Statistics 111

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays, 11-12 pm, Williams 436 or by appointment (I will generally be available before class at 6 pm if that’s a more convenient time for you. Please email me in advance, if you’d like to see me at 6 pm on Wednesday)

GRADING WEIGHTS:    MIDTERM (Wednesday, October 16):    30%
FINAL (Wednesday, December 18, 6.30-9.30 pm):                            30%
HOMEWORKS:                              30%
CLASS PARTICIPATION:                                                                 10%

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REQUIRED TEXT:  
Moore, McCabe, Craig, Introduction to the Practice of Statistics, 7th Edition, W.H.Freeman and Company, 2012. (6th edition would be fine but you have to watch for any changes especially with homeworks as numbers may be different).

We will (occasionally) use Excel and Stata software in class and for some homework assignments. Stata (and, of course, Excel) is available in computer labs across the university. Follow this link http://www.library.upenn.edu/computing/laptops_labs.html to learn about availability of the software on campus. I will post on Canvas links to some software manuals. I am also planning to provide you examples on how to use the software during class.

Homework will be assigned every two weeks or so and will be posted on Canvas. You are encouraged to work in groups for homework assignments but every student should provide her/his answers. Only one problem from each homework will be graded (but you will not know in advance which one it is). The lowest homework score will be dropped.

READINGS (this is tentative and subject to change):
Week 1. Chapter 1, Sections 1-2
Week 2. Chapter 1, Sections 2-3
Week 3. Chapter 2, Sections 1-3
Week 4. Chapter 2, Sections 4-6
Week 5. Chapter 3, Sections 1-3
Week 6. Chapter 4, Sections 1-3
Week 7. Chapter 4, Section 4; Chapter 5, Section 1
Week 8. Brief review and Midterm exam
Week 9. Chapter 5, Section 2
Week 10. Chapter 6, Sections 1-2
Week 11. Chapter 6, Sections 2-3
Week 12. Chapter 7, Sections 1-2
Week 13. Chapter 8, Sections 1-2
Week 14. Thanksgiving eve (no class)
Week 15. Review