

# Math 355      Spring 2017

Sections 8 (12pm MTWR, SCI A202), 12 (3pm MTWR, SCI A202) and 13 (4pm MTWR, SCI A202)

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**Final Exam:** 5/15, 5:00-7:00pm

**Office Hours:** 11am – 11:50 am MTR, 2pm – 2:50pm MRWR, and usually from ~5-6pm MTR

**Course Description: MATH 355. Elementary Statistical Methods.** 4 cr. Fundamental concepts and techniques that underlie applications to various disciplines, including descriptive statistics; averages; dispersion; random sampling; binomial, normal, Student T, Chi-square, and F distributions; estimation and tests of hypothesis; linear regression and correlation; laboratory emphasis on sampling and applications. Does not count toward math major/minor, or major for teacher certification. **Prerequisite:** 100 or suitable placement test score. GDR: MATH BS BM/BFA

**Required Text:** Introduction to the Practice of Statistics, Eighth Edition by Moore, McCabe and Craig, published by W. H. Freeman and Company. ISBN: 978-1-4641-5893-3, available thru text rental. You will also need to purchase the Launchpad access code at text rental – ISBN: 978-1-4641-3340-4.

## Course Goals

Students are expected to understand statistical concepts. This understanding is to be demonstrated by doing assigned problems from the book, completing online homework, and exam performance, as well as by class discussion. We will cover most of chapters 1 – 9 in the text. Chapter 1 – Looking at Data – Distributions, Chapter 2 – Looking at Data – Relationships, Chapter 3 – Producing Data, Chapter 4 – Probability: The Study of Randomness, Chapter 5 – Sampling Distributions, Chapter 6 – Introduction to Inference, Chapter 7 – Inference for Distributions, Chapter 8 - Inference for Proportions, and Chapter 9 – Analysis of Two-Way Tables. Critical understanding of the concepts will be necessary. Thinking is required.

***After completing this course, students will be able to: (1) Select, analyze and interpret appropriate numerical data used in everyday life in numerical and graphical format, (2) identify and apply appropriate strategies of quantitative problem solving in theoretical and practical applications, and (3) construct a conclusion using quantitative justification.***

**Website:** We'll be using Launchpad. Instructions have been emailed to you already (and are also on the last page of this syllabus), including the links for registering and the site with FAQs about using the Launchpad. Their customer support phone number is (800) 936-6899. If you are having problems, call them, please, not me.

## **Calculators and Computers**

A calculator will be required for this course. It must be capable of doing **two variable statistics** (including linear correlation and regression) and may be used on all exams. If you are going to purchase a calculator for this course, a good one might be the **TI-30X IIS**. It's easy to use, easy to find, and it doesn't cost much (less than \$15). Any scientific calculator that can handle two variable statistics will do. (A graphing calculator is fine and a TI-83 Plus or TI-84 is very "user-friendly" for stats; I would not recommend *purchasing* a graphing calculator unless you will need it for other math classes.) You **MAY NOT** use your cell phone calculator on exams (specifically, you may not use a device that can communicate with others.)

**The computer software MINITAB will be used extensively in this course (mostly for chapters 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9)**, and so when we are in those chapters, you will need to use the program for at least portion of your work outside of class. The program is very user-friendly, especially if you have any computer background to speak of. Instructional videos for using Minitab (as well as Excel and TI graphing calculators) are available in Launchpad under Resources, or in the eBook at the beginning of the chapter sections. Minitab will allow us to more easily analyze data and will save a lot of time. When off campus you will need to remote into one of the campus labs – contact the HELP Desk if you need guidance on doing this. Using Excel (or sometimes a TI graphing calculator) instead of Minitab is another possible option.

**Supplemental Instruction (SI)** is a free program funded by a U.S. Dept. of Education Title III grant. SI offers structured, interactive study sessions designed to give you the chance to work with your classmates to practice course concepts and review lecture material. Your SI leader, Kaitlin Kakes, is an experienced SI who has taken this course before and done well. Although there is no guarantee, on average students who attend SI consistently (5 or more sessions) tend to earn a higher grade in the course than students who do not attend SI sessions. Times and location of the sessions will be announced as soon as possible.

