

KING FAHD UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM & MINERALS
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS
DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA

STAT211: BUSINESS STATISTICS I (092)

Course Objectives:

Introduce basic concepts of probability and statistics to business students. Emphasize the understanding of the nature of randomness of real world problems, the formulation of statistical methods using intuitive arguments and thereby make meaningful decisions.

Textbook and Package:

1. Basic Business Statistics: Concepts and Applications, 11th edition, by Berenson, M.L., Levine, D.M., and Krehbiel, T.C., Pearson-Prentice Hall (2009).
2. MINITAB (<http://www.minitab.com/products/minitab/student/>)
3. **Scientific calculator with statistical functions**

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Assessment

Assessment for this course will be based on quizzes, attendance, homework, lab, two major exams and a comprehensive final exam, as in the following:

Activity	Weight
Quizzes ¹ , attendance, homework and Lab work	(7%+3%+3%+7%)
Exam 1 (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 7.1-7.2, 7.6) Saturday Mar 27, 2010 Building 54	20%
Exam 2 (Chapters 4, 5 & 6) Saturday May 1, 2010 Building 54	20%
Final Exam (Comprehensive) Saturday June 12, 2010 (venue TBA)	40%

General Notes:

- Students are required to carry **pens, note-taking equipment** and a **calculator** with statistical functions to **EVERY lecture, quizzes, and exams**. It is strongly recommended to keep a **binder** for class-notes.
- Students are also expected to take class notes and organize their learning material in a **binder** for easy retrieval to help them in study and review for class, exams, etc
 - It is to the student's advantage to keep a binder for storing class notes, homework, and other graded assignments. Students who are **organized** will find it **easier** to find important materials when **studying for exams**.
- To successfully learn statistics, students need to **solve problems** and **analyze data**. The selected assigned problems are specifically designed to prepare you for class quizzes, lab, majors and final exam. So, it is expected that you complete these problems **step-by-step** and **with comprehension**.
- **Never round** your intermediate results to problems when doing your calculations. This will cause you to lose calculation accuracy. Round only your final answers and you should not round less than 4 decimal places unless required otherwise.
- **A formula sheet** and **statistical tables** will be given for you in every exam, so you only need to bring with you **pens, pencils, a sharpener, an eraser, and a calculator**.

Academic Integrity: All KFUPM policies regarding **ethics** and **academic honesty** apply to this course.

¹ Once a chapter is completed, you should expect a class quiz.

Syllabus (Tentative)

Week	Sections	Topics	Notes
1 20/2 – 24/2	1.1,1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 7.2	What is Business Statistics, Tools for Data Collection	Last day for late registration; Last day for adding courses.
2 27/2 – 3/3	1.3,1.5, 7.1,7.6	Populations, Samples, Data Types and measurement levels, Sampling Techniques.	3 March Last day for dropping course(s) without permanent record
3 6/3 – 10/3	2.1-2.6	Tables, Charts and Graphs.	
4 13/3 – 17/3	3.1-3.5	Measures of Location and Measures of Variation	
5 20/3 – 24/3	3.2,3.3, 3.5, 4.1	Coefficient of Variation, Empirical Rule, Tchebysheff's Inequality and Standardized Data Values, Basic Probability Concepts	
Mar 27 - 1-st Exam (chap 1, 2, 3 & 7.1-7.2, 7.6)			
6 27/3 – 31/3	4.5, 4.1, 4.4, 4.2, 4.3,	Basic Concepts of Probability, Rules of Probability	Beginning of Mid-Term Grade submission thru web (for 2 weeks) Last day for dropping course(s) with grade of "W" thru web
7 3/4 – 7/4	4.3, 5.1- 5.2, 5.3	Rules of Probability (cont), Probability Distributions, Introduction to Discrete Probability Distribution, The Binomial Distributions	
8 10/4 – 14/4	5.4, 5.5, 6.1-6.2	Other Discrete Distributions (Poisson & Hypergeometric), The Normal Distribution,	
☺ Midterm Break: April 17- 21, 2010 ☺ ➔			
9 24/4 – 28/4	6.3-6.5	The Normal Distribution(cont) , Other Continuous Distributions (Exponential & Uniform)	
May 1 - 2-nd Exam (chap 4, 5 & 6)			
10 1/5 – 5/5	7.3-7.4	Sampling Error, Sampling Distribution of the Mean	Last day for withdrawal from all courses with grade of "W" thru the Univ Registrar Office
11 8/5 – 12/5	7.4-7.5	Sampling Distributions of the Mean (cont) and Sampling Distributions of the Proportion	
12 15/5 – 19/5	8.6, 8.1- 8.3, 8.5	Point and Confidence Interval Estimation of the Mean and Proportion	Beginning of Early Registration for the Summer Session 2009-2010 (093), and the First Semester 2010-2011 (101); Beginning of registration for Coop
13 22/5 – 26/5	8.4	Sample Size Determination for Estimating (i) the Mean and (ii) a Population Proportion	
14 29/5 – 2/6	Parts of 10.1-10.2 Part of 10.3	Estimation for Two Population Means and Estimation of Two Population Proportions	2 June: Last day for major exams; Last day for withdrawal from all courses with grade of "WP/WF" thru the University Registrar Office
15 5/6 – 9/6		Review	
Comprehensive Final Exam Saturday 7:30 AM June 12, 2010			

