Applied Probability and Statistics
MATH 3342.W02
Department of Mathematics & Statistics
Fall 2020

A. COURSE INFORMATION

Course number/section: MATH 3342-W02
Class meeting time: Asynchronous, but may meet online on TR 09:30-10:45AM
Class location: https://tamucc.webex.com/meet/jguardiola
Course Website: https://bb9.tamucc.edu/webapps/login/

B. INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

Instructor: Dr. Jose Guardiola
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C. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Catalog Course Description
This is an introduction to statistical methods. Emphasis is placed on interpretation and understanding of statistical concepts. Students use data analysis to learn and detect patterns and structure in data. They explore the basic concepts of statistics such as discrete and continuous distributions, numerical summary measures, probability, sampling distributions, fitting a line to bivariate data, estimation, confidence intervals and hypothesis testing.

D. PREREQUISITES AND COREQUISITES

Prerequisites
MATH 2413, Calculus I, or the equivalent.

E. REQUIRED TEXTBOOK(S), READINGS AND SUPPLIES

Required Textbook(s)

JMP software (JMP Pro®, Version 15, Copyright © 2013 SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC) will
be provided a link to download a version of the program from BB.

PC or Mac Computer (not Chromebooks) equipped with video camera, if you don’t have one please contact me ASAP. Need to download and install the lockdown browser, please visit link at https://download.respondus.com/lockdown/download.php?id=797913747

Students must have a reliable internet connection and computer equipped with a web-camera. In addition, each student needs to download Respondus Lockdown Browser & Monitor and save it on your desktop. The link is found here: http://iol.tamucc.edu/respondus.html

A TI-83/84 plus graphing calculator is recommended for the course. Computer type calculators such as TI-Nspire are NOT allowed during the exams.

F. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ASSESSMENT

Assessment is a process used by instructors to help improve learning. Assessment is essential for effective learning because it provides feedback to both students and instructors. A critical step in this process is making clear the course’s student learning outcomes that describe what students are expected to learn to be successful in the course. The student learning outcomes for this course are listed below. By collecting data and sharing it with students on how well they are accomplishing these learning outcomes students can more efficiently and effectively focus their learning efforts. This information can also help instructors identify challenging areas for students and adjust their teaching approach to facilitate learning.

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. Perform elementary probability calculations using important probability distributions, both discrete and continuous, and apply them to model real world problems
2. Estimate sampling distributions of statistics using theoretical and computational methods, and choose appropriately between them for specific data
3. Calculate point estimates and confidence intervals for unknown parameters using bootstrap and parametric methods
4. Perform hypothesis tests for unknown parameters using bootstrap and parametric methods
5. Choose among the various inferential statistical methods from this course to answer specific research questions
6. Interpret and write up the results of statistical calculations and graphics to answer research questions using appropriate language

G. INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS AND ACTIVITIES

Classroom meetings will be primarily lecture, with some demonstrations and in-class problem solving. There will substantial homework and computer assignments.

H. MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

The following assessments will be given during the semester:
Homework and quizzes 20%
In class semester tests (2) 25% each x 2 = 50%
Final 30%

Homework will be assigned roughly once per chapter.

Grade Scale:
From these evaluations, your grade will be computed using the standard scale: A = 90-100; B = 80-89; C = 70-79; D = 60-69; F = below 60.

I. COURSE CONTENT/SCHEDULE
• Weeks 1: Introduction to the course; the nature of data; samples; remedial discrete math
• Weeks 2-3: Probability (Chapter 2)
• Week 3-4: Discrete Random Variables (Chapter 3)
• Weeks 4-5: Chapter 3 and Continuous Random Variables (Chapter 4)
• Test 1
• Week 6-7: Continuous Random Variables (Chapter 4)
• Week 8: Sampling Distributions & the Bootstrap (Chapter 5)
• Weeks 8-9: Confidence Intervals (Chapter 7)
• Weeks 10-11: Hypothesis Testing I: Single Means (Chapter 8);
• Week 12-13: Hypothesis Testing II: Comparing Two Means & Proportions (Chapter 9)
• Week 13-14: Hypothesis Testing III: Comparing Multiple Means (Chapter 10)
• Test 2
• Week 14: Correlation and Regression (Chapter 12)
• Week 15: Final

Note: Changes in this course schedule may be necessary and will be announced to the class by the Instructor. The assignments and exams shown are directly related to the Student Learning Outcomes described in Section F.

Scheduled Semester tests:
Test 1: September 24th at 9:30 am
Test 2: October 29th at 9:30 am
Final Exam: December 3rd, 8:00 to 10:30 am

J. COURSE POLICIES

COVID-19
Face Coverings—Face coverings (cloth face covering, surgical mask, etc.) must be properly worn in all non-private spaces including classrooms, teaching laboratories, common spaces such as lobbies and hallways, public study spaces, libraries, academic resource and support offices, and outdoor spaces where 6 feet of physical distancing is difficult to reliably maintain. Extra masks will be made available if needed.

Attendance/Tardiness
Attendance will be taken in WebEx meetings. Good attendance in WebEx meetings (no
more than two absences) will help me to determine borderline grades (an 89 can be rounded up to a 90 and so on). The instructor is NOT responsible for informing absent students what was covered in previous classes, homework or any other announcements.

Late Work and Make-up Exams
It is your responsibility to keep track of course deadlines and due dates. No late HW/Quizzes will be accepted after one week of the due date. No Make-up HW/Quizzes will be allowed.
All students should plan to take their tests at the scheduled times. If you do not have a valid written excuse and you miss a test, you will NOT be allowed to make up the test and the exams policy described below will apply. To request a make-up test, a valid written excuse must be provided within ONE DAY after the missed test. The make-up test must be taken in three days after the scheduled test time.

