

**STA 4322/5328**  
**Introduction to Statistics Theory / Fundamentals of Statistical Theory**  
**Section 7474/7482 (3 credit hours)**  
Spring 2011  
Course Information and Policies

**Objectives:** The sequence of courses STA 4321–4322 (resp. 5325–5328) provides a formal and systematic introduction to mathematical statistics for students who have passed three semesters of standard undergraduate-level calculus and a first course in statistics. Major topics of STA 4322/5328 include normal-theory sampling distributions, estimation methods, properties of point estimators, confidence intervals, hypothesis testing and related theory, and basic linear regression. The primary purpose of STA 4322/5328 is preparation for graduate-level study in statistics and closely related subjects.

**Prerequisite:** STA 4321 or STA 5325

**Course Web Site:** Basic information is available at  
<http://www.stat.ufl.edu/~tpark/STA4322>  
but more detailed information and documents will be on the companion **e-Learning in Sakai** page. Please check it regularly!

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**Lecture:** Tuesday, Period 4 (10:40–11:30), and Thursday, Periods 4 & 5 (10:40–12:35), Griffin-Floyd Hall, Room 100

**Office Hours:** Listed on course web site, and *subject to change*, particularly in the first few weeks of class. Special appointments with the instructor may be arranged by mutual agreement.

**Required Textbook:** Dennis D. Wackerly, William Mendenhall III, & Richard L. Scheaffer, *Mathematical Statistics with Applications*, 7th Edition, Brooks/Cole, Cengage Learning.

**Homework:** Complementary textbook readings and suggested textbook exercises will be posted as the course progresses. You are not expected to submit your answers to the suggested exercises, but you should solve all of them to thoroughly learn the material and best prepare yourself for exams. Answers to selected exercises can be found near the end of the textbook, and more complete solutions can be found in the optional Student Solutions Manual. Naturally, you will learn best if you attempt to solve the exercises before consulting the solutions. Though you are allowed to work with other students to solve the suggested exercises and to learn course material in general, please keep in mind that you will be assessed individually.

**Exams:** Four within-term exams are tentatively scheduled:

February 1                  February 22                  March 22                  April 12

Exams will take place in class for the entire class period. Policies and coverage details will be announced prior to the date of each exam.

All within-term exams have equal weight for grading, subject to the following:

- one within-term exam score will be dropped (whichever most improves your overall score)
- after this exam score is dropped, if your final exam percentage score is greater than your percentage score on one of the remaining within-term exams, it will replace one such percentage score (whichever most improves your overall score)

**Final Exam:** Tuesday, April 26, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon (exam group 26B)

Details will be announced near the end of the semester. *Plan to take the exam on that date and at that time — no exceptions for personal travel will be granted!*

**Course Grade:** Grading will be based on a composite score: 70% within-term exams, 30% final exam.

Final letter grades will be assigned on the University's official grading scale that includes minus grades. Please familiarize yourself with the policy related to this scale and the grade point equivalences of letter grades. Details may be found on the following web page:

<http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html>

A grade of Incomplete (I\*) is assigned only in rare cases, such as if you are absent with extenuating circumstances from the final exam. You are eligible for a grade of Incomplete only if you have completed a significant amount of the graded course work and you are currently passing based on that work (with a C or better), as determined by the instructor. If you find yourself unable to continue the semester before that point is reached, you should instead seek an administrative withdrawal. To receive a grade of Incomplete, CLAS policy requires you to sign an Incomplete Grade Contract with the instructor that specifies a plan and deadline for completing the course.

An excuse from any requirement on the basis of extenuating circumstances requires specific, official documentation (e.g. a signed excuse note from the Student Health Care Center).

**Lecture Attendance:** Classroom lecture attendance is important, though ordinarily not strictly enforced. You are responsible for learning all material presented during lecture, and any topic covered in lecture is a potential exam topic (unless the instructor states otherwise). Please respect your classmates and avoid any circumstances or activities that may be distracting, insensitive, or harmful.

Please bring your UF ID card to lecture. You *must* bring your card to every exam.

**Academic Integrity:** Please familiarize yourself with the Student Honor Code and Academic Honesty Guidelines outlined in your University of Florida *Student Guide* and at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/studentguide/studentrights.php>.

**Reasonable Accommodations:** To request classroom accommodation, please be certain that you have made all necessary arrangements with the Dean of Students Office, and obtain from them documentation to submit to the instructor at the time of your request. A request must be made to the instructor *at least one week in advance* of the date for which the accommodation is requested.

This course information and policies sheet can be made available in alternative formats to accommodate print-related disabilities. Contact the instructor for information.