

**GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS**

**Course Information**

**STAT 1053-12 Introduction Statistics for the Social Sciences**  
**SPRING 2022**

**Lectures:** *Mondays and Wednesdays 11:10 AM – 12:25 PM at Fungler 103*

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**Office Hours:** Mondays and Wednesdays 2:00 PM– 3:00 PM and by appointment. (Note that office hours will be online until the university opens for in-person classes).

**Lab:** The class is divided into 5 sections (Stat 1053-34 through Stat 1053-38) of around 30 students each for lab sessions. These sessions meet at varied times on Thursdays and please make sure that you attend the lab for which you are enrolled. They will also have office hours, which will be informed soon.

**Course Description:** The course will cover the basics of Statistics, Probability and their applications in the social sciences. The main topics to be covered include Descriptive Statistics for univariate and bivariate data, probability and random variables, Binomial and normal distributions, confidence intervals and hypothesis testing, correlation and regression. Most of the optional sections will be skipped.

**TEXT:** Statistics by McClave, Benson and Sincich, 13<sup>th</sup> Edition, Prentice Hall Press. We will be using MyStatLab for the course that comes with the Etext which is sufficient. You do not need to buy a hardcopy of the text.

You will have to enroll into MYSTATLAB through the blackboard and purchase it. The price is \$55 for accessing the tool and also for the ETEXT, together.

**Note: You will also need a calculator such as TI-83 for the class. Calculators are allowed in all exams and quizzes.**

**Software:** SPSS. It is available in the GWU cloud and can be accessed. It is also available in all the computer labs at GWU.

**Blackboard:** I will be posting the lecture notes in the blackboard. I will also be communicating and sending updates to students using blackboard. **Please check your emails regularly and read them carefully.** I will also be posting SPSS project, Homework problems, etc., in the blackboard. Students will receive an email after I post the materials in the blackboard.

**Prerequisites :** The course does not require any background in Calculus. Basic knowledge of Algebra and Arithmetic are sufficient.

**Online Lectures and Recording:** Note that we begin the semester with online classes and later in a week or two we will switch to in-person lectures. For online lectures, please click on the Online lectures tab on the left panel of your blackboard course. These are synchronous lectures and will also be recorded. Once we begin in-person classes, I will record the lectures through the lecture capture tool. Students are strongly encouraged to attend online classes and in-person classes, once it begins. . Here are some housekeeping advices for the in-person part of the course:

- 1) Please wear your mask at all times to make your fellow classmates comfortable to continue with confidence in the class.
- 2) Try to sit on alternative seats whenever possible.

**Lab and Recitation:** There will be a lab every week on Thursday for which you are enrolled. Labs will be conducted by graduate teaching assistants (GTAs). They will go over the problems from the text and also will discuss the materials from the previous week's Quiz.

### **MyStatLab Homework**

MyStatLab, the interactive tool will be used to post the homework assignments. These homework assignments will be graded. Further, homework problem list for the entire course from the text will be posted and these are just for your practice. You are expected to work through the problems every week based on the materials covered for that week.

### **Weekly Quizzes**

There will be a 20 to 30 minute quiz each week, based on the topics covered in that week. These are blackboard multiple choice quizzes which will be automatically graded. The quizzes will be posted on Thursday evenings at 5 PM and will be due on Fridays at 5 PM. That is, you will have 24 hours to complete the quiz. Once you logon to the quiz, you should complete it in 30 minutes. (Students enrolled with DSS will get 45 minutes for the quiz).

### **SPSS Project**

There will be an SPSS project consisting of a few problems, where you will be using the SPSS software to do the problems. SPSS project will be given after the midterm exam and will be due on the final exam day. SPSS is available in all the labs at GWU and also can be accessed from the GWU cloud.

### **Exams**

There will be a closed book midterm and a closed book Final exam.

