

Winter 2014 – Stats 3520B Final Exam

Guidelines & Exam Coverage

As per university regulation, no information regarding solutions of the final exam or final grades will be released until the end of the final exam period. Instructions on how you can access your final grade will be posted in the course website on the last day of the examination period.

NOTE: The final exam papers will be marked by the course instructor alone. No TAs and postdocs will be involved in the marking process. You can be rest assured that your final exam score will reflect 100% the professor's academic judgement. Each paper will also undergo clerical and administrative checks at least twice.

First name and last name must NOT be written on your test booklet. Only provide a candidate number (to be given to you during the exam). This candidate number will be used to decode your identity after the exam using the Attendance Sheet and questionnaire.

With no names appearing in the paper and the fact that instructor is not familiar with student's penmanship, anonymous marking such as this will ensure maximum objectivity and dispel any form of bias.

PLEASE ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING RULES DURING THE EXAM:

1. Only non-programmable calculators that do not make any sounds are permitted in the exam. *You are NOT allowed to borrow calculators from your seatmates.* So, remember to bring your own. *No laptops* are allowed whilst taking the exam. Instructors and invigilators DO NOT carry extra calculators; they are NOT responsible to look for a replacement if your calculator malfunctions or you are denied to use a calculator that does meet the proper specification (i.e., non-programmable and silent).
2. In the interest of fairness, (i) please DO NOT open the questionnaire until you are told to do so by the invigilator; you may fill out the student's information section on the front cover of the questionnaire whilst waiting for the signal to begin and (ii) as soon as the invigilator announces "time is up and stop writing", you should drop your pen/pencil, must stop writing and remain in your seat until all the exam papers are collected. ***Ignoring these important instructions will have dire consequences (including the invalidation of your exam paper and a mark of zero in the final exam).***
3. As a courtesy to your classmates, PLEASE turn-off all mobile phones, Blackberries, pagers and other electronic communication devices during the entire exam period.
4. For the purpose of identification, be ready to show your UWO ID. Put it on top of your desk so that the invigilator will no longer trouble you whilst you are writing the exam. You must also sign the Attendance Sheet.
5. Follow exam instructions carefully. Failure to do so can lead to mark deductions, which could substantially lower down your final exam score.

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6. The final exam on Thursday (17 April 2014, 2:00-5:00PM) will be held in **UCC 056**. *The format of the final exam is the same as that of the first and second midterms, i.e., part I contains questions requiring short to moderate calculations and/or explanations, and part II contains problems requiring more in-depth analysis but the solutions should be straightforward. Each question in parts I and II may or not contain subquestions.*

Just like in your assignments, your mark will depend on the logical presentation and clarity of your solution. DO NOT assume that markers can simply guess what you mean – write down all the necessary steps. No credit will be given for a final solution (even if it is correct) without a valid justification or explanation in part II of the exam, unless indicated otherwise.

7. All materials given in the class, assignments, lecture summaries and resources available in the course website will be tested. *There will be a slight emphasis on materials covered in the last part of the course since they were not tested in the midterms.*
8. In order to cut down the time you need to study the materials specified in item #7, it is recommended that you concentrate on the (i) lecture notes given in class, (ii) learning materials posted in the course website and (iii) solutions to all assignment questions.
9. You may be asked about the definition of a term, and perhaps to describe or state important statements and results. Be precise and coherent. You can expect that certain questions will require you to write a paragraph or two. Don't ramble. Organise your thoughts first and then write succinctly and legibly. The mark appropriated for each question is shown before/after each question; so, use this as your guide in case you are wondering about the amount of explanation needed.
10. As described in the course outline, your final grade in the course will be calculated using the scheme below:

$$\text{Final Grade} = 20\% \cdot A + 40\% \cdot M + 40\% \cdot F$$
 where
 A:=weighted ave mark of 3 assignments, M:= ave mark of the two midterm tests, and F:= final exam mark.

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