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Text The Basic Practice of Statistics, (3rd Ed.) Moore
Website www.calvin.edu/~stob/courses/m143/S07
Tests February 13, 27, March 13, April 3, 17
Exam Friday, May 11, 9 AM

Final Grade The final grade will be a weighted average of your grades on homework, tests, and the final exam. The weights used in determining the final grade are:

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Reading The textbook was written to be read. There will be a reading assignment for each class period. Along with the reading assignment, you will be expected to answer most of the questions in the text that are embedded in the text. (These questions are labeled “Applying Your Knowledge.”) You should answer these questions in writing. For that purpose, you are expected to keep a bound notebook. Occasionally during the semester, the notebook will be collected to verify that you are keeping up with the reading. You are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the topics of the reading assignment for the day (including the reading questions that you have answered). This does not mean that you have to have understood everything in the reading. But you should come ready with questions about those things that you do not understand.

Homework Besides the reading questions, homework problems will be assigned based on the readings and the discussion in class. Homework problems are collected twice weekly (Tuesdays and Fridays). Homework is not accepted late for any reason but will not be considered late if it is turned in by 2 PM on the day it is due. Because no late homework is accepted, a homework score of 90% will be considered perfect. There will also be a few “project” assignments of a more extended nature and with an extended time to complete.
Tests    Tests are given only at the scheduled times. Rather than attempting to
decide which excuses for missing tests are sufficiently exculpatory, and realizing that
there are such excuses, I will allow you to miss one or two tests for any reason you deem
acceptable. However, there are no makeup tests. Rather, if you miss a test, your final
exam grade will replace that of the missed test. If you miss a third test, you will receive
a grade of F for that test. If you take every test, your exam grade will replace the grade
on your lowest two tests (if these grades are lower than that on the exam).

Final Exam    The final exam is given only at the scheduled time. The college
requires that I give and you take the exam at this time! The final exam is cumulative –
it covers the whole of Mathematics 143.

Web Site    The class website will be updated regularly and will contain a complete
list of all homework assignments, a copy of every class handout, and important links.
Check it regularly.

Collaboration    It is perfectly acceptable to help each other. I encourage you to
work together on any assignment unless I explicitly say otherwise. Of course academic
honesty and common sense require that only honest effort on your part be rewarded; do
not turn in “joint” work which is really only the work of someone else. However you do
not have to feel guilty turning in work that reflects mostly the good ideas of someone else
if you were genuinely working together. Even if your work is joint, you should write your
own solutions as independently as possible. That is, do not simply copy from others.
This is to ensure that you really understand the solution. You should always indicate
who you collaborated with on a problem.

See Me    If you are having trouble with the course, if you don’t understand some-
thing important, if you have some special circumstance that is getting in the way of
performing well in this class, or you just want to talk about the course, see me. While I
have office hours, I encourage you to come see me anytime that I am in my office (which
is most of the day everyday). While I check email regularly and will answer it promptly,
email isn’t very useful for answering the more technical questions that might come up in
homework. Also, don’t assume that just because you are awake and writing email that I
am awake and reading email!

Disabilities    Calvin will make reasonable accommodations for persons with docu-
mented disabilities. Students should notify the Coordinator of Services for Students with
Disabilities located in the Student Academic Services office. Students requiring such
accommodations should meet with me during the first week of class.