

Math 121: Principles of Statistics

Spring 2026 – Sections 1 and 2

Class meeting: M, W, F: 9:30 - 10:50 AM (Sec 1), 11:00 - 12:20 PM (Sec 2) at SCB 303

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Canvas:

- Section 1: <https://byuh.instructure.com/courses/1484155>
- Section 2: <https://byuh.instructure.com/courses/1484157>

Course website: <https://web.engr.oregonstate.edu/~phamt3/Courses/S26-Math-121>

Prerequisite: Math 107 or Math 110 or Acct 186 or Score 24 on Math Section of the ACT or 590 on Math Section of the SAT.

Credit hours: This 3-credit hour course approximates one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately 8 weeks.

Textbook: “*Introductory Statistics*”, 4th Edition by Gould, Wong, and Ryan. Pearson’s MyLab Statistics access is required. You can sign up through Canvas.

This class will be participating in Inclusive Access this semester. “Inclusive Access” is the course content solution that is giving you access to the eBook and/or course materials on the first day of school at a lower price. To access the eBook and/or course materials, go to Canvas, click on VitalSource Bookshelf. From there you are able to access the eBook and/or coursework. If you have already purchased your book and don’t need access to the eBook and/or coursework, please be sure to opt out. The deadline to opt-out and avoid your student account being charged is 14 days after the first day of school, after which refunds will not be provided. This charge will be listed on your student account as a “digital fee” with the course name. The price of your course materials will sent to you directly in a separate email. If you have any questions or concerns, regarding Inclusive Access, please contact the textbook manager at textbooks@byuh.edu.

Course description: You will explore the foundations of descriptive and inferential statistics, including probability, central tendency, variability, random variables, confidence intervals, hypothesis testing, linear regression, ANOVA, and contingency tables.

Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this class, a student will be able to:

1. Enhance their reasoning skills and problem-solving abilities through the study of statistics, and develop the ability to critically assess data for credibility;
2. Apply algebra and statistical calculations using tools such as StatCrunch to analyze data;
3. Understand and apply the concepts of inferential statistics, including conditions for inference;
4. Communicate statistical solutions and reasoning effectively in writing, particularly on tests;
5. Master key definitions, conditions of inference, and algorithms in the context of statistical analysis;
6. Utilize calculators and computer programs effectively for statistical analysis;
7. Explore real-world applications of statistics, with examples from various fields and industries.

Course goals: The course goal is to help students achieve the following learning outcomes. The table below indicates which outcomes will be addressed in Math 121. Program learning outcomes are not discussed because this class is not part of the math major program.

Student L.O.	Institutional L.O.
This course will extensively address knowledge of logical fallacies, mathematical logic and reasoning, earning interest, loans, national finances, probability models, data gathering, inferential statistics, proportional statistics, and other subjects [high priority]	Knowledge
Students will be required to locate, evaluate, and use examples of logical and mathematical applications. Also, demonstrate critical thinking when presented with information, making judgments about the relevance and reliability of reported mathematical or logical statements. [high priority]	Inquiry
The work in this class is primarily focused on analyzing problems mathematically and examining solutions. Mathematics is fundamentally an analytic tool, and one of the most useful. [high priority]	Analysis
All math students need the ability to properly communicate both the conclusions that can be reached from their work, and the methods and procedures that were used to arrive at those conclusions. Clearly expressing these graphically and in writing is assessed. [medium priority]	Communication
Some applications of the use of mathematics involving ethical questions will be discussed. Also, students are to behave ethically in the class related activities. [low priority]	Integrity
Some examples of mathematical applications involving care of our resources are given. Also, students are expected to manage their time effectively in order to complete assignments and prepare for and take exams. [low priority]	Stewardship
While little is done directly to assess service, it is expected that the skills developed in this class will enhance the abilities of students to provide service to their communities in the future. [low priority]	Service

Grading components:

Homework: 30%

Attendance: 10%

In-class quizzes: 15%

Chapter quizzes: 5%

Midterm: 20%

Final exam: 20%

There will be opportunities for extra credit during the course.

Evaluation:

- **Homework:** all homework assignments are given (and automatically graded) through MyLab Statistics. They are to be finished by the posted dates on MyLab Statistics. You may redo homework questions as many times as you want until perfect before the due date. You will lose 20% of the score per day on the questions scored after the due date.

