PSY K300, Spring 2014
Statistical Techniques – Syllabus

CLASS TIME AND PLACE
Sections 20028 and 30780
MWF, 9:05 – 9:55 AM PY 226

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TEXTBOOK
This book is available in four formats:
  – Section 20028 is using the Courseload eText but will still need to purchase a StatsPortal access card from the bookstore to complete the HW assignments (ISBN: 9781464161162)
  – Section 30780 students can choose one of these two options:
    – Softcover with Portal (eBook, HW, study aids, etc.) access (ISBN: 9781464162121)
    – Loose-leaf with Portal (eBook, HW, study aids, etc.) access (ISBN: 9781464162138)

The textbook will serve primarily as a reference resource and a study aid, not required reading. However, the text is still required because you will need it in order to have access to the homework problems.

You must have to have access to the web portal for this course – do not just buy the textbook without the portal access card. Note that the Courseload eText does not include Portal access, so students in section 20028 must purchase a separate Portal access card. A significant portion of the homework assignments in this class will be accessed through the portal. If you do not purchase portal access, you will not be able to complete and submit those assignments.

Copies of the book and Portal access cards are available at the IU bookstore and through various online sources. Please contact me immediately if you have any trouble obtaining copies of the textbook.
HOMEWORK AND EXAMS
There will be 10 homework assignments in the course. Some of the problems will be written out and turned in during class, others will come from the textbook’s Stats Portal and will be completed and graded online. The details for each homework assignment will be posted on Oncourse, and each assignment will be due on the specified date at the beginning of class. Late homework will not be accepted. I will not hand out hard copies of the homework assignments or photocopies of the problems from the textbook. It is your responsibility to get the assignments from Oncourse and to get the problems from the textbook.

Your homework must be neat, well organized and easy to read and follow. Grading statistics homework is tedious at best; please respect your TAs by making it as easy on them as possible by doing the problems in order and clearly marking your final answers. I have given the TAs the ability to deduct points from homework that is particularly disorganized or hard to follow, so it is in your best interest to be clear.

When calculating your final homework score, I will drop your lowest homework grade. The top 9 homework assignments together contribute 30% to your final grade.

There will be three in-class exams during the course of the semester and an optional cumulative final exam during finals week. The three exams will each span two class periods. The first day of each exam will cover theories and your understanding of the conceptual basis of statistics. The conceptual exam will be closed book, close note, and you will not need a calculator. The second day of each exam will cover the computational aspects of statistics. The computational exams will be closed-book and closed-note, but you will have access to all of the relevant equations and formulas for the material. Each exam will focus primarily on the new material learned since the previous exam, but questions about older material may be included as well.

It is your responsibility to double-check your HW and exam grades – both that the papers themselves were correctly graded and that the scores posted on Oncourse match your actual grades. You have two weeks from the time a HW or exam is returned to the class to address any grading issues with me. After that, the grades posted on Oncourse will be considered final.

If you have a scheduling conflict or cannot take any of the exams at its appointed date and time, you must let me know as soon as possible. With the exception of extreme and unforeseen circumstances, contacting me the day of (or even worse, after) the exam will be considered an unexcused absence and will result in a zero on that portion of the exam.

To recap, your final grade is computed using one of the following formulas:
If you do not take the final exam:
Average of the 9 best homeworks: 30%
Average of the 3 in-class exams: 70%
100%
If you do turn in the final exam:
   Average of the 9 best homeworks:       30%
   Average of the 3 in-class exams:     45%
   Final exam:            25%

100%

Grading Scale:
A+:  97.0%-100%;  A:  93.0%-96.99%; A-:  90.0%-92.99%
B+:  87.0%-89.99%; B:  83.0%-86.99%; B-:  80.0%-82.99%
C+:  77.0%-79.99%; C:  73.0%-76.99%; C-:  70.0%-72.99%
D+:  67.0%-69.99%; D:  63.0%-66.99%; D-:  60.0%-62.99%
F:   Below 60%

EXTRA CREDIT
“The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools.” – Herbert Spencer

I do not offer any extra credit in this course. If you put all of the effort that you might invest in worrying about extra credit and proposing extra credit ideas into making sure that your assignments are done and done well the first time, you’ll achieve much better results.

