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Course Information

Instructor

Dr. [Aaron Childs](#) (office BSB-113)

Office Hours: Tuesday 9:30-10:20, Wednesday 2:30-3:20, Friday 9:30-10:20

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Teaching Assistants

Lectures

- Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 in KTH/B135

Labs

- Lab 1 - Mondays 2:30-4:20
- Lab 2 - Tuesdays 2:30-4:20
- Lab 3 - Thursdays 9:30-11:20
- Lab 4 - Fridays 9:30-11:20
- Check your timetable to see which lab time to go to
- All labs are in BS/244
- Labs will start on Monday, September 13

Textbook

"Introductory Statistics, Fifth Edition by Neil A. Weiss. Published by Addison-Wesley, 1999.

Software

Minitab for Windows, Release 12

Material to be Covered

- Organizing Data (Chapter 2).
- Descriptive Measures (Chapter 3).
- Probability Concepts (Chapter 4).
- Discrete Random Variables (Chapter 5).
- The Normal Distribution (Chapter 6).
- The Sampling Distribution of the Mean (Chapter 7).
- Confidence Intervals for One Population Mean (Chapter 8).
- Hypothesis Tests for One Population Mean (Chapter 9).

Homework Assignments

- There will be six [assignments](#).
- On each assignment there will be regular problems, and computer problems.
- There should be enough time during the computer labs to complete all of the computer component of the assignments.
- Make sure to write your name (clearly!), your student number and your tutorial number on each assignment.
- You are required to write well-organized and readable solutions.
- For due dates and times refer to the [calendar](#) or the [assignment page](#).
- After your assignments are marked they will be returned to you in the labs, approximately one week after the due date.

Library

Copies of solutions to assignments and tests will be available at the reserve desk in Thode Library. There is also a copy of the textbook on reserve.

Tests

- There will be two one-hour tests.
- Details (e.g., material the test will cover, exam locations, etc.) will be given in class.
- McMaster standard calculator Casio fx-991 is allowed.
- For test dates and times, refer to the [calendar](#).
- It is essential that you bring your McMaster ID card to both tests.
- All necessary tables will be provided with the test paper.

Final Examination

- As scheduled by the Registrar.
- Details (e.g., material the final exam will cover, final examination locations, etc.) will be given in class.
- McMaster standard calculator Casio fx-991 is allowed.
- It is essential that you bring your McMaster ID card to the final exam.
- Some formulas and all necessary tables will be provided with the exam paper.

Course Evaluation

Homework	20%
Test #1	20%
Test #2	20%
Final Exam	40%

In case of Difficulty/Problems

- Contact your instructor or your T.A. as soon as possible. Failing that, contact the Associate Dean's Office in GS-116.
- If you have concerns about preparing for tests and examinations, improving your study habits, giving class presentations, or mastering English as a second language, the [Centre for Student Development](#) can help.

Senate Policy Statements

- Your attention is drawn to the following documents:
[Statement on Academic Ethics](#)
[Senate Resolutions on Academic Dishonesty](#)
- Any student who infringes one of these resolutions will be treated according to the published policy.

Objectives of the Course

- To learn how to model and quantify variability in observed data.
- To learn how to draw inferences from data subject to variability.
- To learn how to use Minitab for Windows.
- To provide students with the basic concepts of probability.
- To teach students how to model variability in a variety of applied problems.
- To introduce students to the basic statistical methods to draw inferences from observed data.
- To apply statistical methods to analyze different types of data.

Calendar

Thursday September 9: Classes Start.

Monday, September 20: Labs start.

BLOCK 1: September 9-21 - **Sections:** Chapters 2 and 3

Assignment #1 - Due Date: 3:00 PM on Friday September 24

BLOCK 2: September 23 - October 5 - **Sections:** Chapter 4

Assignment #2 - Due Date: 3:00 PM on Friday October 8

Midterm #1: Wednesday October 20, 6:30-7:30 PM.

BLOCK 3: October 7-19 - **Sections:** Chapter 5

Assignment #3 - Due Date: 12:00 Noon on Tuesday October 26

BLOCK 4: October 21 - November 2 - **Sections:** Chapter 6

Assignment #4 - Due Date: 3:00 PM on Friday November 5

Midterm #2: Wednesday November 17, 6:30-8:00 PM.

BLOCK 5: November 4-16 - **Sections:** Chapters 7 and 8

Assignment #5 - Due Date: 12:00 Noon on Monday November 22

BLOCK 6: November 18 - November 30 - **Sections:** Chapter 9

Assignment #6 - Due Date: 3:00 PM on Friday December 3

Final Exam: To be Announced

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