### **Assessment:**

#### **Homework (7% of your grade)**

As with all math courses, it is very important to DO problems yourself. It is one thing to follow what I am doing in class, and another altogether to be able to do it on your own. You must practice! In light of this, I will be giving you a list of assigned exercises from the textbook that you should do. Please take responsibility for your learning and do these problems. These will NOT be collected or graded, and there are a variety of resources for checking your answers. In addition, I will assign some questions to answer online as well (always titled HW – for example, "*Ch 1.1 and 1.2 HW*"). These HW assignments will contribute 8% of your grade. There will be about 10-12 such assignments and the lowest 2 grades will be dropped.

#### **"Learning Curve" Assignments (online) (3% of your grade)**

When you select a Learning Curve activity, you are presented with a series of questions to answer. Correct answers earn varying numbers of points. Questions in each activity are divided into levels. If you get a question correct without hints, the next question for that topic will come from the next most difficult level. In

this way, Learning Curve adapts to your needs and is able to adjust its level of difficulty based on your performance. When you complete a target score you are done and will earn full credit. There will be about 19-20 Learning Curve assignments and the lowest 5 grades will be dropped.

### Videos (3% of your grade)

I will also be assigning videos to watch on Launchpad. If you watch a video by the due date, you will get credit for doing so. Points earned by watching the videos will count for 3% of your total course grade. You may miss up to 7 of the assigned videos with no penalty. This is about 20% of the assigned videos.

### Unit Exams

There will be four unit exams. The first three exams will each be worth 18% of your total grade; your fourth exam (which will be a take-home) will be worth 15% of your total grade. It is possible that some of the exams (or portions of the exams) may be take-homes and/or taken in Launchpad. For all but the **first** exam, you will be allowed to have a one-page crib sheet.

***Please bring your textbook (or hard copies of relevant tables), calculator and crib sheet (except for Exam I) to all exams.***

***All exam dates will be verified within one week of the exam.***

**NOTE: An absence for a unit exam must be excused IN ADVANCE in order for a make-up exam to be allowed. Note that Exam II may be right before Spring Break – do NOT leave early for Break!**

*Topics covered for the exams (dates subject to change):*

*Exam I: Chapters 1 – 2                      Tentative date on or about 10/5*

*Exam II: Chapters 3 – 4                     Tentative date on or about 10/27*

*Exam III: Chapters 5, 6, 7.1                Tentative date on or about 11/23*

*Exam IV: Chapters 7, 8, 2.6 (and 9?)      Tentative date on or about 12/8*

*Exam IV will be a take-home (you may work in small groups and will be using Minitab) at the end of the semester. You will have approximately 5-6 days to do this exam.*

### Final Exam (18% of your grade)

The final exam will be **comprehensive** and will count as 15% of your final grade. The final is on the first day of final exams, MONDAY, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm. The location will be announced later. As with all the exams (except Exam I), you may have a crib sheet for this exam. **You may use your previously prepared crib sheets along with one additional sheet (a “sheet” is a regular 8.5x11 inch piece of paper, and no, I don’t care if you write on only one side or two.** My only proviso is that you cannot bring a magnifying glass to read your crib sheet!).

### Grading Scale:

<b>A:</b>	<b>≥ 92%</b>	<b>A – :</b>	<b>≥ 90% but &lt; 92%</b>
<b>B + :</b>	<b>≥ 88% but &lt; 90%</b>	<b>B :</b>	<b>≥ 82% but &lt; 88%</b>
<b>B – :</b>	<b>≥ 80% but &lt; 82%</b>	<b>C + :</b>	<b>≥ 78% but &lt; 80%</b>
<b>C :</b>	<b>≥ 72% but &lt; 78%</b>	<b>C – :</b>	<b>≥ 70% but &lt; 72%</b>
<b>D + :</b>	<b>≥ 68% but &lt; 70%</b>	<b>D :</b>	<b>≥ 62% but &lt; 68%</b>
<b>D – :</b>	<b>≥ 60% but &lt; 62%</b>	<b>F :</b>	<b>&lt; 62%</b>

**General Course Policies:**

- 1) You may work with other students on worksheets, assigned exercises, etc., but NOT on exams.
- 2) Exams must be YOUR work only unless I have specifically said I am allowing you to work with a partner (on take-homes).
- 3) In general, make-up exams are NOT allowed. If there is an unavoidable conflict, a make-up MAY be allowed IF you contact me IN ADVANCE. In case of an emergency, you MUST contact me (best via email) or call the department office (346-2120) BEFORE the exam. You must be prepared to document your absence.

