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FACULTY OF SCIENCE

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COURSE OUTLINE

1. **Course:** STAT 321, Introduction to Probability - Fall 2023

   Lecture 01 : MWF 10:00 - 10:50 in EEEL 161

Instructor	Email	Phone	Office	Hours
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Students who wish to pursue the ACIA designation with the Canadian Institute of Actuaries must complete this course as this course is in the list of CIA Mandatory Courses for recognized degree(hyperlink to https://education.cia-ica.ca/universities/university-of-calgary/).

To account for any necessary transition to remote learning for the current semester, courses with in-person lectures, labs, or tutorials may be shifted to remote delivery for a certain period of time. In addition, adjustments may be made to the modality and format of assessments and deadlines, as well as to other course components and/or requirements, so that all coursework tasks are in line with the necessary and evolving health precautions for all involved (students and staff).

In Person Delivery Details:

Lectures will be held in-person so long as it makes sense to do so.

Office hours may be held in-person or via zoom.

Office hour(s) are subject to changing modalities and schedules contingent on the holders health, comfort, and other circumstances.

Course Site:

D2L: STAT 321 L01-(Fall 2023)-Introduction to Probability

Note: Students must use their U of C account for all course correspondence.

Equity Diversity & Inclusion:

The University of Calgary is committed to creating an equitable, diverse and inclusive campus, and condemns harm and discrimination of any form. We value all persons regardless of their race, gender, ethnicity, age, LGBTQIA2S+ identity and expression, disability, religion, spirituality, and socioeconomic status. The Faculty of Science strives to extend these values in every aspect of our courses, research, and teachings to better promote academic excellence and foster belonging for all.

2. **Requisites:**

   See section 3.5.C in the Faculty of Science section of the online Calendar.

   Prerequisite(s):
   Mathematics 267 or 277.

   Antirequisite(s):
   Credit for Statistics 321 and Engineering 319 will not be allowed.

   Note(s):
   a. Statistics 205, 213, 217, and 327 are not available to students who have previous credit for one of Statistics 321, Engineering 319 or Digital Engineering 319 or are concurrently enrolled in Statistics 321, Engineering 319 or Digital Engineering 319.

3. **Grading:**

   The University policy on grading and related matters is described in F.1 and F.2 of the online University Calendar.

   In determining the overall grade in the course the following weights will be used:

Course Component	Weight	Due Date (duration for exams)	Modality for exams	Location for exams
Practice Quizzes (*best 4 of 5)[1]	15%	Ongoing		
Textbook Questions[2]	15%	Ongoing		
Quizzes (*best 4 of 5) [3]	35%	Ongoing		
Registrar Scheduled Final Exam	35%	Will be available when the final exam schedule is released by the Registrar	online	Will be available when the final exam schedule is released by the Registrar

[1] Sep. 21, Oct. 5, Oct. 19, Nov. 2, and Nov. 23. Practice quizzes are designed to be worked on in tutorial/lab time with the assistance of TA's and or peers, however, you can complete them from home if you wish.

[2] Score at least 65% of the designated textbook problems by the last day of class to complete this grade component. Note, this will take significant time, it is intended to be worked on throughout the course. It is expected you will work AT LEAST 5 hours per week on this. You MUST have a webassign account OR see me about an alternative arrangement to perform this task, see required text and software bundle.

[3] Quiz 1: Sep. 28, Quiz 2: Oct. 12, Quiz 3: Oct. 26, Quiz 4: Nov. 9, Quiz 5: Nov. 30. An Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) flex option will be provided for the quizzes. 48 hours prior to quiz day you may have one attempt, open book, peer aided (only peers in the course, NO internet assistance) early access to your upcoming quiz. This attempt can count up to 65% of your quiz credit, if it exceeds your actual quiz grade. Actual Quizzes are closed book, with the allowed aide of the statistical program R.

