**BUS 215/NRS 215 Applied Statistics**

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Credits: 3

**Course Description:**  
An introductory course in statistical procedures with applications to business and health care. Topics include statistics, the binomial and normal distributions, sampling, hypothesis testing, estimation, correlations, contingency tables, one-way analysis of variance and linear regressions. Upon completing this class, students will be able to: 1) collect a data set, identify the sampling method used, and recognize potential bias, 2) describe a dataset with tabular, graphical, and numerical methods, 3) test various hypothesis and construct confidence intervals, 4) scrutinize and interpret results and draw meaningful conclusions, and 5) present your data and results in a way that is concise, visually appealing, and provides information to the reader.

**Intended Audience:** Students completing an undergraduate degree.

**Required Text and Readings:**  

**Course Objectives:**  
At the conclusion of this course, students will be able to:  
1. Collect a data set, analyze the sampling method used for appropriateness and reliability, and recognize potential bias.  
2. Describe a dataset with tabular, graphical, and numerical methods.  
3. Test various hypotheses and construct confidence intervals.  
4. Analyze, evaluate, and interpret results and draw meaningful conclusions.  
5. Present data and results in a way that is concise, visually appealing, and provides information to the reader.

Student learning of each objective will be assessed using homework, exams and a final project.

**Policies:**  
**Attendance:**  
This is a labor intensive course in terms of reading, assignments, in-class activities including exams. There is an exam each week starting the second week. To do well in understanding the concepts and processes of applied statistics students need to attend each class.

**Grading:**  
Homework (7) ............70 points  
Exams (7) ...............140 points  
Project ....................70 points  
Total points...............280 points  
Exams and homework consists of problems and essay assignments.

**Grading Scale:**  
A+ 97% B+87%  
A  93% B  83%  
A- 90% B- 80%  
C+77%  
C  73%  
C- 70%
Academic Integrity:
The instructor will follow the Doane College policy on Academic Integrity which states: *The Doane College Academic Integrity Policy will be adhered to in this class. All projects and tests will represent your own work. Any use of others’ ideas and words without proper citation of sources is plagiarism and will result in penalties to be determined by the instructor and/or the dean of graduate studies.*

**The penalty for violation of this policy is an “F” in the course.**

Late Work:
The dates provided in this syllabus are designed to reach the completion of all work within the eight week time frame. Material is cumulative in nature and failure to meet any deadline will jeopardize the completion of the course within the allotted time frame. Assignments received one week late will be docked 25% of the total points possible. Assignments two weeks late will be docked 50% of the total. Assignments will not be accepted more than two weeks late. This policy may be waived in extreme cases.

Special Notes:
All course communication between the instructor and students must be through the use of your Doane email address. If you send the instructor anything via another email address, it will not be accepted.

### Course Schedule

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**Project Requirements:**
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Each student will
1. Collect ten observations
2. Describe
   a. what the data is
   b. how data was collected
3. Do exploratory analysis using a stem plot
4. Find the mean, median and mode
5. Find the standard deviation
6. Find 68% and 99.7% confidence intervals
7. Find 80% and 99% confidence intervals using t tables
8. Conduct hypothesis test
9. Presentation and analysis of results.