Place and time: 30 SH, MWF 12:30 - 1:20pm.

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Prerequisite: 22M:027 and 22M:028 or equivalents.


About the course: This is a course on basic mathematical statistics. The topics I intend to cover are from Chapters 1 to 5 of Hogg, McKean and Craig (2005), which include:

1. Probability and Distributions
2. Multivariate Distributions
3. Some Important Distributions
4. Modes of Convergence
5. Basic Statistical Inferences (If time permits)

I think it is a good idea to spend at least 2-3 hours outside the class for each class period. I want to help you as much as possible, and I hope we are going to have a great semester.

Homework: Homework will be assigned on Fridays and due the following Friday at the end of the class. Assignments will be posted on ICON for 22S:153:002. (https://icon.uiowa.edu). No late homework will be accepted. You are welcome to discuss homework problems with me during my office hours or by appointment. You are also encouraged to discuss homework problems with other students. However, what you hand in must ultimately be your own work. Please keep in mind that doing homework is very important for understanding the materials in this class.

Quizzes and Exams: We will have 6 short quizzes (10 to 15 minutes), two midterm exams and a final exam.

Grading: Homework: 15%. Quizzes: 15%. Midterms: 35%. Final: 35%. Grade will be determined by the weighted total score. Scale runs like the following (and I may adjust it a little): A (90-100), B (75-89), C (55-74), D (40-54). Plus/minus grading will be used.
Important Dates

08/31: Quiz 1
09/14: Quiz 2
09/28: Quiz 3
10/05: Midterm 1
10/19: Quiz 4
11/02: Quiz 5
11/16: Midterm 2
11/30: Quiz 6
12/20: Final (December 20, 12:00-2:00pm, Room 30 SH)

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