Each piece of work (reports, assignments, quizzes, midterm exam(s) or final examination) submitted by the student will be assigned a grade. The student's grade for each component listed above will be combined with the indicated weights to produce an overall percentage for the course, which will be used to determine the course letter grade.

The conversion between a percentage grade and letter grade is as follows.

	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D
Minimum % Required	95 %	90 %	85 %	80%	75%	70 %	65 %	60%	55%	54.99 %	50 %

This course will have a Registrar Scheduled Final exam that will be delivered on-line. The Final Examination Schedule will be published by the Registrar's Office approximately one month after the start of the term. The final exam for this course will be designed to be completed within 2 hours.

Per section G.5 of the online Academic Calendar, timed final exams administered using an on-line platform, such as D2L, will be available on the platform. Due to the scheduling of the final exams, the additional time will be added to **the end** of the registrar scheduled **synchronous** exam to support students. This way, your exam schedule accurately reflects the **start time** of the exam for any **synchronous** exams. E.g. If a **synchronous** exam is designed for 2 hours and the final exam is scheduled from 9-11am in your student centre, the additional time will be added to the **end** time of the **synchronous** exam. This means that if the exam has a 1 hour buffer time, a synchronous exam would start at 9 am and finish at 12pm.

- the latest you should start an asynchronous exam would be 8 am in order to be able to submit the exam at 11am and have the full 3 hours.

The University of Calgary offers a flexible grade option, Credit Granted (CG) to support student's breadth of learning and student wellness. Faculty units may have additional requirements or restrictions for the use of the CG grade at the faculty, degree or program level. To see the full list of Faculty of Science courses where CG is not eligible, please visit the following website: https://science.ucalgary.ca/current-students/undergraduate/program-advising/flexible-grading-option-cg-grade

4. **Missed Components Of Term Work:**

In the event that a student legitimately fails to submit any online or in-person assessment on time (e.g. due to illness, domestic affliction, etc...), please contact the course coordinator, or the course instructor if this course does not have a coordinator to arrange for a re-adjustment of a submission date, or possible exemption and reweighing of components. Absences not reported within 48 hours will not be accommodated. Students may be asked to provide supporting documentation (Section M.1) for an excused absence, See FAQ.

If an excused absence is approved, options for how the missed assessment is dealt with is at the discretion of the coordinator or course instructor. Some options such as an exemption and pro-rating among the components of the course may not be a viable option based on the design of this course.

5. **Scheduled Out-of-Class Activities:**

   There are no scheduled out of class activities for this course.

6. **Course Materials:**

   Required Textbook(s):

   > WACKERLY, *MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS WITH APPLICATIONS BUNDLED WITH WEBASSIGN ACCESS*: NELSON/CENGAGE.

   *If you are unable to access the required text and web assign access, please see me about an alternative option.

   Readings, notebooks, and R-Studio software code etc. will be posted via the D2L course website.

   This is an "in-person" delivery, lecture videos will not be provided.

   Asking Questions: many students will have additional questions, especially regarding assignment problems or course content. These questions should be asked on the relevant Discussion Boards on D2L, where Instructors, TA's, and peers can contribute and curate answer(s) to these questions centralizing, reducing duplication, and improving answer consistency.

   Or students should seek to attend TA office hours.

   Conversations of a personal or private nature may be conducted through email, and we will make every effort to respond in a timely manner within one working day. We ask for your patience, professionalism, and respect during communication. **Please keep in mind I am not a guidance counsellor nor mental health professional.**

   The nature of this course is to comprehend; even outside of your control, understandable, or excused absences cannot provide you the expertise you are seeking to gain from this course.

   Academic integrity is the foundation of the development and acquisition of knowledge and is based on values of honesty, trust, responsibility, and respect. We expect members of our community to act with integrity. Research integrity, ethics, and principles of conduct are key to academic integrity. Members of our campus community are required to abide by our institutional code of conduct and promote academic integrity in upholding the University of Calgary's reputation of excellence.