- **Attendance:** after the Add deadline, the instructor will check attendance every day of class.
- **In-class quizzes:** quizzes will be given in class each Wednesday. These quizzes are to test students' understanding of recent topics.
- **Chapter quizzes:** End-of-chapter quizzes are assigned for Chapters 4-8 and to be done through MyLab Statistics. You may redo chapter quizzes as many times as you want until you get a perfect score before the due date.
- **Exams:** there will be one midterm exam and one final exam. Each exam will be done in class through MyLab Statistics. You must bring a laptop. See the class schedule for the dates of those exams. Links to access each exam can be found on the home page of the course on Canvas.

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI): in this course, the use of AI tools for learning is permitted. It is a good practice that you ask AI for the general procedure to solve a problem. Keep asking it follow-up questions until you thoroughly understand the procedure. After that, make sure that you practice homework problems yourself. *Understanding something does not mean that you can apply it to solve problems.* In most cases, it is a bad practice to have AI solve a homework problem for you before you have spent an intensive effort. You must not have AI solve the entire homework set for you. Such a practice is considered as cheating and you may receive a score of zero. Keep in mind that you are not allowed to use AI in any proctored test (in-class quizzes and exams).

Make-up work and due-date extension: make-up exams will be given only in exceptional circumstances, with appropriate documentation, such as illness or family emergency. If possible, notify the professor as soon as you are aware of the issue. Extension of due dates for assignments may be considered under similar conditions.

Grade lines: the course grade lines will not be harder than the standard grade lines: A 100-93%, A- 92.99-90%, B+ 89.99-87%, B 86.99-83%, B- 82.99-80%, C+ 79.99 - 77%, C 76.99-73%, C- 72.99-70%, D+ 69.99-67%, D 66.99-63%, D- 62.99 - 60% and F < 60%.

Other Learning Resources:

- The instructor has office hours dedicated to help you. Don't hesitate to make an appointment if the office hours conflict with your schedule.
- Your fellow classmates are also a good resource. Form a study group and you will find it helpful.
- You can find peer tutors at the Math Lab, located in SCB 302. Online tutoring is also available. Check out their hours here: <https://mc.byuh.edu/math-lab>.

Student Academic Grievance policy:

Students, who feel that their work has been unfairly or inadequately evaluated by an instructor, are encouraged to pursue the matter as an Academic Grievance by following the steps found in the Academic Grievance policy at <https://catalog.byuh.edu/policies-procedures/grievances>.

Final Exam Schedules: Final exams are to be offered on the specific day and time as determined by the official final exam schedule. Students must plan travel, family visits, etc., in a way that will not interfere with their final exams. Less expensive air fares, more convenient travel arrangements, family events or activities, and any other non-emergency reasons are not considered justification for early or late final exams.

Honor Code: The Honor Code exists to provide an education in an atmosphere consistent with the ideals and principles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Students, faculty and staff are expected to maintain the highest standards of honor, integrity, morality, and consideration of others in personal behavior. Academic honesty and dress and grooming standards are to be maintained at all times on and off campus. For specific information see <http://honorcode.byuh.edu>.

Discrimination: The University is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, pregnancy, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status in admissions, employment or in any of its educational programs or activities. For specific information see the non-discrimination policy at <https://policies.byuh.edu>.

Title IX and Sexual Misconduct: The University will not tolerate any actions proscribed under Title IX legislation, specifically sexual harassment, sexual violence, domestic or dating violence or stalking perpetrated by or against any university students, university employees or participants in university programs. For specific information see <https://titleix.byuh.edu>. All faculty and staff are deemed responsible reporting parties and as such mandated to report incidents of sexual misconduct including sexual assault to the Title IX.

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Mental Health Resources: As a college student, there may be times when personal stressors interfere with your academic performance and/or negatively impact your daily life. If you or someone you know is experiencing mental health challenges at BYUH, please contact Counseling Services at (808) 675-3518. Services are free and confidential. For more information, visit <https://counseling.byuh.edu/>. Free mental health self-help resources are available through TAO Connect. To access them, simply go to <https://us.taoconnect.org/register> and sign in using your BYUH email address. In a crisis situation, or after hours, please contact BYUH Campus Safety at (808) 675-3911 or call 911 if you are off campus. You can also call the 24-hour crisis hotline at 1-800-753-6879 or contact the Crisis Text Line at 741-741.

Report a Concern: If you have a concern to report go to <http://about.byuh.edu/reportaconcern>. If you have reason to believe a student or dependent of a student is a danger to self or others please do one of the following depending on the urgency of the situation:

- a. Call 911,
- b. Call BYU-H Public Safety (675-3911),
- c. Report a concern to the Behavior Intervention Team.