Capital University of Economics and Business
Overseas Chinese College
Course Syllabus

Year and Semester	2020 Spring (Mar 2, 2020 - July 12, 2020)
Course Name	Probability & Statistics
Course Code	MAT231
Course Type	☑ General Education (Required) ☐ General Education (Elective) ☐ Professional Course (Required) ☐ Professional Course (Elective) ☐ Basic Disciplinary Course
Course Credits	4
Course Hours	64
Prerequisites	Calculus, Linear Algebra
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Grade/Section	2018IT/Y05
Course Time/Place	M/TH: 15:40-17:30/8:00-9:50 / A104;

Textbook

Jay L.Devore. *Probability and Statistics*, ISBN: 978-7-04-015560-0

https://open.163.com/ **(Online course)**

Reference Book

1. M. R. Spiegel. Schaum. *Outline of Theory and Problems of Probability and Statistics*. McGraw-Hill, New York.
2. Y. G. Sinay. *Probability Theory, An Introductory Course*. Springer-Verlag, Berlin, New York.

Course Description

An introduction to probability theory and mathematical statistics that emphasizes the probabilistic foundations required to understand probability models and statistical methods. The purpose of Probability and Statistics For Engineering and Science is to provide students with comprehensive introduction to statistical models and methods most likely to encountered and used by students in their careers in engineering and the natural sciences. The course is applications-oriented and topics covered will include the probability axioms, basic combinatorics, discrete and continuous random variables, probability distributions, mathematical expectation, common families of probability distributions, and the central limit theorem, which help decision making in all world.

Student Learning Objectives

After completing this course, students will be able to:

- To provide students with a good understanding of the theory of probability, both discrete and continuous, including some combinatorics, a variety of useful distributions, expectation and variance, analysis of sample statistics, and central limit theorems, as described in the syllabus.
- To help students develop the ability to solve problems using probability.
- To introduce students to some of the basic methods of statistics and prepare them for further study in statistics.
- To develop abstract and critical reasoning by studying logical proofs and the axiomatic method as applied to basic probability.
- To make connections between probability and other branches of mathematics, and to see some of the history of probability.

Website Source

- Charles M. Grinstead and J. Laurie Snell's textbook Introduction to Probability: http://www.dartmouth.edu/~chance/teaching_aids/books_articles/probability_book/book.html, an on-line textbook on probability and statistics.
- The Chance Website: http://www.dartmouth.edu/~chance/index.html
  The goal of Chance is to make students more informed, critical readers of current news stories that use probability and statistics.
- Math Archives. Probability: http://archives.math.utk.edu/topics/probability.html. Statistics: http://archives.math.utk.edu/topics/statistics.html
- The Probability Web: http://www.mathcs.carleton.edu/probweb/probweb.html

Teaching Methods

This course consists of lectures, discussions and student presentations. Students will be divided into small groups with a group leader helping others in the group. Students must be prepared to finish some small questions and small quizzes during the class. **(Note: At the beginning of this semester, we will use LanMoYunBanKe App and WangYiGongKaiKe App, the learning will be done online by self-learning teaching videos on WangYiGongKaiKe)**

Grade Criterion

Component	Weight	Description
Final Exam	20%	A cumulative final examination will be given based on all of the contents of the class. The exam paper may be composed of multiple-choice questions, short answer questions, essay questions, problems, and preparation of financial statements. Students should rely primarily on homework assignments to give them a sense of what they may see for material on exams.
Mid-Term Test	20%	A cumulative midterm test will be given based on all of the contents that have been taught in class. The test paper may be mainly composed of multiple-choice questions and it should be completed within 15 minutes in class.

Homework	15%	Most of the assigned homework is taken from the Exercises in the textbook. Assignments will be collected at the clearly stated date. Late assignments will not be accepted. The graded assignments will be kept by the tutor for reference and won't be returned to students.
Quizzes	15%	There will be at least 2 quizzes during the semester. Quizzes may or may not be announced in advance. It may also be used as a way to check the attendance. Quizzes will test your knowledge of both concepts and the application of those concepts.
Presentation	10%	The students will be divided into several groups to prepare a presentation. Each student is required to be involved in the presentation. The topics can be selected from the textbook or lectures. Each group need to finish a PPT related to the topic which is given and hand in the related resources to the teacher before the presentation.
Participation	10%	Individuals will be asked to participate individually in a question and answer at least 5 times during the semester. The performances should be counted in their participation.
Attendance	10%	Refer to attendance policy listed below
Total	100%	

Detailed Grade Computation

	Before Midterm	After Midterm
Attendance	5%	5%
Participation	5%	5%
Homework	5%	10%
Quizzes	5%	10%
Presentation		10%
Midterm test	20%	
Final exam		20%
Total	40%	60%

Grading Policy

A+ 97-100	A 93-96	A- 90–92	B+ 87-89	B 83-86	B- 80–82
C+ 75-79	C 70-74	C- 67–69	D+ 63–66	D 62-60	F 0- 59

Exam Schedule

Midterm Test: the 8th week

Final Exam: June 27-July 10, 2020

Assessment of Student Performance

☛ ***Self-Study and Reading ability Practice***

Instructor will give out the chapters or the reference books to read and use class hours to have discussion; students should be able to show a proactive attitude and ability for self-study and reading. Knowledge and oral English will be elements of homework or presentation score.

