

# Syllabus



**Department of Mathematics, Information and Computer Sciences**

**MTH3083 Mathematical Probability and Statistics**

**3 Units**

Spring 2023

TR 9:30 to 10:45 am in RS 295

Final Exam: 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM on Thursday 4-May-2023

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## PLNU Mission

### To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

## Department Mission

The Mathematical, Information, and Computer Sciences department at Point Loma Nazarene University is committed to maintaining a curriculum that provides its students with the tools to be productive, the passion to continue learning, and Christian perspectives to provide a basis for making sound value judgments.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

A first course in probability and statistics for students with sophisticated mathematics exposure. Topics include axioms of probability, random variables, discrete and continuous distributions, mathematical expectation, limit theorems, least square estimates of parameter, linear regression, experimental design, hypothesis testing, and confidence of intervals, testing of models, data analysis and appropriateness of models. Topics are supported by the use of statistical software.

**Prerequisite: Mathematics 2074 or equivalent**

## COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Students will be able to apply their mathematical knowledge to solve problems.
- Students will be able to use technology to solve problems.
- Students will collaborate effectively in teams.
- Students will be able to understand and create arguments supported by quantitative evidence, and they can clearly communicate those arguments in a variety of formats.

## REQUIRED TEXTS AND RECOMMENDED STUDY RESOURCES

*Modern Mathematical Statistics with Applications, 2nd ed.* by Jay L. Devore and Kenneth N. Berk

## COURSE CREDIT HOUR INFORMATION

In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a 3 unit class delivered over 15 weeks. Specific details about how the class meets the credit hour requirement can be provided upon request. (Based on 37.5 hours of student engagement per credit hour.)

## ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

### Graded Components

- **Labs:** The labs are due at the scheduled dates and times, and are submitted ONLY in Word, .pdf format in Canvas (e.g. Google Docs sheets are not permitted).
- **Homework:** Homework will be assigned weekly. All homework assigned in a week will be due on the following Thursday. No late homework will be accepted except by prior arrangement or with a documented emergency. The object of the homework is to learn how to do the problems so I expect to see calculations on your homework using the terminology and methods of the class and not just an answer. Homework will be scored on a combination of completeness (with work shown) and correctness. A random selection (the same for all people) of the problems will be graded on any homework assignment. If more than half of the homework assignments are submitted on time, then the lowest homework score will be dropped.
- **Examinations and the Final Examination.** Examinations and the Final Examination will include problems and questions over material assigned in the text, readings and handouts, as well as material presented in class. No examination shall be missed without prior consent or a well-documented emergency beyond your control. A score of zero will be assigned for an examination that is missed without prior consent or a well-documented emergency beyond your control. The final exam date and time is set by the university at the beginning of the semester and may not be changed by the instructor. This schedule can be found on the university website and in the course calendar. No requests for early examinations will be approved. Only in the case that a student is required to take three exams during the same day of finals week, is an instructor authorized to consider changing the exam date and time for that particular student.
- **Late work will not be accepted** without prior consent or a well-documented emergency. Up to a maximum of one homework assignment and one lab assignment will be accepted up to 3 days late provided that consent is received from the professor before it is due. Homework and lab assignments that are submitted late without prior consent will be recorded with a score of zero. If

more than half of the homework assignments are submitted on time, then the lowest homework score will be dropped from the calculations of the homework grade.

- The examination schedule is included in the daily schedule. This instructor does not intend to accept excuses such as poor communication with parents, benefactors, surf team sponsors and/or travel agents.

