Prerequisite MATH 327 and MATH 329

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Text No text is required. Course notes will be provided in pdf format at

http://people.wku.edu/david.neal/429/

MATH 429 is a continuation of the study of probability and statistical inference and emphasizes both theory and applications. The course covers topics on special distributions, confidence intervals, hypothesis tests, goodness of fit, joint distributions, correlation, and regression. Supplemental computer projects also may be included.

In this course, you should strive for *perfection*. Although perfection is not attainable, in the pursuit of that goal you will achieve *excellence*. You should accept nothing less of yourself in any of your endeavors.

Grades will be dependent on class average and attendance as follows:

Homework: 40% Two Tests: 20% each Final Exam: 20%

A – at least a 95% average and no more than one unexcused absence

B – at least an 85% average and no more than one unexcused absence

C – at least a 75% average and no more than one unexcused absence

 \mathbf{F} – Below a 75% average, or two or more unexcused absences

Assignments: Homework problems will be assigned daily with some designated to be turned in for grade. Homework should be neat and well-written. Scratch work and rough drafts are *not* acceptable. Late homework will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Students are expected to do their own work on assignments that are to be turned in for grade. Plagiarism and allowing plagiarism are *not* allowed and will result in a grade of 0 on the assignment for all students involved in giving or receiving help. Multiple occurrences of such academic dishonesty will result in dismissal from the class.

Tests: Each test will be based on class lectures and assigned homework. Details of each test will be outlined several days in advance.

The tests are scheduled as follows:

Test 1: Thu Mar 4 **Test 2**: Thu Apr 22 **Final Exam**: Thur May 13 1:00 – 3:00

Make-Up Policy

Students are expected to take each test on the day that it is scheduled. Students will not be allowed to take tests early or late. No make-ups will be given and a missed test will result in a grade of 0 for that test. So try to avoid any calamities on test days.

Withdrawal Date

Mark your calendar: March 19, 2010 is the last day to withdraw from the course with a grade of W or to change enrollment from credit to audit.

Disability Services

Students with disabilities who require accommodations, academic adjustments, and/or auxiliary aids or services for this course must contact the Office for Student Disability Services in DUC A-200. The OFSDS telephone number is 745-5004 (or 745-3030 TTY). Please do not request accommodations directly from the professor without a letter of accommodation from the Office for Student Disability Services.

Please feel free to see me if you ever need any other help with the class or if you'd like to discuss any other matter. Good luck in the course!

Graduation Fee

If you plan to graduate in May 2010, don't forget to pay your graduation fee.