

Math 130.009 Spring 2011

Finite Mathematics

Meeting times: MTWHF, 12:00-12:50 in Bouillion 111

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Course Goals: This course is designed to help students develop critical thinking skills, master the basic principles of counting and probabilities, and apply these techniques to quantitative decisions.

Course Description: This course meets the General Education “Basic Skills (D)” requirement and prepares students for introductory statistics courses in various departments. It covers the language of sets, counting procedures, introductory probability, and introductory descriptive statistics.

Required Text: Bill Owen and Fred Cutlip, *Finite Mathematics: Introductory Probability and Statistics*, Thomson Learning. We will be covering chapters 6, 7, 8, and 9. (Note that this book has been printed many times with different covers. All of these are in fact exactly the same edition.)

Calculator: You are required to have a calculator that can do basic statistical functions, including finding a standard deviation. Probably a TI-83, TI-84, or an equivalent calculator will be best. The TI-83 and 84 have specialized probability and statistical functions that we will be using. I will use and demonstrate TI calculators in class. If you have questions about whether your calculator is suitable, please ask me.

Evaluation and Grading: Grades will consist of four components: worksheets and weekly quizzes (30%), two midterm exams (20% each), and a comprehensive final exam (30%). Tentative exam dates are Thursday, April 21 and Thursday, May 19. The final exam will be given on **Tuesday, June 7, from noon-2PM**. Please note that the final exam schedule is set by the registrar’s office and cannot be changed. Grades will be assigned according to the following scale:

		A	93-100%	A-	90-92.99%
B+	87-89.99%	B	83-86.99%	B-	80-82.99%
C+	77-79.99%	C	73-76.99%	C-	70-72.99%
D+	67-69.99%	D	63-66.99%	D-	60-62.99%
		F	59.99% and below		

General Course Policies: Daily attendance is expected and considered necessary for success. It is your responsibility to find out what was covered on days you were absent. Please bring your calculator to each class meeting. You are responsible for any announcements made in class regarding homework, exams, and quizzes. Handouts from class will be posted on Blackboard. In-class worksheets will be given from time to time and will be factored into your quiz grade (see below).

All work handed in for the course must be written neatly, legibly, clearly, using correct mathematical notation, and with sufficient explanation. A good rule of thumb is to write your solution so that a classmate who knows roughly what’s going on in the course but doesn’t know how to do this particular problem can understand your solution. As a side benefit, this makes it much more likely that you will be able to understand your solution when you go back to study for

exams or the final! The bottom line: for any written work handed in for the course, including homework, quizzes, and exams, *you must show all pertinent work*.

Students with disabilities who wish to set up academic adjustments in this class should confirm with me that I have received a copy of their "Confirmation of Eligibility for Academic Adjustments" from the Center for Disability Services as soon as possible so we can discuss how the approved adjustments will be implemented in class. Students without this form should contact the Center for Disability Services, Bouillon 205 or dssrecept@cwu.edu or 963-2171.

I reserve the right to change the policies contained in this syllabus as dictated by developments during the quarter.

Homework: Homework will be assigned at the end of each class. It will not be collected. Instead, you will be graded on the homework problems via the quizzes, which will simply repeat homework problems. To aid the battle against procrastination, questions about the previous day's homework, *and only the previous day's homework*, will be taken at the beginning of class each day. Of course, I will happily take any and all homework questions during office hours. **Keeping up with the homework is the best thing you can do to help yourself succeed in this course!**

Quizzes: Quizzes will be given every Thursday at the beginning of class, except for weeks with an exam. The problems will be taken from homework problems (occasionally with numbers changed), so if you can do all the homework, you will ace every quiz! Quizzes will cover the material from the previous week. No make-up quizzes will be given, but to allow for unavoidable absences the lowest quiz score will be dropped. If you must miss a Thursday class due to a school activity (e.g. class field trip or university-sponsored athletic event), that quiz can be excused if this is requested in advance and you supply me with a note from the instructor or advisor. Quizzes will be excused only for school-related activities.

Worksheets: For every day that you are present in class when a worksheet is given and are making a sincere effort on the worksheet (not making a sincere effort includes working on material for other courses, napping, chatting, or leaving early, for instance), a check mark will be recorded. At the end of the quarter your total number of check marks will be divided by the total possible number minus two (to allow for unavoidable absences) and this percentage will count as two quiz scores in your final quiz grade. Worksheets may be excused for school activities in the same manner as quizzes. The worksheet score counts as any other quiz score in your grade and, in particular, will be dropped if it is the lowest score.

Exams: Any changes to the tentative exam dates will be announced ahead of time in class. Make-up exams must be arranged ahead of time unless you can document an unexpected circumstance beyond your control that prevented you from taking the exam. For instance, in the case of illness, a doctor's note will be required (please note that Student Health will provide such notes for students, and that charges for Student Health are included in student fees). All make-up exams must be requested as early as possible. Exams requested more than 24 hours after the scheduled exam will be given only in extreme extenuating circumstances (e.g. hospitalization, jail . . .) When a make-up exam cannot be taken in a timely manner, typically before exams are returned to the class, I reserve the right to instead replace that portion of the course grade with the final exam grade.