Social Studies 201 General Methods of Statistics Winter 2004

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Class hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10:30 - 11:20, CL410

Labs: Tuesday, 8:30 - 9:45 and 10:00 - 11:15, CL109

Thursday 10:00 - 11:15, CL109

Texts

- Paul Gingrich, Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences, Parts 1 and 2
- Handouts to be provided in class

Grading

Problem sets 40% Midterm exams 30% Final exam 30%

All examinations are open book.

Accommodation and University Policies. See attached sheet "Faculty of Arts Announcements Winter 2004."

Calculator

Each student should have a calculator with the ordinary arithmetic functions and a square root button. A calculator having one or more memories will prove useful for some statistical problems, but the memories are not essential.

Computer

This semester we will be using a statistical program called SPSS. You will learn how to work with this program in the Tuesday and Thursday labs that meet in CL109. Several computer based problems will be assigned during the semester. The grade for these will be included as part of the 40% of the grade for the problem sets.

Course Outline

The chapter numbers in this outline refer to the chapters in *Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences*.

Week of:	Topic:	Chapter:
January 5 January 12 January 19 January 26 february 2	Introduction Data Production and Measurement Frequency Distributions Measures of Central Tendency Measures of Variation	Ch. 1 Ch. 2-3 Ch. 4 Ch. 5 Ch. 5
First Midterm — February 4		
February 9 February 16 February 23	Probability Mid-term break Normal Distribution	Ch. 6
March 1 March 8	Sampling Distributions Estimation	Ch. 7 Ch. 8
Second Midterm — March 17		
March 15 March 22 March 29 April 5	Estimation and Sample Size Hypothesis Tests Hypothesis Tests Chi Square Tests	Ch. 8 Ch. 9 Ch. 9 Ch. 10

Final examination from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, April 21