

Department: Mathematics

Course Name: Advanced Placement Statistics

Course Description:

This course is a one-year study of college-level statistics. This course introduces students to the major concepts and tools for collecting, analyzing, and drawing conclusions from data. Students are exposed to four broad conceptual themes: exploring data, planning a study, probability, and statistical inference. All students are required to take the Advanced Placement Statistics Examination. An emphasis on critical thinking, complex communication, collaboration, creativity, and risk-taking will prepare students for rigorous college work. A TI-84 graphing calculator is required.

Content:

Exploratory analysis

Planning a study

Probability

Statistical inference

Skills:

Interpret graphical displays of distributions of univariate data

Summarize and compare distributions of univariate data

Explore bivariate and categorical data

Recognize correct methods of data collection

Plan and conduct surveys and experiments

Generalize results from observational studies, experimental studies, and surveys

Develop an understanding of probability to include relative frequency, independent random variables, normal distributions, and sampling distributions

Develop the ability to perform statistical inferences using confidence intervals, tests of significance, and other special cases of normally distributed data

Text and Materials:

Statistics in Action: Understanding a World of Data 2nd Edition by Watkins, Scheaffer & Cobb Key Curriculum Press 2008

Methods of Instruction:

Group Projects and Activities

Lecture

Experiments

Surveys

EFFL format

Methods of Evaluation:

Tests

Quizzes

Classwork

Homework

Projects

Informal questioning

Observation