

STAT 251 - Elementary Statistics

2023 Winter Term 1 (September - December, 2023)

Course Description: Probability, discrete and continuous random variables, probability distributions, estimation, hypothesis testing, analysis of variance, regression.

Learning outcomes: Detailed learning outcomes are provided on the course website

Prerequisites: One of MATH 101, 103, 105, 121, SCIE 001.

Instructor: Dr. W. A. Lasantha Premarathna (Email: wpremara@stat.ubc.ca).

- Please use the email only for personal matters that you would want to discuss with the instructor.
- If you send me an email, make sure to include **STAT 251** in the subject line.
- Please use **office hours** and **Piazza Discussion Board** for questions regarding assignment problems/text book problems/labs class note examples etc.

Class Room: HEBB 100 (Monday, Wednesday & Friday | **class time:** 8:00am – 8:50am)
HEBB 100 (<https://learningspaces.ubc.ca/classrooms/hebb-100>)

Instructor Office Hours:

- **Online office hour:** 9:30am – 10:30am on Friday (Zoom link can be found through the zoom tab)
- **in-person:** Just after the class on Monday, Wednesday & Friday (around 30 minutes each day). I will leave if there are no students to ask questions.

Course Coordinator: Julia Peng (courses@stat.ubc.ca) - Please contact the course coordinator about any administrative questions. (e.g., late registration, lab registration, etc)

Head TA: Menglin Zhou (email: menglin.zhou@stat.ubc.ca)

Teaching assistants & TA office hours: Please refer the Canvas course page

Course Website: canvas.ubc.ca

- Please check the **Canvas** website regularly to keep up-to-date with the course. Everything you need will be available through Canvas and you should get familiar with all the tabs as soon as possible.
- If you have any problems related to technical issues, please use **?Help** (see the left side menu in the Canvas course page) to report the problem or to contact IT service.

Textbook:

- Course notes (free, download from Canvas. Check the module “Textbook & Suggested Problems” in the canvas course page)
- Additional references: Any recent editions “Probability and Statistics for Engineering and the Sciences” (by J.L. Devore)

Chapters to be covered:

- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, & 11 (according to the free course not chapters) Detailed learning outcomes can be found on the course website. Refer to this document throughout the course to clarify the outcomes you are expected to attain for each section of the material.

Brief Course Description

- Descriptive Statistics (Ch. 1)
- Probability and probability models (Ch. 3)
- Random variables and distributions (Ch. 4-6)
- Central Limit Theorem (Ch. 7)
- Statistical estimation and hypothesis testing (Ch. 8)
- Analysis of variance (Ch. 10)
- Selected topics from regression (Ch. 2 & 11)

Course Assessment

Assessment	Date	Percentage
Class question (iClicker Cloud)	in-class	5%
WeBWork(x10)	See the schedule in canvas page	10%
Labs (x8)	See the schedule in canvas page	8%
Written Assignments (x2)	See the schedule in canvas page	10%
Midterm	Wednesday, October 25 (8:00am – 8:50am) in-class exam	22%
Final Exam (must pass the final exam to pass the course)	To be scheduled by Classroom Services. Exam schedule is released about 3 weeks before exams Exam period: December 11 - 22	45%

Bonus points:

- There will be opportunities for bonus point. **1%** will be given to the top 10 students that provide the best answers on Piazza discussion board.

Policy regarding missing the midterm:

- There will be no make-up exam.
- Students who miss an exam should notify the instructor prior to (if possible) or immediately after the exam to request an Academic Concession. Students must supply a supporting document (for example, a doctor’s note will be sufficient in case of a medical emergency) within 3 days of the day of exam. Failing to contact the instructor may result in a grade of zero on the Midterm.
- If your request is approved by the instructor, your midterm weight will be moved to the final exam.

Deferred Exam Policy if you miss the Final Exam:

- The policy (UBC policy) is that students who miss the final exam **MUST** report to their faculty advising office within 48 hours to apply for deferred standing. They must also notify the instructor to receive instructions as to when they will write their deferred final. But they will not be granted a deferred final unless they are granted deferred standing by their faculty advising office.

iClicker cloud:

- We will be using iClicker Cloud in lectures. iClicker Cloud is a response system that allows you to use your own computer or mobile device to respond to questions posed by instructors during class. You need to set up an iClicker Cloud account and add STAT 251 as a course to this account. To do so, please follow <https://lthub.ubc.ca/guides/iclicker-cloud-student-guide> for details.

Piazza Discussion Board:

- You can use "Piazza Discussion Board" to post your questions. This is where you can discuss ideas, strategies, and resources for solving the problems with your classmates. Please **DO NOT POST ANSWERS** to the questions in the WeBWork assignments/written assignments and Labs before the due date. Instead, share your thoughts and approaches to solving the problems. Asking others how to solve a problem without first trying to solve it yourself will not be beneficial for your learning. TAs will not give the solution for assignments questions before the due date. But they will surely give hints as needed and let you know the correct directions. If you need more clarification, it's always better to contact TAs or me during our office hours. Don't expect TAs will answer all your questions posted in Piazza page with detailed solutions. We (TAs and I) are holding lots of office hours. I highly encourage you to use office hours. Please go to "General Information" then "TA Office Hours" to see when TAs are available during each day from Monday to Friday. If you have any problems or feedback for the developers, email team@piazza.com.
- **Note:** The 10 students that have answered the most statistics-related questions in a way that explains concepts well but does not reveal the answer to an assignment, lab, or WeBWork question will get a bonus 1% added to their overall grade.
- **Access Piazza:** Please go to "**Piazza**" in the left menu in the Canvas course page and it will open in a new window. Then you can sign up for the class page.