Exams Policy
The lowest score of one of the two tests administered during the semester will be replaced by the score on the final test, provided that the final test score is better than one of the semester tests scores. A missed semester test grade will be replaced following the policy described above. The final test score will not be replaced by the semester test scores. You are allowed to bring in one page of notes for the semester tests and two pages of notes for the final exam, written or typed on both sides on a sheet not larger than 8.5”x11”. Your name should be written at the top of the page in large and clear letters. Pages of notes and/or calculators cannot be shared. Cell phones CANNOT be used as calculators. The TI-Nspire or similar computer type calculators will not be allowed during exams. No music devices will be allowed during the examinations. Scratch paper and formula sheets will be provided during the examination and should be returned to the instructor.

Cell Phone Use
Cell phones and such must be turned off before class.

Final Exam
Final exam will be administered as scheduled. It is a comprehensive examination over all material covered during the semester. NO EARLY final examination will be allowed. A missed final exam will result in a score of 0 points.

K. COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES

- Academic Integrity (University)
  University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, falsification, forgery, complicity or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one’s own work.) In this class, academic misconduct or complicity in an act of academic misconduct on an assignment or test will result in a failing grade.
• **Classroom/Professional Behavior**
  Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, as an academic community, requires that each individual respect the needs of others to study and learn in a peaceful atmosphere. Under Article III of the Student Code of Conduct, classroom behavior that interferes with either (a) the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or (b) the ability of other students to profit from the instructional program may be considered a breach of the peace and is subject to disciplinary sanction outlined in article VII of the Student Code of Conduct. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior may be instructed to leave the classroom. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including classrooms, electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc.

• **Statement of Civility**
  Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has a diverse student population that represents the population of the state. Our goal is to provide you with a high quality educational experience that is free from repression. You are responsible for following the rules of the University, city, state and federal government. We expect that you will behave in a manner that is dignified, respectful and courteous to all people, regardless of sex, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, sexual orientation or disability. Behaviors that infringe on the rights of another individual will not be tolerated.

• **Deadline for Dropping a Course with a Grade of W (University)**
  I hope that you never find it necessary to drop this or any other class. However, events can sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. Please consult with your academic advisor, the Financial Aid Office, and me, before you decide to drop this course. Should dropping the course be the best course of action, you must initiate the process to drop the course by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. Please consult the Academic Calendar (http://www.tamucc.edu/academics/calendar/) for the last day to drop a course.

• **Grade Appeals (College of Science and Engineering)**
  As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C0.03, Student Grade Appeal Procedures, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is required to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Procedure 13.02.99.C0.03, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules website at http://academicaffairs.tamucc.edu/rules_procedures/assets/13.02.99.c0.03_student_grade_appeals.pdf. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process,
students may contact the chair or director of the appropriate department or school, the
Office of the College of Science and Engineering Dean, or the Office of the Provost.

- **Disability Services**
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 call (361) 825-5816 or
visit Disability Services in Corpus Christi Hall 116.
If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues
in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance
at (361) 825-5816. [http://disabilityservices.tamucc.edu/](http://disabilityservices.tamucc.edu/)

- **Civil Rights Complaints**
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is committed to fostering a culture of caring and
respect that is free from discrimination, relationship violence and sexual misconduct, and
ensuring that all affected students have access to services. For information on reporting
Civil Rights complaints, options and support resources (including pregnancy support
accommodations) or university policies and procedures, please contact the University
Title IX Coordinator, Sam Ramirez (Samuel.ramirez@tamucc.edu) or Deputy Title IX
Coordinator, Rosie Ruiz (Rosie.Ruiz@tamucc.edu) x5826, or visit website at Title
IX/Sexual Assault/Pregnancy.

**Limits to confidentiality.** Essays, journals, and other materials submitted for this class
are generally considered confidential pursuant to the University's student record policies.
However, students should be aware that University employees, including instructors, are
not able to maintain confidentiality when it conflicts with their responsibility to report
alleged or suspected civil rights discrimination that is observed by or made known to an
employee in the course and scope of their employment. As the instructor, I must report
allegations of civil rights discrimination, including sexual assault, relationship violence,
stalking, or sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator if you share it with me.

These reports will trigger contact with you from the Civil Rights/Title IX Compliance
office who will inform you of your options and resources regarding the incident that you
have shared. If you would like to talk about these incidents in a confidential setting, you
are encouraged to make an appointment with counselors in the University Counseling
Center.

- **Statement of Academic Continuity**
In the event of an unforeseen adverse event, such as a major hurricane and classes
could not be held on the campus of Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi; this
course would continue through the use of Blackboard and/or email. In addition,
the syllabus and class activities may be modified to allow continuation of the course.
Ideally, University facilities (i.e., emails, web sites, and Blackboard) will be
operational within two days of the closing of the physical campus. However, students need to make certain that the course instructor has a primary and a secondary means of contacting each student.

L. OTHER INFORMATION

• Academic Advising
The College of Science & Engineering requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. The Academic Advisor will set up a degree plan, which must be signed by the student, a faculty mentor, and the department chair. Meetings are by appointment only; advisors do not take walk-ins. Please call or stop by the Advising Center to check availability and schedule an appointment. The College’s Academic Advising Center is located in Center for Instruction 350 or can be reached at (361) 825-3928.

• GENERAL DISCLAIMER
I reserve the right to modify the information, schedule, assignments, deadlines, and course policies in this syllabus if and when necessary. I will announce such changes in a timely manner during regularly scheduled lecture periods.