The best way to communicate with the instructor or the TA is to see us during our office hours.

The best way to ask homework questions is to participate in the discussion sections and see your TA or the instructor during our office hours.

Course Description and Prerequisites: STAT 152 is an introduction to the ideas behind the foundations of statistical science. Topics to be covered include (but are not limited to) descriptive statistics, random variables and probability models, statistical estimation and hypothesis testing, and linear regression analysis. To enroll in this class, a student must have either (i) ACT score of 27 or above, or (ii) SAT score of 610 or above, or (iii) a course grade of at least B or 60% on the final exam for MATH 126, or (iv) a satisfactory score on the placement test.


Statistical Software Package: We will learn basics of a statistical package MINITAB, which is available on the computers in the Math Center Laboratory (AB 610) and in the Data Works Lab in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center. MINITAB can also be accessed remotely from your Internet browser via Citrix Server at http://www.knowledgecenter.unr.edu/dataworks/citrixinfo.html with your Net ID. The knowledge of MINITAB will help you with your statistical projects long after we are done!

General Rules: All students in this class are expected to understand and respect each others’ right to learn the material. Any form of disruption to hinder other students’ learning in the classroom will not be tolerated. Please try to be on time and avoid private conversations, newspaper reading, and eating during the lectures. The noise disturbs other students and the instructor. Your cell phones should be turned off for the duration of the class.

Course Web Site MyLab: Course management system that comes packed with the text can be accessed at http://pearsonmylabandmastering.com/?cc or http://pearsonmylab.com. All students taking STAT 152 need to register for the course online using the Course ID kozubowski70568 and access code provided with the textbook. You will need a valid email address in order to register. For technical assistance, you can call Pearson Tech Support, 1800 677 6337. You are responsible for frequently checking the course announcements page in MyLab, and are assumed to be aware of any information published there. Similar information may be posted on the Instructor’s web site at http://wolfweb.unr.edu/homepage/kozubow/stat152fall12.htm.
Temporary Access Codes: Each semester there are some students who rely on financial aid to buy their textbooks, but their aid is delayed. If this applies to you, you can click on the temporary access link on the payment page when you register for the course. This will allow you to enroll in this course for 17 days. You must purchase an access code by the end of that 17 day period or you will lose their access.

Discussion Sections: There are five 50-minute sections for this class, which meet on Fridays at 8:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 2:00 pm in DMS 106. You must attend the section you registered for. Please note that there will be quizzes during discussion sections.

Homework/Quizzes: Homework will be assigned weekly, and is to be completed online, by Wednesday midnight, the following week. Weekly quizzes will be given in the Friday’s discussions.

Make-up Policy: There will be no make-up or early exams. If you miss one of the midterm exams and if there was a valid reason for that (written doctor’s note), your final exam’s score will be substituted for the score on the missed midterm. There will be no make-up or early final exam.

Exams: There will be two in-class exams and a comprehensive final exam. You must have your UNR ID with you for all tests. You will not be allowed to take any of the tests without showing the instructor your valid UNR ID at the time of the test. You will be allowed one $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11”$ page of handwritten notes for each of the midterms and two of such pages of handwritten notes for the final exam. Cell phones, PDAs, and computers must be turned off and put away out of sight during the exams. If we see any of those electronic devices during an exam, you will receive zero credit for that exam. Please bring scantron sheets for all tests.

Exam Dates: Midterms: TBA. Final exam: Monday, December 17, 2:45-4:45 pm.

Grading Policy: Final grades will be based on the weighted average of homework, quizzes, and exams with the following weights:

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Grading Scale: Instructor reserves the right to readjust cutoffs for the advantage of students.

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Calculators: You may use any calculator you like AND know how to use! You may NOT use a cell phone or a PDA for calculations on exams.

Resources: A variety of resources, including readings and videos, are available in MyLab. Free walk-in tutoring is available in the Math Center (AB 610) Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Please check with the Center (775 784 4433 or www.unr.edu/mathcenter/) for more details about their services. Your other UNR resources include the Tutoring Center (775 784 6801 or www.unr.edu/tutoring/) and the University Writing Center (775 784 6030 or http://www.unr.edu/writing_center/). All these centers support your classroom learning, and it is your responsibility to take advantage of their services.
**Academic Integrity**: Although forming study groups is encouraged, any work submitted by a student in this course for academic credit will be student’s own work, free of plagiarism. Plagiarism or other forms of dishonesty, such as submitting someone else's work as one's own or cheating during an exam, will likely result in a failing grade for the course. Students who make their work available for plagiarism by others will suffer the same consequences as students who plagiarized the work. All students in this course are expected to abide by the academic standards and policies of UNR. Please see [http://www.unr.edu/stsv/acdispol.html](http://www.unr.edu/stsv/acdispol.html)

**Athletics and Other Sanctioned Activities**: Any student participating in official school activities that will interfere with exams must let the instructor know by the end of the second week of classes.

**Audio and Video Recording Policy**: Surreptitious or covert video-taping of class or unauthorized audio recording of class is prohibited by law and by Board of Regents policy. This class may be videotaped or audio recorded only with the written permission of the instructor. In order to accommodate students with disabilities, some students may be given permission to record class lectures and discussions. Therefore, students should understand that their comments during class may be recorded.

**Disability Statement**: The Mathematics and Statistics Department supports equal access for students with disabilities. Any student with a disability is encouraged to meet with the instructor at his/her earliest convenience to ensure timely and appropriate accommodations or contact Mary Zabel at Thompson Student Services, Room 107 (784-6000) as soon as possible to arrange for appropriate accommodations.

If you are attending the University on scholarship or financial aid, it is your responsibility to maintain your grades.

As you start this course, it is important to remember that this is a three credit course, we will meet three hours per week and you will be given assignments regularly. This constitutes about one-fifth of your semester course load. If you miss class or fail doing homework on time you will fall behind and it will be very difficult to catch up. This will have a detrimental effect on your grade.

**HAVE A GREAT SEMESTER!**