**Midterm Exam: Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 11:10 – 12:25 PM**  
**Final Exam:** To be announced (Will be during the Final exam week)

**Note: DSS students will get 1 ½ times for all the quizzes and exams. For example, if an exam is for 2 hours, then the DSS students will get 3 hours. If the quiz is for 30 minutes, DSS students will get 45 minutes.**

### **Grading Policy**

Final grade is computed as follows:

MyStatLab Homework : 20%  
Quizzes : 20%  
SPSS Project: 5%  
Midterm Exam: 25%  
Final Exam: 30%

### **Tentative Class Schedule (Week by Week)**

**Week 1 – Chapters 1 and 2**  
**Week 2- Chapter 2 continued**  
**Week 3- Chapter 2 continued**  
**Week 4- Chapter 3**  
**Week 5 – Chapter 3 continued and Chapter 4**  
**Week 6- Chapter 4 Continued**  
**Week 7- Midterm Exam (on Oct 10)**  
**Week 8- Chapter 5**  
**Week 9 – Chapter 5 and Chapter 6**  
**Week 10 – Chapter 7**  
**Week 11 – Chapter 7 and Chapter 8**  
**Week 12 – Chapter 8 Continued**  
**Week 13- Chapter 9**  
**Week 14 – Chapter 9 and Chapter 11**  
**Week 15 – Chapter 11 continued**  
**Week 16 – Review**

**Remark: Note that the in-person classes is a university decision. If you are**

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**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

At the end of the semester you should be able to:

- Apply laws of probability
- Construct and interpret large-sample and small-sample confidence intervals
- Evaluate evidence for and against hypotheses using statistical tests
- Find the least-squares equation for simple linear regression and assess the utility of the model

**ATTENDANCE POLICY :** Attendance for the class is not mandatory. However I expect you to attend the classes without fail. I suggest that you inform me at least one day prior to your absence. If you are sending me emails regarding attendance write the subject to be Attendance or Absence. In my several years of experience, I have observed that students who do not come to classes regularly perform poorly in the exams and quizzes.

**AVERAGE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF OUT-OF-CLASS OR INDEPENDENT LEARNING EXPECTED PER WEEK:** In a 15-week semester, including exam week, students are expected to spend a minimum of 100 minutes of out-of-class work for every 50 minutes of direct instruction, for a minimum total of 2.5 hours a week. A 3-credit course should include 2.5 hours of direct instruction and a minimum of 5 hours of independent learning or 7.5 hours per week. More information about GW's credit hour policy can be found at: [provost.gwu.edu/policies-forms](http://provost.gwu.edu/policies-forms) (webpage); or [provost.gwu.edu/files/downloads/Resources/Assignment-Credit-Hours-7-2016.pdf](http://provost.gwu.edu/files/downloads/Resources/Assignment-Credit-Hours-7-2016.pdf) (form)

### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

I personally support the GW Code of Academic Integrity. It states: "Academic dishonesty is defined as cheating of any kind, including misrepresenting one's own work, taking credit for the work of others without crediting them and without appropriate authorization, and the fabrication of information." For the remainder of the code, see: <http://www.gwu.edu/~ntegrity/code.html>

### **SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM**

*DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES (DSS)* : Any student who may need an accommodation based on the potential impact of a disability should contact the Disability Support Services office at 202-994-8250 in the Marvin Center, Suite 242, to establish eligibility and to coordinate reasonable accommodations. For additional information please refer to: <http://gwired.gwu.edu/dss/>

*UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER (UCC) 202-994-5300* : The University Counseling Center (UCC) offers 24/7 assistance and referral to address students' personal, social, career, and study skills problems. Services for students include:

- crisis and emergency mental health consultations
- confidential assessment, counseling services (individual and small group), and referrals

<http://gwired.gwu.edu/counsel/CounselingServices/AcademicSupportServices>

**SECURITY:** In the case of an emergency, if at all possible, the class should shelter in place. If the building that the class is in is affected, follow the evacuation procedures for the building. After evacuation, seek shelter at a predetermined rendezvous location.

**Note:** Stat 1051,1053, 1091, 1104, 1111, 1127 are similar courses and credit for only one of these courses can be given. Please contact me for further information