CLICKERS
Clickers (Turning Technologies Response Card keypads) will be used in this class, and I require that you have one. I recommend the ResponseCard NXT so that you can respond to both multiple-choice and numeric questions. However, if you already own the RF keypad or cannot afford the NXT, you may use the RF keypad. I do not intend to use the clickers to take attendance or for graded in-class quizzes. Instead, they will be used as a way for me to get instant, anonymous feedback about whether you understand the concepts being taught, and to quickly collect data for in-class experiments and examples. If it appears that many of you are not bringing your clickers to class with you, I do reserve the right to change my policy to encourage clicker compliance.

RESPECT
In order for this class to work well, there must be a certain level of respect between you and me and between you and your fellow classmates. Please be smart with your in-class behavior. If you have to arrive late, enter quietly and sit in the back. If you believe that you may leave early, please sit in the back and slip out quietly. Please turn off your cell phones and do not text-message your friends while I’m teaching. If you are being disruptive to me or to the class, I will ask you to leave.

FEEDBACK
Do not wait until the end of the semester course evaluations to let me know that I could be doing something better. Tell me as soon as possible so that I can make the class valuable and relevant as we go along.

If you have any feedback, good or bad, about the course or how it’s being taught, please feel free to send it to me anonymously using this link:
http://www.indiana.edu/~rahteach/feedback.html
**Academic Honesty**
This course is conducted under the University's Ethics Code. Specifically, it is considered cheating if you obtain any kind of information about answers and solutions to the assignments in this course – exams and homework – from any non-intended source (including your peers) or conversely transfer such information to others. It is also considered cheating if you lie to me about an absence relating to a homework assignment or an exam. The punishment for academic dishonesty is **failure of the course**. As per university policy, all incidents of academic misconduct must be reported to the Dean of Students office.

**Class Recordings**
I will be using a course capture system that allows us (me and UITS) to audio- and video-record and distribute lectures to you in a secure environment.

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Due to possible unforeseen technical issues, we cannot guarantee that all class sessions will be properly recorded. It is important that you attend class, actively participate, and take notes. If you miss a class session, you cannot assume that a recording will be available.

**Statement for Students with Disabilities**
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact IU Disability Services for Students.

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**Disclaimer**
This syllabus is an outline of the course and its policies, which may be changed for reasonable purposes during the semester at the instructor’s discretion. You will be notified in class and / or via email if any changes are made to this syllabus, and an updated syllabus will be provided on Oncourse.
TIPS FOR THE SUCCESSFUL STUDENT

1. **Come to class!** Statistics is a very important piece of many curricula, including psychology, since statistical inference is a fundamental component of scientific research. In this course, each step tends to build upon the previous concepts. So, if you miss classes, you will get lost quickly.

2. For the same reason, **please ask questions in class** if concepts are unclear.

3. **Do the homework.** That sounds obvious, but every semester several students fail the course only because they did not turn in several homework assignments. Take the homework seriously. You will regret it if you do not.

4. **Get started on homework early** so that you have time to get any questions answered.

5. I encourage you to **work in small groups** doing your homework assignments and studying for the exams. Working in groups tends to help solidify your understanding of the material. However, your homework must be your own work. You cannot put multiple names on a single homework or photocopy homework and turn it in as your own.

6. **Bring your calculator to the exams!** Yes, calculators are allowed, but **no cell phone calculators on the exams.** I may not be able to lend you a calculator if you forget yours.

7. Feel free to contact me. My office hours are listed above. **You do not need an appointment to come see me during office hours.** If you need to see me outside office hours, send me an email, and we’ll set up a time to meet.

8. Please **turn off all cell phones** during class time.

9. All Indiana University policies will be respected and followed in this class.