assignment to my office no later than the beginning of your scheduled class on the due date. The total of all of these assignments and any in class quizzes will be approximately 100 points.

Tests & Exams : There will be three tests (approximately 100 pts each) during the semester. Tentative test dates are : 2/13, 3/26, and 4/23. You are expected to take each test at the scheduled time. If illness or emergency make it necessary for you to miss a test, you must have your absence approved by me prior to missing the test. **Any test missed without my prior approval will result in a grade of 0 for that test.** Any necessary make-up tests will be scheduled individually. You will not be allowed more than one make-up test during the semester. (Please note that having 2 or more tests/papers on the same day is **not** considered an emergency – so please plan ahead and don't procrastinate!) There will be a cumulative, departmental final exam (approximately 200 pts) at the end of the semester. **The final exam will be given on Tuesday, May 6, 9am – 12 noon during the math block exam time.** The room for the exam will be announced at the end of the semester. **All Math 109 students will take essentially the same exam at the same time, therefore, the date and time of the exam are not negotiable. We do not make exceptions to this policy, so please plan appropriately.**

Grading : Grading will be on a 10 percentage point scale with approximately 2-3 pts reserved for a (+) or a (-) grade.

Attendance : You are expected to be **present, on time and prepared** for each scheduled class meeting. You are expected to **remain for the entire class. You should not leave the room once class has started unless it is an emergency.** If you are sleeping or doing other work in class you will be instructed to leave. All cell phones and pagers are to be turned OFF during class. Excessive absences or tardies will result in an e-mail warning; continued absences/tardies after that will result in a grade penalty. You are responsible for everything we do in class even if you are not present – including assignments made and announcements made. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to contact a classmate to find out what we discussed and to get caught up with the class before our next meeting. If an assignment is made on a day you are absent, you are still responsible for turning in that assignment on time.

Hazardous Weather Policy : If hazardous weather occurs, there is a possibility that I will not be at Wake Forest that day. I will make a decision by 10:30 am of any morning in question and put a message out on e-mail if there will be any change to the regular class schedule.

Disabilities: If you have a disability that may require an accommodation for taking this course, please contact the Learning Assistance Center (758-5929) within the first two weeks of the semester. I must have written documentation from them in order to be of assistance. You are responsible for getting such documentation to me at least 48 hours before any accommodation is needed. Do not procrastinate!

Honor Policy : All work turned in for a grade in this course is expected to be your work and yours alone. All information presented by you concerning your performance is expected to be true. Any suspected violations of the Wake Forest University Honor Code that come to my attention will be reported to the Honor Council. You will be required to sign a pledge statement on each graded assignment, on each test and on the final exam.

University emergencies: The requirements stated on this syllabus may be revised if classes are cancelled for an extended period of time due to emergency or illness.