**Attendance** will be taken almost every day. It is obviously to your advantage to be in class unless you are ill. Therefore, attendance is expected at every class meeting. Attendance per se does not count toward your grade, but clearly poor attendance will have a negative impact on your grade, so it is wise to attend class. It is the student's responsibility to know what we covered in class, so ask a fellow student and get notes from someone. Please do not email me and ask if you "missed anything important"! **IF YOU ARE SICK (ESPECIALLY WITH FLU SYMPTOMS) please STAY HOME!!** An email notifying me of your absence is appreciated if you miss more than two classes in a row.

**Classroom Atmosphere:**

In order to maintain a comfortable learning atmosphere, I expect that students will:

1. Keep their cell phones turned off during class!
2. Not be embarrassed to raise their hands to ask questions or be corrected.
3. Send emails that are properly addressed in an appropriate tone that contain grammatically correct sentences. ("Hey prof, sry I wuz L8 2day LOL" is unacceptable, and I WILL NOT reply). I prefer to be addressed as Mrs. Milkovich, or as Professor Milkovich.
4. Contact their fellow classmates when absent. In other words, if you miss a class, DO NOT call/email me to find out what you missed.
5. Become familiar with this syllabus. It answers many common questions. Read it.
6. Be in class on time, prepared to work. That means you have prepared by doing your homework and have skimmed the new section and are trying to clarify concepts you have encountered (as opposed to using class time to initially introduce yourself to the concepts).

**Academic Integrity:** (Cheating policy)

Any act of academic dishonesty will be dealt with by applying the most stringent penalties permitted. Cheating includes but is not limited to receiving help during exams and submitting homework without properly acknowledging persons who assisted you. Please read carefully the policy found at:

<http://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Pages/Academic-Misconduct.aspx>

**Accommodations:**

Special consideration may be made for students with disabilities. Information regarding Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or the Americans with Disabilities Act can be found at the UWSP Disability and Assistive Technology Center site <http://www.uwsp.edu/disability/Pages/Student%20Resources/default.aspx>. To request any accommodations relevant to this class, you should first discuss the matter first with the staff at the Center. Details regarding the documentation necessary to qualify for accommodation can be found on the website.

SPRING SEMESTER 2017 Maggie Milkovich					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	
10:00:00 AM					
11:00:00 AM	office	office		office	<i>Please</i>
12:00:00 PM	Math 355-8 A202	Math 355-8 A202	Math 355-8 A202	Math 355-8 A202	<i>note...</i>
1:00:00 PM			office		<i>I am not</i>
2:00:00 PM	office	office	office	office	<i>typically</i>
3:00:00 PM	Math 355-12 A202	Math 355-12 A202	Math 355-12 A202	Math 355-12 A202	<i>on campus</i>
4:00:00 PM	Math 355-13 A202	Math 355-13 A202	Math 355-13 A202	Math 355-13 A202	<i>on Fridays</i>
5:00:00 PM	will often be in office until about 6pm... except on Wednesdays				

# LAUNCHPAD

*(The following is the information I sent last Friday in an email.)*

We will be using an online learning environment called LaunchPad. The course has been activated and is ready to allow registration now. Please follow these steps:

- To register for this course go to:  
<http://www.macmillanhighered.com/launchpad/ips8e/4890019>
- PLEASE bookmark the page to make it easy to return to.
- You may use the free 21-day access (so that in case you decide to drop the course in the first few weeks you will not have paid for the access code)

*OR*

- You may use the access code for Launchpad (ISBN: 978-1-4641-3340-4) you are purchasing at text rental right away. You should purchase the access code at university text rental/bookstore – do not pay for in online, as it will cost a lot more!
- To navigate and start using LaunchPad please consult the [Get Started guide](#) and/or [view this video](#).
- If you have problems registering, purchasing, or logging in, please contact Customer Support. Please do NOT contact me.
- You can reach a representative 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the [online form](#), by chat, or by phone at (800) 936-6899. The phone line hours are:

Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Saturday 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Looking forward to seeing you in class!

I strongly encourage you to get registered, check out the guide, and start the assignments within the first few days of the semester.

**The first few assignments (watching short videos) will be due by the end of day, Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup>.**