

Math 1442
Business Statistics – Web Based
Spring 2012

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Welcome to Business Statistics! This sheet will tell you about the course, including subject matter, homework, quizzes, exams and term grade. Almost all of your questions about the course can be answered by reading this handout. If anything is unclear, please do not hesitate to ask for clarification. *Good Luck!!!*

Required Materials

Required Software: MyStatLab

Course ID: cohlmia94305

Optional Textbook: Statistics for Business and Economics by McClave, Benson and Sincich, 11th Edition, Pearson Publishing Co.

Technology:

Online students must have a valid e-mail address to register for computer software. The email address that you use to register your software will be the email address to which I will send any information or announcements. Please check this account regularly. It is recommended that you use your Odessa College email address. All work is done through the internet, so you need internet access. If you do not have access to the internet, you may use the computers in the math lab.

Term Grade

Your term grade will be determined according to the following distribution:

	Homework	Labs	Discussion Boards	Exams 1 - 3	Final Exam
Percentage	10%	15%	10%	30% total or 10% each	35%
Drops	2	1 (the last lab cannot be dropped)	0	0	0

Please note that I will be checking in on your progress regularly. This includes checking the time you are spending in each section, the homework you have completed, and the exam status.

Homework

Homework will be assigned for each section. There are suggested dates for completion of the homework, which will ensure that you complete the course on time. These are listed in the suggested completion dates section under the Course Information link in MyStatLab. Your two lowest homework grades will be dropped.

Labs

A very important component in conducting a statistical analysis is the ability to appropriately use a statistical software package. The labs assigned for this course will emphasize the use of StatCrunch – the statistical software analysis package that is included in MyStatLab. You will have approximately 10 labs assigned throughout the semester. The last lab will be a formal statistical analysis and report and will count as two lab grades. This lab cannot be dropped from your course average.

Communication

Communication plays a vital role in an online student's success. Communication methods for this course include announcements, emails, and discussion boards. You are required to participate in the discussion boards. **Each student should submit 15 meaningful threads in the discussion boards.** These can either be new discussions, or they can be replies to other discussion. You will earn credit for meaningful posts to the discussion boards through May 8th at 8 AM. "Meaningful" implies that the post adds to the learning of the course material. Examples include posting a question over the material, posting an answer to a classmate's question, and posting tips on how to be successful in the course. Idle chitchat, polite remarks such as "thanks" and non-meaningful posts will not count towards your grade. Also, be sure that you are checking your email regularly. Any emails I receive will be answered within 2 business days.

Exams

You are allowed two attempts on each of the midterms. I strongly suggest that you take your first attempt at least one day prior to the suggested completion date to allow time for studying your mistakes and improving your grade, if needed. The suggested completion date is shown on the Suggested Completion Dates document. I will review midterm exams for partial credit if they are submitted by the suggested completion date. Note that I will NOT review exams for those people who fail the first attempt and do not try a second time, and I will NOT review exams that are submitted after the suggested completion date. To see a list of the suggested completion dates, go to the Course Information link in MyStatLab. The final exam is comprehensive and will be proctored. You must present a picture ID before taking the final exam. All students will take the final exam in the Math Lab located in the OC Mathematics Department. The final exam is comprehensive and will be due by **8:30 PM** on May 8th. You will not be allowed to bring your cell phone into the final exam area. If you do not take the final exam, you will receive an F for the course.

Dropping

The last day to drop a course at Odessa College for the first summer session is April 13th.

Prerequisites

MATH 0375 passed with a C or better, or an adequate placement exam score.

Tutoring

Tutoring is available through Developmental Studies and in the OC Math Lab. The hours for the math lab are Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM and 8:30AM-1:00PM on Fridays.

Back-Up Plan

You must have a back-up plan for this course in case your primary computer fails during the semester. Please detail the location of the two computers in your student information sheet. The two computers should not be in the same building in case of an internet failure.

Suggested Completion Dates
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Homework

Chapters	Date
1	1/25 (Wednesday)
2	2/7 (Tuesday)
3	2/23 (Thursday)
4	3/17 (Saturday)
5	3/30 (Friday)
6	4/6 (Friday)
7	4/18 (Wednesday)
10	4/25 (Wednesday)

Exams

Exam	Date
1: Chapters 1 & 2	2/8 (Wednesday)
2: Chapters 3 & 4	3/19 (Thursday)
3: Chapters 5,6,7, & 10	5/2 (Wednesday)
Final Exam: Chapters 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 & 10	5/8 (Tuesday)

Note: Your meaningful discussion board posts will be counted through 8:00 AM on Tuesday, May 8.