



COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Introduction to Computational Statistics

Abbreviated Title As Appears on Transcript **Intro Comp Statistics**

Course Number: **DMAT 125**

Credit Hours: **4 credits [semester credit hours]**

Course Description: A single course on the study of non-Calculus-based statistics, including descriptive statistics, probability, estimation, hypothesis testing, regression, and correlation, with emphasis on graphical and computational investigations, leading to the Central Limit Theorem.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of 3 years high school mathematics (C- or higher) or instructor consent.

Course Workload: 4 semester credit hours • 3 student work hours per credit hour • 14 week Carnegie semester = 168 hours student course workload average

Examination Requirements: Proctored written final examination must be passed at 60% or higher to earn passing grade in course. "B" and "A" grade paths have additional examinations.

See <https://www.distancecalculus.com/grades/> for more information.

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Accredited by New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

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E-Textbook: "The Primitives of Precalculus" by Robert R. Curtis, Ph.D.; "Statistics & LiveMath" by Robert R. Curtis, Ph.D., adapted from Davis/Porta/Uhl "Prob/Stat&Mathematica" courseware series

Mathematical Software: LiveMath™ Computer Algebra & Graphing System

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Learning Outcomes for DMAT 125 - Introduction to Computational Statistics

1. To identify, manipulate, and understand the concept of data sampling
2. To graphically identify and numerically compute the variance, mean, median, mode, and other measures of descriptive statistics
3. To compute and plot various graphical descriptions of data, including histograms
4. To compute, manipulate, and understand basic concepts of probability measure
5. To compute, manipulate, and understand the concept of distributions
6. To identify, manipulate, and understand the core Normal distribution and its properties
7. To understand the Central Limit Theorem that averages of data samples tend to be normally distributed
8. To identify, manipulate, and compute confidence intervals and hypothesis testing
9. To identify, manipulate, and compute linear regression and goodness-of-fit testing

Syllabus Topics Outline for DMAT 125 - Introduction to Computational Statistics

1. Getting Started
 - 1.1. Email and Chat
 - 1.2. Learning About the Course
 - 1.3. Required Hardware
 - 1.4. Software Fundamentals

2. Simulations
 - 2.1. Uniform Distributions
 - 2.2. Area via Monte Carlo Method and Geometry

3. Data Analysis
 - 3.1. Frequency
 - 3.2. Expected Value
 - 3.3. Cumulative Distributions
 - 3.4. Variance
 - 3.5. Histograms
 - 3.6. Related formulas for Expected Values and Variance

4. Probabilities
 - 4.1. Calculating Probability
 - 4.2. Union and Intersection and Probability
 - 4.3. Conditional Probability Formula
 - 4.4. Independence
 - 4.5. Indicator functions
 - 4.6. Markov's Theorem

5. Normal and Exponential Distributions

- 5.1. Normal Distributions
- 5.2. Exponential Distribution
- 5.3. Classical Usage of Normal Distributions
- 5.4. Averages of Data and Normal Distributions

6. Random Variables
 - 6.1. "Random Variables"
 - 6.2. Discrete Random Variables
 - 6.3. Expected Values and Variance
 - 6.4. Mean, Median, and Mode

7. Correlations
 - 7.1. Interpolation and Extrapolation
 - 7.2. Linear, Exponential, Polynomial Fitting
 - 7.3. Expected Values, Covariance, Correlation, Regression
 - 7.4. Best Fit: Data to Algebra

8. Central Limit Theorem & Confidence
 - 8.1. Central Limit Theorem
 - 8.2. Sampling and Confidence Intervals
 - 8.3. Hypothesis Testing