Syllabus for STAT 215, Statistics Behavioral Sciences I, Fall 2020

Goal of course: To investigate data sets by performing statistical analyses on them. Analyzing data is a valuable skill in the workplace, and this class will give you a sense of what it is all about.

Text: There is no textbook: the class notes are freely available on our class.

Computational Resources: For lecturing, I will use WolframAlpha.com and SPSS for computations. For exams, you are expected to use WolframAlpha.com or a calculator (one with statistical functions such as the TI-83).

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Because of the pandemic, email is the best way to contact me this semester.

Office Hours and Other Appointments:
This semester, all lectures, office hours, and meetings outside class are online. Office hours during the semester are below. During final’s week, office hours will be announced at that time.

Mondays, 3:00-5:00 pm
Tuesdays, 4:55-5:55 pm
Thursdays, 12:05-2:05 pm

Prerequisite: Math 101 (C- or higher) or Math Placement Exam

Warning: You will NOT earn credit for STAT 215 if you have already passed either STAT 104 or STAT 200 or STAT 215.

Course Grading for STAT 215: There are 3 graded items this semester: two exams during the semester, and one final. You are required to do at least 2 of these but taking all 3 is optional. Your course grade will be the average of the best two of three (if you take all three) or the average of the two you did take. For example, if you got an 85 on Exam 1, a 90 on Exam 2, then the average is 87.5, which is a B+. If a this is a grade you’re happy with, then you don’t have to take the final. If you want to improve your course grade, then take the Final, and your course grade will be the average of the two best scores. For example, if you take the final and get an 88, then your course grade would be the average of 88 and 90 (the low score of 85 is dropped), which is 89, and is still a B+.

The course grade cutoffs are 93 A; 90 A-; 87 B+; 83 B; 80 B-; 77 C+; 73 C; 70 C-; 67 D+; 63 D; 60 D-.

Note that there are no make-up exams, and if you only do 1 (or less) of these three, you will fail this course. However, please contact me to explain why you missed so many exams. Once your course grade is posted, if you have questions or concerns about it, you must contact me within one calendar year.

Exam Aids: For each exam and the final you can use your notes, the course PowerPoint slides, a calculator, and/or WolframAlpha.com.

Homework: Homework will be gone over at the end of class, and the exam questions will be similar to the homework questions. However, the homework will not be graded, although answers will be given.

Advice: During the semester, if you have any issues that may affect your performance in this class, inform me as soon as possible. The longer you wait, the less likely that an accommodation can be made.

Online synchronous lectures: Please mute your microphones during lectures. Questions can be asked by chat, and at the end of each lecture I will leave time for discussions.
University’s Academic Integrity Policy: It is your responsibility to know the Student Code of Conduct (see [http://web.ccsu.edu/studentconduct/codeofconduct.asp](http://web.ccsu.edu/studentconduct/codeofconduct.asp)) and to read the Academic Integrity Website (see [http://www.ccsu.edu/academicintegrity/](http://www.ccsu.edu/academicintegrity/)). Some examples of misconduct are: copying from another student’s exam; allowing someone to copy from your exam; using unauthorized materials during a test; taking an exam out of the classroom during a test; and disrupting class. However, for a thorough discussion, see these two links.

Withdrawing from Class: The last day to easily withdraw (receive a grade of W) from a course is November 17, 2020. Please consult with your academic advisor prior to deciding to withdraw. Cessation of attendance, notice only to the instructor, or telephone calls to the Enrollment Center does not count as an official notice of your intention to drop the course. After the above date, withdrawals require approval of both the department chair and me.

Resources Available: If you need help at some point this semester, remember that (1) I have online office hours, (2) the Learning Center, [https://web.ccsu.edu/tlc/tutoring/default.asp](https://web.ccsu.edu/tlc/tutoring/default.asp), has free online tutoring for STAT 215, and (3) other students in this class are a potential resource for group studying and problem solving.

Disability Statement: Please contact me privately to discuss your specific needs if you believe you need course accommodations based on the impact of a disability, medical condition, or if you have emergency medical information to share. I must have a copy of the accommodation letter from Student Disability Services in order to arrange your class accommodations. Contact Student Disability Services, if you are not already registered with them. They maintain confidential documentation of your disability and will assist you in coordinating reasonable accommodations for this class.

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For support and advocacy, contact: The Victim Advocate at 860-832-3795; Student Wellness Services at 860-832-1926, the Women’s Center at 860-832-1655, the local YWCA’s Sexual Assault Crisis Services Hotline at 860-223-1787 (confidential) and Prudence Crandall Center for Domestic Violence (confidential) at 888-774-2900 (24-hour hotline). For more information, see [https://web.ccsu.edu/studentaffairs/resources/files/HowtoHelpBooklet2019.pdf](https://web.ccsu.edu/studentaffairs/resources/files/HowtoHelpBooklet2019.pdf).