   Note: Students must use their U of C account for all course correspondence.

   Any material that is posted of the D2L website is under copyright protection, students are not permitted to redistribute any of the material they find there to anyone not in this semester's class.

   Any material that is posted on D2L is subject to be taken down within two weeks of the posted date, so do not use D2L as your digital storage space. Do not expect that you will have access to the D2L page beyond the End of Classes date (Dec. 6, 2023). Download any material you would like to your personal devices before they are removed from the website.

   In order to successfully engage in their learning experiences at the University of Calgary, students taking online, remote and blended courses are required to have reliable access to the following technology:

   - A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates;
   - A current and updated web browser;
   - Webcam/Camera (built-in or external);
   - Microphone and speaker (built-in or external), or headset with microphone;
   - Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled;
   - Stable internet connection.

   For more information please refer to the UofC ELearning online website.

7. **Examination Policy:**

Canadian Institute of Actuaries Ethics: In addition to the University's internal policies on conduct, including Academic Misconduct (Section K of the online calendar), candidates pursuing credits for writing professional examinations shall also be subject to the Code of Conduct and Ethics for Candidates in the CIA Education System and the associated Policy on Conduct and Ethics for Candidates in the CIA Education System. For more information, please visit Obtaining UAP Credits and the CIA FAQ.

Your work must be submitted correctly to **WeBWorK** platforms to be eligible for any credit.

Attempting to not submit on time (even if only second(s) late) will result in zero earned credit.
Inability to submit/upload the assessments correctly will also result in zero credit.

What is submitted is what is graded. Misunderstandings and unconscious/unintended errors are also incorrect.

Any submitted work must be legible, display an organized expected and readable flow, contain a consistent and singular solution. Any solutions that appear to contain multiple answers or attempt to commit to multiple inconsistent answers will result in zero credit. ex. trying to indicate both True and False; selecting A and B in multiple choice format; or answers that contain both correct and incorrect answers, the correct final answer must be clearly be indicated (with supporting work that leads to that response).

Students should also read the Calendar, Section G, on Examinations.

8. **Approved Mandatory And Optional Course Supplemental Fees:**

There are no mandatory or optional course supplemental fees for this course.

9. **Writing Across The Curriculum Statement:**

For all components of the course, in any written work, the quality of the student's writing (language, spelling, grammar, presentation etc.) can be a factor in the evaluation of the work. See also Section E.2 of the University Calendar.

10. **Human Studies Statement:**

Students will not participate as subjects or researchers in human studies.

See also Section E.5 of the University Calendar.

11. **Reappraisal Of Grades:**

A student wishing a reappraisal, should first attempt to review the graded work with the Course coordinator/instructor or department offering the course. Students with sufficient academic grounds may request a reappraisal. Non-academic grounds are not relevant for grade reappraisals. Students should be aware that the grade being reappraised may be raised, lowered or remain the same. See Section I.3 of the University Calendar.

a. **Term Work:** The student should present their rationale as effectively and as fully as possible to the Course coordinator/instructor within **ten business days** of either being notified about the mark, or of the item's return to the class. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome, the student shall submit the Reappraisal of Graded Term work form to the department in which the course is offered within 2 business days of receiving the decision from the instructor. The Department will arrange for a reappraisal of the work within the next ten business days. The reappraisal will only be considered if the student provides a detailed rationale that outlines where and for what reason an error is suspected. See sections I.1 and I.2 of the University Calendar

b. **Final Exam:** The student shall submit the request to Enrolment Services. See Section I.3 of the University Calendar.