☛ ***Homework***

Students should finish their homework by themselves. Copying from others will be treated as cheating and the homework scores will be lowered. Students should hand in all assignments on time. Late assignments will be accepted at the discretion of the instructor (i.e., when the student was ill or had an excused absence). Late assignments without reasonable proof will be reduced in score by 50%.

☞ ***Attendance***

Because the course covers a great deal of material, attending every class session is very important for performing well.

- Being late for 15 minutes or more is considered an absence.
- Five hours or above of unexcused absences will result in the lower level of the final grade by one grade band (e.g. from C – to D +). Any excused absence must be discussed directly with the teacher.
- Absence which is more than 1/3 of the total teaching hours will cause an F (a failing grade) directly.

but students are welcome to continue attending classes.

- An incomplete grade (I) will be considered in case of medical or family emergencies.

☞ ***Participation***

- Students should participate in classes actively. Half of participation grade is determined by their presentation in class. They are encouraged to ask questions relevant to the subject and express their own opinions. Every student should respect the ideas, opinions, and questions of their classmates.
- Students should also use office hours to ask questions or talk with the instructor for good communication and effective learning.
- Frequent visiting the instructor and chatting in English during office hours is highly recommended.
- Any misbehavior and non-class related activities in class will result in the lower level of the participation grade, including ringing cell phones.
- All above behaviors will be solely evaluated by the instructor for scoring.

☞ ***Textbook***

Students must bring the textbook to class.

Topical Course Outline

Week Index	Content
Week 1	Syllabus Statistics, Data & Statistical Thinking Introduction Descriptive statistics and interpretations of data
Week 2	Random events and sample space Properties of probability Counting techniques Conditional probabilities
Week 3	Bayes formula Independent events

	Theorem of the total probability
Week 4	Random variables Discrete random variables and their probability distributions Expected value and variance Expectation of a Function of a Random Variables
Week 5	The binomial distribution The Poisson distribution Continuous random variables and their probability distributions
Week 6	Distributions of a function of continuous variables Expected values and variance The uniform distribution The normal distribution
Week 7	Statistics and their distributions The distribution of the sample mean The distribution of a linear combination
Week 8	**Midterm Test**
Week 9	General ideas of point estimation The moment estimation The maximum likelihood estimation
Week 10	Introduction of confidence intervals Large-sample confidence interval for population mean and proportion
Week 11	Intervals based on a normal distribution Confidence interval for the variance and standard deviation of a normal distribution
Week 12	Hypotheses testing procedures Test about a population mean
Week 13	Test concerning a population proportion p-values
Week 14	Chinese Review Sessions Revision and Quiz
Week 15	Presentations
Week 16	**Final Exam**

Note: *Some chapters or sections may leave for self-study, this is the students' duty to learn and understand, they may also be included in the quizzes or exams.*
A review in Chinese may be held during L.C. and O.H. in the semester.

Teacher's Office Hour

- The instructor's office hour is shown in the front of the office door.
- Students are suggested to use the instructor's office hour and learning center to ask questions or talk with the instructor once at least per week for good communication and effective learning, which is recorded in the students' participation.
- The time can be scheduled by instructors or students, or both.

Cheating and Plagiarism

Cheating is not tolerated. Any student caught cheating on a quiz; test or exam will be given a mark of zero (0) for the particular work. At the beginning of the semester the definition of plagiarism will be carefully explained, when any thoughts or writings of another person are used, they must be clearly identified (usually one uses quotation marks) and the source notes. **If any student is caught cheating on any homework assignment, the highest score the student can earn in that course is a "C".**

Important Dates

Spring Semester, 2020	Mar 2, 2020— July 12, 2020
Feb.23	Registration
Feb.24	Classes Begin
Feb.28	Last Day to Drop or Add a Course
Apr.4	Qing Ming Festival
Apr.17	Spring Sports
Apr.20 -24	Midterm Test (tentative)
May 1	Labor Day
May 11-15	Summer School Registration (tentative)
June 15-19	Sophomore and Junior students' Final Exam
June 22-July12	Sophomore and Junior students' Social Practice， Summer School
June 25	Dragon-Boat Festival
June 27- July10	Revision and Final Exam Period
July 13	Summer Vacation Begins

Note: *This syllabus is tentative and may be changed or modified throughout the semester. All students will be notified and a new syllabus will be given.*

Instructor: Emma Zhu **Department Head: Jingning Li**