<b>Grading Distribution</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Two Examinations at 15% each	30
Final Exam	35
Labs	10
Homework	25
Total	100

### Grading Scale

Grades are based on the number of points accumulated throughout the course with the following exception. A student must pass at least one of Exam 1, Exam 2, or the Final Exam in order to pass the class. That is, a score of 60% must be achieved on one of the Exams, or else the final grade will be an F regardless of all other point totals. Approximate minimal percentages required to obtain a given grade are:

<b>Standard Grade Scale Based on Percentages</b>					
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>+</b>		87.5- 90	77.5-80	67.5-70	

<b>Standard Grade Scale Based on Percentages</b>					
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>
	92.5 -100	82.5-87.5	72.5-77.5	62.5 -67.5	0-60
<b>_</b>	90-92.5	80-82.5	70-72.5	60-62.5	

## STATE AUTHORIZATION

State authorization is a formal determination by a state that Point Loma Nazarene University is approved to conduct activities regulated by that state. In certain states outside California, Point Loma Nazarene University is not authorized to enroll online (distance education) students. If a student moves to another state after admission to the program and/or enrollment in an online course, continuation within the program and/or course will depend on whether Point Loma Nazarene University is authorized to offer distance education courses in that state. It is the student's responsibility to notify the institution of any change in his or her physical location. Refer to the map on [State Authorization \(https://www.pointloma.edu/offices/office-institutional-effectiveness-research/disclosures\)](https://www.pointloma.edu/offices/office-institutional-effectiveness-research/disclosures) to view which states allow online (distance education) outside of California.

## INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments are to be submitted/turned in by the beginning of the class session when they are due—including assignments posted in Canvas. Incompletes will only be assigned in extremely unusual circumstances.

## CLASS ENROLLMENT

It is the student's responsibility to maintain his/her class schedule. Should the need arise to drop this course (personal emergencies, poor performance, etc.), the student has the responsibility to follow through (provided the drop date meets the stated calendar deadline established by the university), not the instructor. Simply ceasing to attend this course or failing to follow through to arrange for a change of registration (drop/add) may easily result in a grade of F on the official transcript.

## PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY

Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.

### **PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY**

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See [Academic Policies](http://catalog.pointloma.edu/content.php?catoid=18&navoid=1278) (<http://catalog.pointloma.edu/content.php?catoid=18&navoid=1278>) for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

### **PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY**

PLNU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all its programs, services, and activities. Students with disabilities may request course-related accommodations by contacting the Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center ([EAC@pointloma.edu](mailto:EAC@pointloma.edu) (<https://mail.google.com/mail/?view=cm&fs=1&tf=1&to=EAC@pointloma.edu>) or 619-849-2486). Once a student's eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, the EAC will issue an academic accommodation plan ("AP") to all faculty who teach courses in which the student is enrolled each semester.

PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their AP in that particular course and/or if they do not wish to utilize some or all of the elements of their AP in that course.

Students who need accommodations for a disability should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to assure appropriate accommodations can be provided. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC.

### **PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY**

Attendance is expected at each class session. In the event of an absence you are responsible for the material covered in class and the assignments given that day.

Regular and punctual attendance at all classes is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent from more than 10 percent of class meetings, the faculty member can file a written report which may result in de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university drop date or, after that date, receive the appropriate grade for their work and participation. See **Academic Policies** (<http://catalog.pointloma.edu/content.php?catoid=18&navoid=1278>) for further information about class attendance.

## **SPIRITUAL CARE**

Please be aware PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as whole persons. To this end, we provide resources for our students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith. If students have questions, a desire to meet with the chaplain or have prayer requests you can contact the **Office of Spiritual Development** (<https://www.pointloma.edu/offices/spiritual-development>)

