STA 4322 / 5328: Introduction to Statistics Theory
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by Wackerly, Mendenhall, and Scheaffer

The book not required; some book problems will be listed as optional extra
practice to complement homework, but otherwise we will not refer to it.

Roughly, topics in chapters 7-11 will be covered, but in greater depth.
Please note that exams will test all material taught in lecture, including
concepts that we cover beyond the textbook.

Lectures: Mon Wed Fri 1:55 - 2:45

Prerequisites: Three semesters of calculus and STA4321.

Objectives: The course covers the basics of statistical inference: point and
interval estimation, hypothesis testing, and applications to linear models.
Or in more plain English: by the end of the course you should understand
the general theory of how to formulate statistical models to describe data,
fit and evaluate the models, and use them to draw conclusions about
scientific questions. This course also provides the theoretical foundations
for further study in statistics at the graduate level.

Course requirements:
The final grade will be based on homework (10%), and three exams during
the semester (30% each). There will be no final exam.

- **Homework** will be assigned approximately weekly, as solving problems
regularly is integral to the understanding of the course material. Homework
is due at the beginning of lecture on the specified date. No late homework
will be accepted. Assignments will be equally weighted; your 3 lowest scores
on homework assignments will be dropped. You are welcome to discuss
homework problems with other students; however, the solutions you submit
must be written by yourself, in your own words.

- **Three exams** will be held, tentatively on the evenings (8:30-9:45pm) of Sep
20, Oct 25, and Dec 6 (all Tuesdays). The exams are not cumulative, but
please note that the later material will build on concepts covered earlier in
the course. All exams are closed-book, closed-calculator, closed-phone. You
may bring two double-sided pages of self-prepared notes to the exams.
Grading:
The tentative cutoffs are the usual 10% scale (90% = A, 80% = B, etc.), though will very likely be relaxed. Assigned grades are not negotiable.

Policies:
Please be familiar with the Academic Regulations listed in the UF catalog.

Note that no make-up exams will be given with the exception of documented medical emergencies. Any accommodations requested will require appropriate arrangements with the Dean of Students Office. You are expected to abide by the Student Honor Code and exhibit academic integrity.