

STATISTICS 1510 A3/C3

Introduction to Applied Statistics Winter 2010

Grande Prairie Regional College

ROOM:	Lecture:	ST1510 A3	D308	TT	8:30 - 9:50
		ST1510 C3	B202	WF	13:00 - 14:20
	Lab:	ST1510 AL1	A312	Tues	14:30 - 16:20
		ST1510 AL2	A312	Mon	14:30 - 16:20
		ST1510 CL2	A312	Wed	14:30 - 16:20
INSTRUCTOR:	Dr. Eric Chislett, C409, ph. 780-539-2003, echislett@gprc.ab.ca				
TEXT:	INTRODUCTORY STATISTICS by Prem S. Mann				
CALCULATOR:	TI 84				
PREREQUISITE:	Pure Math 30				
TRANSFER:	UA, UC, UL, AU, CU, KUC, AUC.				
ASSESSMENT:	Your final grade will be determined in the following manner:				
	Assignments	10%			
	Lab Reports	15%			
	Mid Term	20%	Tues/Wed. Mar 2/3		
	Lab Exam	15%	Apr. 12/13/14		
	Final Exam	40%	As per the Registrar's office		
EXAMS:	Exams will be closed book. A hand calculator will be necessary. The formula sheet and tables as given in the textbook will be copied and be given to you for the exams.				
MISSED EXAMS:	Students who miss the mid-term exam for a valid reason, such as illness, will have the weight transferred to the final exam.				

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OUTLINE

Statistics 1510 is an introductory statistics course focusing on statistical reasoning and data analyses. Mathematical theory is kept to a minimum. Students have access to a computer lab and so are able to work with a variety of data sets. You will be taught in the labs how to use the statistical part of the spreadsheet EXCEL and you will learn how to make proper lab reports.

The following course outline is based on the 6th edition of the text *Introductory Statistics* , by Prem S. Mann.

PART I	Describing Data	Chapters 1-3
PART II	Probability and Probability Distributions	Chapters 4-7
PART III	Inference about means and proportions	Chapters 8-10
PART IV	Applications	Chapters 11-13
NOTE:	Some sections in these chapters will be omitted.	

ASSIGNMENTS

There are 5 homework assignments for this course. The assignments will be given out during class on Tuesday/Wednesday and are due at the beginning of class one week later. You are encouraged to complete most assignments using Excel.

NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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LABORATORY PROJECTS

The Computer Labs in Statistics 1510 are designed so that you can gain experience working with realistic data sets, familiarize yourself with the use of a computer for statistical analysis, and to help you understand the course material.

This term we are using a spreadsheet software package in the labs, Microsoft EXCEL, instead of a dedicated statistics program.

EXCEL has advantages and disadvantages. The advantages are obvious; it is a popular program that many of you already have on a home computer, it is fairly easy to learn, and it is a common tool in business, in industry, and in home environments. It can also be used as a word processing package.

The disadvantages are less obvious. It is not as statistically powerful (and in some cases not as easy to use) as software specifically designed for statistical analysis. When professional statisticians are brought data in EXCEL format for consulting work, they will convert it so that it can be analyzed in a dedicated system. If you wish to be a statistician you will take further statistics courses which use dedicated statistics packages.

There are some (elementary) statistical routines that EXCEL cannot do for you. No software package is perfect.

Completing Labs:

There are many computer rooms throughout the college, third floor A-wing, J101, and the Library that are open daily and have EXCEL on them. Schedules of when each lab is available for general use are on the doors.

You must attend all labs as scheduled and you will complete the lab assignment and submit it during the scheduled time.

You will need to save your work from week to week. Some later labs use data from earlier labs.

Submitting Lab Reports:

Lab Reports are to be submitted at the completion of the lab.

Lab Reports must be in printed form. Remember to keep a back-up in either print or digital format.

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Lab Topics:

There are 11 scheduled lab periods this term. Formal Lab Reports are to be submitted for grading for Labs 2 through 10.

Date:

Jan. 11-13	Lab 1	Introduction to Excel
Jan. 18-20	Lab 2	Formatting Output and Frequency Distributions
Jan. 25-28	Lab 3	Data Descriptions
Feb. 1-3	Lab 4	Linear Regression and Correlation
Feb 8-10	Lab 5	Sampling Distributions
Feb 22-25	Lab 6	Confidence Intervals
Mar 15-17	Lab 7	Introduction to Inference
Mar 22-25	Lab 8	Two-Sample T-Tests
Mar29-Apr1	Lab 9	Probability Distributions
Apr. 5-7	Lab 10	Linear Regression
Apr. 12-14	Lab 11	Lab Exam

Due Dates and Times

Lab Reports are to be submitted at the end of the lab period.

NO LATE LABS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

FORMAT OF LABS:

1. Lab reports will include complete answers to the questions.
2. Questions are to appear in order. It is your responsibility to format your pages so as to present a properly written report. Label all answers as you would if you were hand-writing the submission. (Number all questions and label your answers so that they can be easily identified.)
3. Each page will have a heading which will include your name, ID number, date, course and section, and lab number and title. This header must be in **BOLD** and **LARGER FONT**, as per the sample of Lab #2.
4. All pages must be stapled together (paper clips, folded corners, etc., are not acceptable). All reports should be two or three pages long.
5. A sample lab report, for Lab #2, will be available in the second lab session.