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	Sun	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri	Sat
<b>January</b>	8	9	10	11	12 Course Introduction 1.1: Populations and Samples 1.2: Pictorial & Tabular Methods in Descriptive Statistics 1.3: Measures of Location 1.4: Measures of Variability	13	14
	WK 1	NSO	Monday Schedule (No Class)				
	15	16	17 2.1: Sample Spaces and Events 2.2: Axioms, Interpretations and Properties of Probability 2.3: Counting Techniques 2.4: Conditional Probability	18	19 2.5: Independence 3.1: Random Variables 3.2: Probability Distributions for Discrete Random Variables <b>Due:</b> Homework #1: 1.1- 1.4	20	21 <b>Due:</b> Lab 1
	WK 2	<b>MLK Day</b>					
	22	23	24 3.3: Expected Values of Discrete Random Variables 3.4: Moments and Moment Generating Functions 3.5: The Binomial Probability Distribution	25	26 3.6: Hypergeometric and Negative Binomial Distributions 3.7: The Poisson Probability Distribution <b>Due:</b> Homework #2: 2.1- 2.5, 3.1, 3.2	27	28
29	30	31 <b>Spiritual Renewal Week</b> 4.1: Probability Density and Cumulative Distribution Functions 4.2: Expected Values and Moment Generating Functions	1	2 <b>Spiritual Renewal Week</b> 4.3: The Normal Distribution 4.4: The Gamma Distributions and Its Relatives <b>Due:</b> Homework #3: 3.2-3.7	3	4 <b>Due:</b> Lab 2	
WK 4							
<b>February</b>	5	6	7 4.6: Probability Plots 4.7: Transformations of a Random Variable	8	9 Catch up and <b>Review for Exam I</b> <b>Due:</b> Homework #4: 4.1-4.4	10	11
	WK 5						
	12	13	14 <b>Exam I</b>	15	16 5.1: Jointly Distributed Random Variables 5.2: Expected Values, Covariance, and Correlation <b>Due:</b> Homework #5: 4.6, 4.7	17	18 <b>Due:</b> Lab 3
	WK 6						
	19	20	21 5.3: Conditional Distributions 5.4: Transformations of a Random Variable	22	23 5.5: Order Statistics 6.1: Statistics and Their Distributions <b>Due:</b> Homework #6: 5.1, 5.2	24	25
WK 7							
26	27	28 6.2: The Distribution of the Sample Mean 6.3: The Mean, Variance, and MGF for Several Variables	1	2 6.3: The Mean, Variance, and MGF for Several Variables 6.4: Distributions Based on a Normal Random Sample <b>Due:</b> Homework #7: 5.3-5.5, 6.1	3	4 <b>Due:</b> Lab 4	
WK 8							



	Sun	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri	Sat	
<b>March</b>	5	6 Spring	7	8 Break	9	10 Week	11	
	12 WK 9	13	14 7.1: General Concepts and Criteria (of Point Estimation) 7.2: Methods of Point Estimation	15	16 7.3 Sufficiency 7.4 Information and Efficiency (AIC) <b>Due:</b> Homework #8: 6.2-6.4	17	18	
	19 WK 10	20	21 8.1: Basic Properties of Confidence Intervals 8.2: Large-Sample Confidence Int. for a Pop. Mean & Proportion 8.3: Intervals Based on a Normal Population Distribution	22	23 8.4 CIs for the Variance and Std. Dev. of a Normal Population 8.5: Bootstrap Confidence Intervals <b>Due:</b> Homework #9: 6.2-6.4	24 Last Drops	25 <b>Due:</b> Lab 5	
	26 WK 11	27	28 9.1: Hypotheses and Test Procedures 9.2: Tests About Population Mean 9.3: Tests Concerning Population Proportion	29	30 Catch up and <b>Review for Exam II</b> <b>Due:</b> Homework #10: 8.1-8.5	31	1	
<b>April</b>	2 WK 12	3	<b>Exam II</b>		5	6 Easter Recess	7 Easter Recess	8
	9 WK 13 <b>Easter</b>	10	11 9.4: P-Values 9.5: Some comments on Selecting a Test Procedure	12	13 10.1: $z$ Tests & CIs for a difference Between Two Population Means 10.2 The Two Sample $t$ Test and Confidence Interval <b>Due:</b> Homework #11: 6.2-6.4	14	15 <b>Due:</b> Lab 6	
	16 WK 14	17	18 10.3: Analysis of Paired Data 10.4: Inference about Two Population Proportions	19	20 11.1: Single-Factor ANOVA 11.2: Multiple Comparisons in ANOVA <b>Due:</b> Homework #12: 6.2-6.4	21	22	
	23 WK 15	24	25 12.1 The Simple Linear and Logistic Regression Models 12.2 Estimating Model Parameters	26	27 <b>Review for the Final Exam</b> <b>Due:</b> Homework #13: 6.2-6.4	28	29 <b>Due:</b> Lab 7	
	30 WK 16	1	2	3	4 <b>Final Exam</b> 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM	5	6	