12. **Other Important Information For Students:**

a. **Mental Health** The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the SU Wellness Centre (Room 370, MacEwan Student Centre, Mental Health Services Website) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy website (Mental Health).

b. **SU Wellness Services:** For more information, see their website or call 403-210-9355.

c. **Sexual Violence:** The Sexual Violence Support Advocate, Carla Bertsch, can provide confidential support and information regarding sexual violence to all members of the university community. Carla can be reached by email (svsa@ucalgary.ca) or phone at 403-220-2208. The complete University of Calgary policy on sexual violence can be viewed here.

d. **Student Ombuds Office:** A safe place for all students of the University of Calgary to discuss student related issues, interpersonal conflict, academic and non-academic concerns, and many other problems.

e. **Student Union Information:** SU contact, Email your SU Science Reps: science1@su.ucalgary.ca, science2@su.ucalgary.ca, science3@su.ucalgary.ca,

f. **Academic Accommodation Policy:**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The student accommodation policy can be found at: https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Accommodation-Policy.pdf

Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf.

Students needing an accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfil requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, by filling out the Request for Academic Accommodation Form and sending it to Jerrod Smith by email jerrod.smith@ucalgary.ca preferably 10 business days before the due date of an assessment or scheduled absence.

g. **Misconduct:** Academic integrity is the foundation of the development and acquisition of knowledge and is based on values of honesty, trust, responsibility, and respect. We expect members of our community to act with integrity. Research integrity, ethics, and principles of conduct are key to academic integrity. Members of our campus community are required to abide by our institutional Code of Conduct and promote academic integrity in upholding the University of Calgary's reputation of excellence. Some examples of academic misconduct include but are not limited to: posting course material to online platforms or file sharing without the course instructor's consent; submitting or presenting work as if it were the student's own work; submitting or presenting work in one course which has also been submitted in another course without the instructor's permission; borrowing experimental values from others without the instructor's approval; falsification/fabrication of experimental values in a report. Please read the following to inform yourself more on academic integrity:

> Student Handbook on Academic Integrity
> Student Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure
> Faculty of Science Academic Misconduct Process
> Research Integrity Policy

Additional information is available on the Student Success Centre Academic Integrity page

h. **Copyright of Course Materials:** All course materials (including those posted on the course D2L site, a course website, or used in any teaching activity such as (but not limited to) examinations, quizzes, assignments, laboratory manuals, lecture slides or lecture materials and other course notes) are protected by law. These materials are for the sole use of students registered in this course and must not be redistributed. Sharing these materials with anyone else would be a breach of the terms and conditions governing student access to D2L, as well as a violation of the copyright in these materials, and may be pursued as a case of student academic or non-academic misconduct, in addition to any other remedies available at law.

i. **Freedom of Information and Privacy:** This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). Students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page. For more information, see Legal Services website.

j. **Surveys:** At the University of Calgary, feedback through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey and the Faculty of Science Teaching Feedback form provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses. Your responses make a difference - please participate in these surveys.

Course Outcomes:

○ Define a random experiment; conceptualize its sample space and the various events the random experiment

could produce.

- Apply various laws of probability to solve probability problems that are framed in both theoretical and applied contexts
- Read, replicate, and create mathematical proofs of probability theorems covered in the course
- Recognition of quantification of random events through the creation of a random variable ; employment of probability foundations to design a probability model of a random variable
- Differentiation between discrete and continuous random variables, analysis of the random variable's properties through an examination of its distribution shape, its measure of centre (mean/expected value), and its measure of spread (variance or standard deviation)
- Derivation of a moment generation function and subsequent employment of calculus methods to compute the moments of a random variable.
- Differentiate between when to apply the various probability models covered in the course (Bernoulli, Binomial, Negative Binomial, Geometric, Hypergeometric, Poisson, Normal, Gamma and its special cases (Chi-square and Exponential)). In addition, demonstrate application of such probability models to compute probabilities
- Recognize the synergies between two random variables through the visualization of their joint probability distribution function and its employment to compute simultaneous probabilities and derive conditional distribution functions
- Distinguish between dependence and independence of a pair of random variables and compute the covariance between the random variables.
- Statement and application of the Central Limit Theorem to both the sample mean and the sample proportion in order to consider the probable (and improbable) values of these statistics

Approvals Pending