Important Notes:

- ✓ We will explain the MINITAB commands in the class and the student free to do his homework any were he likes.
- ✓ In accordance with University rules, **TEN unexcused absences** will result in a grade of **DN**.
- ✓ **Attendance** on time is **very** important. Therefore, ½ % will be deducted for **each lateness**. That is, **2 lateness equals to** one absence
- ✓ Mostly, attendance will be checked within the **first five minutes** of the class. Entering the class after that, is considered as one late, and **every two times late** equals to one absence.
- ✓ All contacts or announcements between the instructor and the students are supposed to be held on the WebCT, so the student **must** check his WebCT inbox **at least once** a day.

Home Work Problems:

- Handout problems will be posted on the WebCT towards the end of each chapter.
- The **Homework** should be submitted in the first Saturday after completing the chapter **and no need for an announcement in advance**.
- No late homework will be accepted.

Learning Objectives: By completing this course, students should be able to

- **Distinguish** between a *sample* and a *population*
- **Distinguish** between a *statistic* and a *parameter*
- **Design** a business *data collection effort* by using the most appropriate data sampling strategy
- **Classify** business data into the most appropriate *type and measurement levels*
- **Distinguish** between *continuous* and *discrete* data

- **Calculate** *summary descriptive statistics* manually and by MINITAB
- **Interpret** the *correct meaning of summary statistics* for particular real-life business problems
- **Graph** a *correct graphical display* for the correct type of data manually by MINITAB
- **Interpret** the *correct meaning of graphical display* for a particular real-life business problems
- **Choose** the *correct graphical display* for a particular business decision
- **Choose** the *correct summary statistics* for a particular business application

- **Assess** the correct probability for a particular business application manually and by MINITAB
- **Calculate** probability for different types of regular business events (marginal, conditional, and joint events) and for updated posterior business events
- **Calculate** expected values of future business events
- **Recognize and use** the correct probability distribution model for a particular business application manually and by MINITAB
- **Distinguish** between *continuous* and *discrete* probability distribution model
- **Distinguish** between *distribution for sample data, distribution for population data, and distribution for sample statistics*
- **Understand** the role of *central limit theorem* in the distribution of sample statistics

- **Evaluate** the *correctness and error levels* of a procedure for estimating a population parameter
- **Design** a business data collection effort by finding the *minimum necessary sample sizes* manually and by MINITAB
- **Estimate** *parameters* of a business population of interest manually and by MINITAB
- **Choose** the most *appropriate statistical procedure* for a particular type and measurement level of business data