

Bronx Community College of the City University of New York
Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

Syllabus: **MTH 23 Probability and Statistics**

(3 credits, 3 hours per week)

Prerequisite: Math Proficiency Index of at least 60

TEXT: Understanding Basic Statistics by Brase & Brase, 8th ed., Cengage Learning.
 (ISBN-13: 9781337558075, ISBN-10: 1337558079)

Calculator: scientific calculator (suggested: TI-36X Pro)

Learning Objectives: On successful completion of this course, students will be able to

1. Sort, analyze and present numerical data using sample spaces, measures of central tendency, measures of variation, and measures of dispersion.
2. Recognize correlations between data sets using scatter diagrams; express linear correlations using least squares regression; determine the strength of the correlation via the correlation coefficient.
3. Predict experimental outcomes using basic techniques of probability (permutations, combinations, counting techniques, tree diagrams).
4. Recognize the features of a binomial experiment and apply the binomial probability distribution.
5. Recognize the features of a normal distribution and compute probabilities using the standard normal distribution.
6. Infer population parameters using sampling distributions and the Central Limit Theorem.
7. Limit the error of estimation by calculating confidence intervals.
8. Accept or reject a hypothesis by establishing a level of significance.

This course addresses the following **General Education Proficiencies**: analysis, interpretation, evaluation, and integration of information to formulate and solve problems; use of mathematical and scientific methods to formulate and solve problems and to understand the physical, natural and social worlds. This course may be used to satisfy **Category B** (Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning) of the CUNY **Pathways Required Core**.

Topics, Text Sections and Homework: (*optional topics)

CHAPTER	SEC.	TOPIC	PAGES	PROBLEMS
1. Getting Started	1.1	What is statistics?	10-12	1-15
	1.2	Random Samples	18-21	1-3, 8-20
	1.3	Introduction to Experimental Design	30-32	1, 2, 5-11
2. Organizing Data	2.1	Frequency Distributions, Histograms, and Related Topics	54-60	1-10, 15-20
	2.2*	Bar Graphs, Circle Graphs, and Time-Series Graphs	67-70	1-14
	2.3*	Stem-and-Leaf Displays	75-78	1-9
	3.1	Measures of Central Tendency: Mode, Median, and Mean	99-103	1, 2, 5-7, 12-28
3. Averages and Variation	3.2	Measures of Variation	115-118	1-21
	3.3	Percentiles and Box-and-Whisker Plots*	131-132	1-11

4. Correlation and Regression	4.1	Scatter Diagrams and Linear Correlation	158-161	1-18
	4.2*	Linear Regression and the Coefficient of Determination	174-179	1-18
5. Elementary Probability Theory	5.1	What is Probability?	201-204	1-4, 7-20
	5.2	Some Probability Rules– Compound Events	219-224	1-8, 11-31
	5.3*	Trees and Counting Techniques	233-235	1-27
6. The Binomial Probability Distribution and Related Topics	6.1	Introduction to Random Variables and Probability Distributions	252-256	1-3, 6-18
	6.2	Binomial Probabilities	268-273	1-27
	6.3	Additional Properties of the Binomial Distribution	278-282	1-8, 11-22
7. Normal Curves and Sampling Distributions	7.1	Graphs of Normal Probability Distribution	301-303	1-11
	7.2	Standard Units and Areas Under the Standard Normal Distribution	314-316	1-50
	7.3	Areas Under any Normal Curve	325-328	1-30
	7.4	Sampling Distributions	335	1-9
	7.5	The Central Limit Theorem	343-347	1-20
	7.6	Normal Approximation to the Binomial Distribution	354-357	1-21
8. Estimation	8.1	Estimating μ when σ is Known	381-385	1-25
	8.2	Estimating μ when σ is Unknown	393-398	1-22
	8.3*	Estimating p in the Binomial Distribution	406-410	1-27
9. Hypothesis Testing	9.1	Introduction to Statistical Tests	435-440	1-24
	9.2	Testing the Mean μ	451-455	1-24
	9.3*	Testing a Proportion p	463-467	1-24

Suggested Grading Guidelines: Homework, quizzes, oral presentations, projects, etc. (1/3 of grade); In-class tests (1/3 of grade); Final Exam (1/3 of grade).

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