

## Syllabus for MA 171, General Statistics (Summer 2009)

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**Class Time:** 9:50—12:00 MTWR

**Place:** NSF 1205

This course satisfies the Formal Communication Studies requirement.

This course is designed to introduce students to the ways in which information and ideas are expressed using a communication system other than English. Such courses should foster the student's ability to conceptualize and communicate in an orderly, rational manner. Characteristics of a communication system include: 1) possession of a grammar; 2) operation from an established set of rules; 3) reasoning properties such as deduction, inference drawing and problem solving. This includes courses in languages and those in which the central focus of the course is on statistics, computers or formal logic.

**Course Description:** Descriptive Statistics. Discrete and Continuous Probability Distributions. Central Limit Theorem. Inferential Statistics. Regression and Correlation. Probability.

**Prerequisite:** A grade of C- or better in MA103, MA104, or MA105, or satisfactory score on the Math Placement Exam.

**Textbook:** Elementary Statistics (A brief version), 4<sup>th</sup> Edition by Allan Bluman.

**Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all the classes. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of the class.

**Homework and Tests:** Homework will be assigned for each class. There will be five tests tentatively scheduled for 05/26/09, 06/01/09, 06/8/09, 06/15/09, and 06/22/09, and a two-hour final exam on 06/25/09. Tests count 75% toward the final grade. The final exam counts 25%. It is important to take the tests and exam at the scheduled time. Generally, no make-ups will be given.

**Grading:** 90%—100% is an A. 80%—89% is a B, etc.

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