ARTS & SCI 2R03/APPLIED STATISTICAL INFEREN (JANUARY 2015)

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TEXT: The Basic Practice of Statistics 7th edition, by David S. Moore, William I. Notz, and Michael A. Fligner, Macmillan. This new edition of a popular text is due to be published January 2, 2015. In the event of a delay, the publisher will provide a pdf copy of each chapter needed. Do not purchase this text until after the first lecture.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: Inferential statistics, with an emphasis on applications. Topics include data description, graphical methods, probability, confidence intervals, hypothesis testing, one-way ANOVA, analysis of categorical data, regression and correlation. Use of a statistics software package.

TEXT COVERAGE: The following is a tentative schedule. Week 1 (Ch. 1, 2), Week 2 (Ch. 2, 3), Week 3 (Ch. 4, 5), Week 4 (Ch. 8, 9), Week 5 (Ch. 12, 13), Week 6 (Ch. 13, 14), Week 7 (Ch. 15, 16), Week 8 (Ch. 17, 18), Week 9 (Ch. 20, 21), Week 10 (Ch. 21, 22), Week 11 (Ch. 22, 23), Week 12 (Ch. 25), Week 13 (Ch. 26), Week 14 (Ch. 27/Review). An updated schedule may be provided from time to time, depending on the actual coverage.

ASSESSMENT: A final percent will be determined from term work (three assignments worth 8% each, two midterm tests worth 13% each) and a cumulative final examination worth 50%. The letter grade will be determined from the final percent using the grade equivalence chart in the Undergraduate Calendar. The tentative dates for term work are as follows: Test 1 on Feb. 5; Test 2 on Mar. 26. Assignment 1 due Feb. 3; Assignment 2 due Mar. 3, Assignment 3 due Mar. 24. Assignments are to be submitted in class on the due dates. The tests will be held in the evening and locations will be announced once rooms have been secured.

CALCULATOR: McMaster University endorses a “standard” calculator (Casio fx991). This is the only calculator permitted on tests and the final examination.

POLICY FOR MISSED WORK: A missed/late assignment or a missed test counts as 0%. However, you should be aware of the policy (see below) regarding the McMaster Student Absence Form (MSAF). The weight of any excused work from MSAF will be added to the final exam.
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Email Contact and Student Responsibility Statement: Please note: The instructor and university reserve the right to modify elements of the course during the term. The university may change the dates and deadlines for any or all courses in extreme circumstances. If either type of modification becomes necessary, reasonable notice and communication with the students will be given with explanation and the opportunity to comment on changes. It is the responsibility of students to check their McMaster email weekly during the term and to note any changes. Announcements will be made in class and by using the course email distribution list.