

# Syllabus



**School of STEM**  
**Department of Mathematical, Information and Computer Sciences**

MTH2003—Introduction to Statistics

3 Units (Section 1: MW, 1:00-2:15pm, Liberty Station 201)  
(Section 2: MW, 2:30-3:45pm, Liberty Station 201)

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**Office hours: Posted in Canvas**

**Final Exam: 12/16 at 7:30am**

**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 statistics for the general student. Description of sample data, probability theory, theoretical frequency distributions, sampling, estimation, and hypothesis testing. Not applicable toward a major in mathematics.

**COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. Students will be able to apply their technical knowledge to solve problems.
2. Students will be able to compute measures of central tendency for data.
3. Students will be able to compute measures of dispersion for data.
4. Students will be able to use statistical methods to test hypotheses.
5. 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 MATERIALS**

1. *The Basic Practice of Statistics*, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition by Moore, Notz and Fligner
2. Access to Achieve, available through the online access key
3. A cheap calculator other than your phone, tablet, or computer (with at least a square root key).
4. Laptop or access to a computer with Java enabled in the web browser

5. Excel (see Canvas for download and installation instructions)

## **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 fifteen weeks. It is anticipated that students will spend a minimum of 37.5 participations hours per credit hour on their coursework. For this course, students will spend an estimated 112.5 total hours meeting the course learning outcomes. Specific details about how the class meets the credit hour requirement can be provided upon request.

## **ASSESSMENT AND GRADING**

### **Graded Components**

- **Online Homework:** This homework is completed in Achieve, available through the online access key. You will have multiple attempts to complete each problem. Each section covered in class will have associated problems assigned online. Late homework will not be accepted. Your lowest two online homework scores will be dropped.
- **Written Homework:** Homework problems will be assigned regularly and posted on Canvas. A homework assignment is late if it is not submitted at the beginning of class on the due date. Please check regularly to ensure that you are keeping up with the homework. Late homework will not be accepted. Your lowest two written homework scores will be dropped.
- **Labs:** The labs are due at the scheduled dates and times and are submitted ONLY in Word or PDF format in Canvas. Late lab assignments will not be accepted. Your lowest lab assignment 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 a well-documented emergency beyond your control. A score of zero will be assigned for an examination that is missed without a well-documented emergency beyond your control.
- **Late work will not be accepted.** Homework and lab assignments that are submitted late will be recorded with a score of zero. During the course, you may find that you are unable to submit homework on time due to a personal situation (for example, a personal or family illness, accident, business trip, etc.). This is why your lowest assignments will be dropped, as described above. There are no exceptions to this policy so please use your dropped assignments wisely.

<b>Grading Distribution</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Two Examinations (at 17.5% Each)	35
Final Exam	30
Lab Final Exam	5
Labs	10
Online & Written Homework	17.5
Attendance & Participation	2.5
Total	100

### **FINAL EXAM:**

**Date and Time:** Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-10:00am in the Large Central Room at Liberty Station.

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.

### **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 Examination 1, Examination 2, or the Final Examination in order to pass the class. That is, a score of 60% must be achieved on one of the Examinations, 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:

Standard Grade Scale Based on Percentages					
	A	B	C	D	F
+		[87.5-90.0)	[77.5-80.0)	[67.5-70.0)	
	[92.5-100.0]	[82.5-87.5)	[72.5-77.5)	[62.5-67.5)	[0-60)
-	[90.0-92.5)	[80.0-82.5)	[70.0-72.5)	[60.0-62.5)	

### FINAL EXAMINATION POLICY

Successful completion of this class requires taking the final examination on its scheduled day. The final examination schedule is posted on the [Class Schedules](#) site. If you find yourself scheduled for three (3) or more final examinations on the same day, you are authorized to contact each professor to arrange a different time for one of those exams. However, unless you have three (3) or more exams on the same day, no requests for alternative final examinations will be granted.

### 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 their physical location. Refer to the map on [State Authorization](#) 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 their 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 RECORDING NOTIFICATION**

In order to enhance the learning experience, please be advised that this course may be recorded by the professor for educational purposes, and access to these recordings will be limited to enrolled students and authorized personnel.

Note that all recordings are subject to copyright protection. Any unauthorized distribution or publication of these recordings without written approval from the University (refer to the Dean) is strictly prohibited.

## **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. For all student appeals, faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See [Academic Policies](#) 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 in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). 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) or 619-849-2486). Once a student's eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, the EAC will work with the student to create an Accommodation Plan (AP) that outlines allowed accommodations. The EAC makes accommodations available to professors at the student's request.

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. Accommodations are not retroactive so clarifying with the professor at the outset is one of the best ways to promote positive academic outcomes.

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. Students cannot assume that because they had accommodations in the past, their eligibility at PLNU is automatic. All determinations at PLNU must go through the EAC process. This is to protect the privacy of students with disabilities who may not want to disclose this information and are not asking for any special accommodations.

## **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND DISCRIMINATION**

Point Loma Nazarene University faculty are committed to helping create a safe learning environment for all students. If you (or someone you know) have experienced any form of sexual discrimination or misconduct, including sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, or stalking, know that help and support are available through the Title IX Office at [pointloma.edu/Title-IX](http://pointloma.edu/Title-IX). Please be aware that under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, it is required to disclose information about such misconduct to the Title IX Office.

If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact Counseling Services at [counselingservices@pointloma.edu](mailto:counselingservices@pointloma.edu) or find a list of campus pastors at [pointloma.edu/title-ix](http://pointloma.edu/title-ix)

If you (or someone you know) have experienced other forms of discrimination or bias, you can find more information on reporting and resources at [www.pointloma.edu/bias](http://www.pointloma.edu/bias)

## **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 class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of class sessions, the faculty member will issue a written warning of de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university withdrawal date or, after that date, receive an "F" grade.

## **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 your professor or the [Office of](#)

Spiritual Life and Formation.

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Fall 2024

MTH 2003 Calendar

	Week	Monday	Wednesday
<b>September</b>	<b>1</b>	2 Labor Day	4 Introduction Lab 0
	<b>2</b>	9 Chapters 1 & 2	11 Chapters 4, 5 & 6
	<b>3</b>	16 Chapter 8	18 Lab Review (Labs 1 & 2)
	<b>4</b>	23 Chapter 9	25 Chapter 3
	<b>5</b>	30 Chapter 3 continued	2 Lab Review (Labs 3 & 4)
<b>October</b>	<b>6</b>	7 Review for Exam I	9 <b>Exam I</b>
	<b>7</b>	14 Chapter 15	16 Chapter 16
	<b>8</b>	21 Chapter 17	23 Lab Review (Labs 5 & 6)
	<b>9</b>	28 Chapter 18	30 Chapter 20
<b>November</b>	<b>10</b>	4 Chapter 20 continued	6 Lab Review (Labs 7 & 8)
	<b>11</b>	11 Chapter 21	13 Chapter 27
	<b>12</b>	18 Review for Exam II	20 <b>Exam II</b>
	<b>13</b>	25 Chapters 22 & 23	27 Thanksgiving Break
<b>December</b>	<b>14</b>	2 Chapter 25	4 Lab Review (Labs 9 & 10)
	<b>15</b>	9 Review for Final Exam	11 <b>Lab Final Exam</b>
	<b>16</b>	16 <b>Final Exam</b> 7:30am-10:00am in the Large Central Room	18