WeBWork:

- Please see the WeBWork assignments open and due dates in the Canvas course page.
Access WeBWork: Please go to "**WebWork**" in the left menu in the Canvas course page.

Labs:

- There are 8 Lab assignments. Please read more information about lab under "Labs" in Canvas course page.

Crowdmark:

- Crowdmark is an online grading and analytics application. You need to submit (upload) your answers to assignments in Crowdmark. Graded assignments will also be available one week after the due date. I will provide Crowdmark link when assignments are posted. You also will receive an email when a Crowdmark assignment available. If you cannot see STAT 251 course in Crowdmark, you are probably using the wrong email address. Then try with your other emails. The correct email will show you the STAT 251 course. If you still have problems, please contact lt.hub@ubc.ca. Do not use multiple email addresses to access Crowdmark. If you use multiple emails, your grade will not be correctly sync with the Canvas grade book.
- **Access Crowdmark:** you can see where to upload your assignment when they are ready. You will be able to access Crowdmark only when the first assignment is available there.

Seating in class:

- **Please sit in a consistent area** of the classroom each day. This will allow for the pedagogical methods planned for this class to help your learning.

If you do miss class because of illness or any other reason:

- Make a connection early in the term to another student or a group of students in the class. You can help each other by sharing notes. If you don't yet know anyone in the class, post on the discussion forum (Piazza) to connect with other students.
- Consult the class resources on Canvas.
- Use the online discussion forum (Piazza) for help.
- Come to online office hours (instructor and TAs) to contact us and discuss.

Make-up Monday: Thursday, October 12, 2023 is considered as a “Make-up Monday” for purposes of academic scheduling. UBC Vancouver classes normally scheduled on Thursday, October 12 classes are cancelled, and will be replaced by the classes normally scheduled on a Monday.

Academic Integrity: Class Policies on Exams and Assignments**Exams:**

- Exams are in-person

Assignments/Canvas quizzes/WeBWork/Labs:

- Discussion of ideas learned in class is encourage (with other students, TAs or the instructor).

This helps the leaning process. But individual work turned in by each student should be your own work. Do not copy or paraphrase solutions from other students or from other sources. Do Not provide your solutions to another student. Failure to comply with these rules will result in an automatic 0 for your work, and additional academic penalties.

- For more information, please see
 - Academic Honesty and Standards:
<https://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,286,0,0>
 - Academic Misconduct:
<https://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,54,111,0>
 - Disciplinary Measures:
<https://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,54,111,1751>

Reach Out for Success

- University students often encounter setbacks from time to time that can impact academic performance. Discuss your situation with your instructor or an academic advisor. Learn about how you can plan for success at: www.students.ubc.ca
- For help addressing mental or physical health concerns, including seeing a UBC counsellor or doctor, visit: <https://students.ubc.ca/health-wellness>

Note:

- Please check the Canvas course page regularly.
- No late submission (WebWork/Written Assignments/Labs/Exams) will be accepted.
- You are allowed to discuss (give hints) WebWork/ Written Assignment questions with other students via Piazza discussion board. But **DO NOT** post answers in the Piazza page.
- Grades change request forms (for midterm and assignments) should be submitted **within one week after grade released/post solution on canvas page**. Remarking request should only be raised when you are sure that the markers have made a mistake in marking your paper when you compare your paper with marking scheme. Remarking is not meant to give students a way to ask for more marks
- I will not be able to answer your questions about assignment problems/text book problems/ class note examples etc. by emails. I hope you can understand that as there are around 650 students in my classes in this term and how hard to explain answers to your questions through emails. Please use **office hours** and **Piazza Discussions** for those kinds of questions. Please use the instructor email only for personal matters (eg. if you are going to miss the midterm exam due to some unavoidable circumstance etc. or some other important matter related to the course) that you would want to discuss with the instructor. We are always there to help you during our (TAs and Instructor) office hours.

We acknowledge that the UBC Vancouver campus is situated within the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam).

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Schedule: This is a tentative lecture schedule and may be subject to change. Any updates will be announced in class and/or posted on Canvas page

Week	Dates	Lectures	WeBWork	Labs
1	Sep 5 – Sep 8	Ch 1	No WW	No Labs (Lab 0)
2	Sep 11 – Sep 15	Ch 1, 3	No WW	Lab 1
3	Sep 18 – Sep 22	Ch 3, 4	WW 1 - Thursday	Lab 2
4	Sep 25 – Sep 29	Ch 4	WW 2 - Thursday	Lab 3
5	Oct 2 – Oct 6	Ch 4, 5	WW 3 - Thursday	No Labs
6	Oct 9 – Oct 13	Ch 5, 6	WW 4 - Thursday	No Labs
7	Oct 16 – Oct 20	Ch 6 Written Assignment 1 due on Oct 20 (Friday)	WW 5 - Thursday	Lab 4
8	Oct 23 – Oct 27	Ch 6, 7 Midterm Wednesday, Oct 25	No WW	No Labs
9	Oct 30 – Nov 3	Ch 7, 8	WW 6 - Thursday	Lab 5
10	Nov 6 – Nov 10	Ch 8	No WW	Lab 6
11	Nov 13– Nov 17	Ch 8 Midterm Break: Nov 13-15	WW 7 - Thursday	No Labs
12	Nov 20 – Nov 24	Ch 8, 10	WW 8 - Thursday	Lab 7
13	Nov 27 – Dec 1	Ch 10, 2-11 Written Assignment 2 due on Dec 1 (Friday)	WW 9 - Thursday	Lab 8
14	Dec 4 – Dec 8	Ch 2-11	WW 10 - Thursday	
	Dec 11 - 22	Final Exam Period		

- Written assignments are published at least 10 days prior to the due date.