

COURSE: STP 226 - Elements of Statistics
12:40 - 1:30 MWF, Cowden 218

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TEXT: *Elementary Statistics*, 4th edition by Prof. Neil Weiss

Final Exam: Friday, Dec. 10, 12:20 - 2:10

Other Tests: Check the rest of the handout

Grading: Regular Exams: 60% Final Exam: 25%
 Quizzes 15%

Special Dates: August 27 - last day to drop/add
 Sept. 17 - last day for unrestricted withdrawal
 Oct. 29 - last day for restricted withdrawal

Particulars:

* Department Final Exam Policy

1. Religious conflict
2. More than 3 exams scheduled for the same day
3. Time conflict between two finals
4. Last minute personal or medical emergency

The department reserves the right to request written documentation to substantiate any claim of hardship. In Case (4), the student generally is given a mark of Incomplete provided that he/she has a passing grade going into the final exam and is able to take the final exam during the following semester.

* My policies

*Makeups: There are no makeup exams except for documented illness or emergency. I must be notified in advance whenever possible. For example, if you are sick the day of the exam you must call the department before the exam is to take place. Obviously you must make sure that the person answering the phone writes down the time of your call. If your illness cannot be medically documented there will be no makeup allowed.

*Quizzes

Quizzes will be given periodically. They will not be announced in advance and may be given at any time during the class period. They will be closed book and closed notes. They will cover material from previous class periods as well as simpler questions regarding future material. The reason for having quizzes is that all of us will do a better job and be a lot happier if we are caught up on the material and if we always are attuned to what we understand well and what we don't understand so well. These quizzes will last a few minutes. You should be able to answer the questions easily if you have come to class and paid attention. You will need a calculator.

*Calculators

I never ask questions on quizzes and exams which would give an advantage to someone with a fancy calculator. My calculator is a bottom of the line TI. Note that most calculators do a few statistical things, and it makes homework go a lot easier if you recognize that. However, on a quiz or an exam I would not expect that you know how to use these special functions in order to do well on the problem. **You must always bring your calculator to class.**

*Homework:

I will not collect homework. However, I would advise that you keep a notebook with the homework problems you have worked. At the end of the semester I will collect these notebooks and use them in the final grading as follows: If you are slightly below a cutoff point, I will bump you up if you show evidence that you have put effort into doing homework. Merely writing down the answers from the back of the book will not provide you with this benefit. **I will be happy to look at your homework problems anytime to let you know if you are on the right track. In fact, I would recommend that you talk to me or come see me with examples of your problems or talk to me about how you are working problems so that you can be sure you are on the right path. I will not bite you. In fact, I have been told that I am quite an approachable person. Of course, I have also been told that I am crazy. The point is that I encourage you to come see me or talk to me about your work.**

*Exams:

Exams will be open book, open notes, and calculator. You may use any study materials. The final exam is cumulative.

*Office Hours:

If you cannot come to my office hours, you can email me with questions or we can set up another time. I am in my office a lot so it is easy to find a time. My office is difficult to find. Take the elevator to the 4th floor and then go out the exit door to the stairs. I am in the stairwell. If you take the stairs it will be at the 4th floor landing.