

**University of Regina**  
**Statistics 252—Introduction to Statistical Inference**

**Section:** 001

**Lecture:** MWF 1230–1320 in Education Building, room 310 (ED 310).

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**Recommended (But NOT Required) Text:**

Dennis D. Wackerly, William Mendenhall III, Richard L. Scheaffer, *Mathematical Statistics with Applications*, Seventh Edition, Brooks/Cole, 2008.

**Course Description:**

3 credits. Sampling distribution theory and the Central Limit Theorem; large sample theory; methods of estimation and hypothesis testing including maximum likelihood estimation, likelihood ratio testing, and confidence interval construction. \*\*\* Prerequisite: STAT 251 with a grade of at least 60%.\*\*\*

**Student Responsibilities:**

Students should familiarize themselves with both the *Responsibilities of Students* in Section 5.1 and the *Responsibilities of Instructors* in Section 5.2 of the *Undergraduate Calendar*. Especially note item 8 which states that: Instructors are expected to conduct their courses in such a way as to obtain evidence of student writing skills, in term papers, essays, reports, or other written work, and to demand competence in writing for a passing grade

**Keeping Up-to-Date:**

This course is an introduction to the theory of mathematical statistics. It will progress in a manner similar to Stat 251. Most assigned problems will be computational in nature, however that does not mean they will be numerical. Instead, they will require symbolic manipulation and rigorous, careful use of theoretical constructs. There will not be much of a focus on proving major theorems; that is better left for Stat 452. Consequently, it is vital that students read the appropriate lecture notes and attempt the relevant homework problems. A glance at the syllabus will reveal that there will be a lively pace kept. Keeping up-to-date with the material is essential!

**Grading Information:**

Your final grade will be determined by your performance in the course, including assignments, the midterms, and the final exam. Students should consult *Grading Descriptions* in Section 5.9.1 of the *Undergraduate Calendar* for an outline of the expectations associated with various percentage grades.

<b>Evaluation Type</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage of Final Grade</b>
Assignments	10	10%
Midterm Exam	2	40%
Final Exam	1	50%

**Policy for Missed Classes, Missed Midterms, and Missed Final Exam:**

Students should familiarize themselves with the sections *Attendance* (Section 5.3) and *Deferral of Final Examinations and/or Term Work* (Section 5.8) of the *Undergraduate Calendar*.

**Assignments:**

As is the norm in a university-level course, it is not possible to cover all of the required material in lecture. As a result, each student must take an active rôle in his or her own education. Mathematics and Statistics are not spectator sports. They cannot be learned passively only by watching the instructor lecture. Instead they must be learned by doing. Consequently, most of what you learn in this course will be the result of working exercises that are designed to reinforce key concepts, develop skills, and test your understanding of the material. Before you try working the exercises, however, do the reading assignment. Reading the text will help you review the important concepts before you start on the exercises. After each class meeting, you should work all problems assigned from the section discussed that class. Assignments will take on the average 10–12 hours. You are encouraged to talk with your classmates about the homework; you might even want to form a study group to work together on the most difficult homework problems. However, all problems you submit must be your own work. *It is dishonest, and a serious University of Regina violation, to submit someone else's work as your own.*

**Midterm Exam:**

There will be two major midterm exams that will be given during the semester. The midterms will be closed-book, although one page of handwritten notes will be allowed. The exams will be comprehensive, and cover all the material listed on the syllabus before that midterm, including lectures, assigned readings, and assignments.

**Final Exam:**

As with the midterm exams, the final exam will be closed-book, although one page of handwritten notes will be allowed. The final exam will be comprehensive and cover all of the material listed on the syllabus, including both lecture work and assigned readings.

**Exam Dates:**

The midterms will be held in class during the usual class time, and the location of the final exam will be determined by the Registrar near the end of the term.

- Midterm Exam #1: **Monday, January 25, 2016, 1230–1320**
- Midterm Exam #2: **Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 1230–1320**
- Final Exam: **Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 900–1200**

**Academic Integrity:**

For a university community of scholars, academic integrity is the heart of intellectual life—both in learning and in research.

Students should read carefully the University of Regina guidelines on *Student Behaviour* in Section 5.13 of the *Undergraduate Calendar*, and not assume they understand what integrity and cheating are and are not. Academic integrity most certainly implies more at the university than it did in high school. The standards of integrity are those that prevail in professional life. Students must acknowledge and cite ideas they adopt from others (not just direct quotations), and understand the general standards and policies of academic integrity, as well as specific expectations in individual courses. When in doubt, ask!