INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS
MATH 2050
Class Hours: 2.0  Credit Hours: 3.0
Laboratory Hours: 2.0  Date Revised: Fall 2012

Catalog Course Description:

Descriptive statistics, including bivariate trends, time series, concepts of probability and probability distributions, binomial and normal distributions, linear correlation and regression, estimation and significance tests for means, contingency tables, chi-square tests for goodness of fit and independence. A computer laboratory component is required.

Entry Level Standards:

A thorough knowledge of algebraic functions is necessary for entrance to this course. Students should be able to read and write on the college level and reason logically.

Prerequisites:

MATH 1830 or MATH 1910

Co-requisites:

None

Textbook(s) and Other Course Materials:

Textbook:


References:

Personal Equipment:
According to instructor preference, you are allowed to use a calculator with statistical functions, Excel software, or a combination of the two.

I. Week/Unit/Topic Basis:

   Week  Topic
   1     Statistical applications in business and economics; data; data sources; descriptive statistics; statistical inference and probability; summarizing qualitative data. Chapters 1 and 2
II. Course Goals*

The course will:

A. Demonstrate descriptive methods of statistics, including frequency distribution, measures of central tendency, and measures of variation. VI.1-5

B. Examine bivariate data, cross-tabulations, sorting, graphics, and covariance and correlation. VI.1-5

C. Investigate probabilistic concepts. VI.1-5

D. Explore sampling and sampling distributions. VI.1-5
E. Master hypothesis testing. VI.1-5
F. Determine and interpret correlation and regression analysis. VI.1-5
G. Perform time series analysis. VI.1-5
H. Apply the most common probability distributions. VI.1-5

*Roman numerals after course objectives reference goals of the Mathematics program.

III. Expected Student Learning Outcomes*:

Students will be able to:

1. Construct frequency distributions and frequency histograms. A, D
2. Calculate measures of central tendency. A
3. Calculate measures of dispersion. A
4. Construct scatter diagrams. B
5. Calculate correlation coefficients and establish the relative strength of the linear relationships between two variables. B, D, F
6. Construct time series charts and interpret the results. G
7. Calculate probabilities using both the classical and the empirical approaches. C
8. Calculate probabilities based on both the standardized and non-standard normal distributions. D, H
9. Perform hypothesis tests, including, but not restricted to, means testing (both large and small samples), and tests of independence and goodness of fit. D, E, H

* Capital letters after Expected Student Learning Outcomes reference the course goals listed above.

IV. Evaluation:

A. Testing Procedures:

Students are evaluated on the basis of tests, and at the teacher’s discretion, quizzes, homework, computer projects, and case studies. A minimum of four major unit tests and a comprehensive departmental final will be given. All tests will be administered during scheduled lab times.

B. Laboratory Expectations:

At least half of all class meetings take place in the mathematics department computer lab. A minimum of ten of these sessions will involve assignments to be turned in and graded, with the lab average making up a minimum of ten percent of the course grade.

C. Field Work:

None

D. Other Evaluation Methods:
None

E. Grading Scale:

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V. Policies:

A. Attendance Policy:

Pellissippi State expects students to attend all scheduled instructional activities. As a minimum, students in all courses (excluding distance learning courses) must be present for at least 75 percent of their scheduled class and laboratory meetings in order to receive credit for the course. Individual departments/programs/disciplines, with the approval of the vice president of Academic Affairs, may have requirements that are more stringent. In very specific circumstances, an appeal of the policy may be addressed to the head of the department in which the course was taken. If further action is warranted, the appeal may be addressed to the vice president of Academic Affairs.

B. Academic Dishonesty:

Academic misconduct committed either directly or indirectly by an individual or group is subject to disciplinary action. Prohibited activities include but are not limited to the following practices:

- Cheating, including but not limited to unauthorized assistance from material, people, or devices when taking a test, quiz, or examination; writing papers or reports; solving problems; or completing academic assignments.
- Plagiarism, including but not limited to paraphrasing, summarizing, or directly quoting published or unpublished work of another person, including online or computerized services, without proper documentation of the original source.
- Purchasing or otherwise obtaining prewritten essays, research papers, or materials prepared by another person or agency that sells term papers or other academic materials to be presented as one’s own work.
- Taking an exam for another student.
- Providing others with information and/or answers regarding exams, quizzes, homework or other classroom assignments unless explicitly authorized by the instructor.
- Any of the above occurring within the Web or distance learning environment.

C. Accommodations for disabilities:

Students who need accommodations because of a disability, have emergency medical information to share, or need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated should inform the instructor immediately, privately after class or in her or his office. Students must present a current accommodation plan from a staff member in Services for Students with Disabilities (SSWD) in order to receive accommodations in this course. Services for Students with Disabilities may be contacted by going to Goins 127, 132, 134, 135, 131 or by phone: 539-7153 or TTY 694-6429. More information is available at http://www.pstcc.edu/sswd/.

D. Other Policies:
Make-up Work: Instructor discretion about make-up tests and/or assignments.

Cell Phones: Cell phones are to be either turned off or put on vibration mode while in class. Instructor discretion as to penalty.