

CURRICULUM PROPOSAL COVER SHEET
University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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I. TITLE/AUTHOR OF CHANGE

COURSE/PROGRAM TITLE MA 217 PROBABILITY and STATISTICS
DEPARTMENT MATHEMATICS
CONTACT PERSON JOHN BROUGHTON

II. THIS COURSE IS BEING PROPOSED FOR:

- Course Approval Only
 Course Approval and Liberal Studies Approval
 Liberal Studies Approval only (course previously has been approved by the University Senate)

III. APPROVALS

John Broughton
Department Curriculum Committee

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College Dean*

Provost
(where applicable)

*College Dean must consult with Provost before approving curriculum changes. Approval by College Dean indicates that the proposed change is consistent with long range planning documents, that all requests for resources made as part of the proposal can be met, and that the proposal has the support of the university administration.

IV. TIMETABLE

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INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

COURSE NUMBER: MA 217

COURSE TITLE: Probability and Statistics (non-Math majors)

CREDITS: 3 semester hours

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Frequency distributions, measures of central tendency, variation, elementary probability, sampling, estimation, testing hypotheses, correlation, and regression; emphasis on applications as opposed to theoretical development of topics.

PRESENT TEXT: General Statistics
by Chase and Brown

COURSE OUTLINE:

- I. Descriptive Statistics - 4 days
 - A. Frequency distributions
 - B. Graphical presentations
 1. Histograms
 2. Frequency polygons
 3. Ogives
 - C. Stem-Leaf displays (optional)
 - D. Chebyshev's Theorem and Empirical Rule (optional)
 - E. Measures of central tendency, dispersion, position (percentiles, quartiles, and deciles).
- II. Probability - 2 days
 - A. Sample spaces, events, assigning probabilities if events are equally likely to occur and not equally likely to occur.
 - B. Rules of probability
 - 1. Addition
 2. $1-P(A)$
 3. Conditional probability
 4. Multiplication
- III. Random Variables and Probability Distributions - 6 days
 - A. Discrete
 1. Binomial
 2. Mean-expected value, variance
 3. Poisson (optional)
 - B. Continuous
 1. Normal
 2. Student's t
 3. Chi-square

- IV. Sampling Distributions - 3 days
 - A. Central Limit Theorem
 - B. Sampling distribution of the sample mean
 - C. Sampling distribution of the sample proportion

- V. Estimation of Population Parameters - 2 days
 - A. Point Estimation
 - B. Interval estimation -- population mean and population proportion.

- VI. Hypothesis Testing - 8 days
 - A. Population mean
 - 1. Large-sample with σ unknown.
 - 2. Small-sample with σ unknown.
 - B. Population proportion
 - C. Population variance
 - D. Difference between two population means for both independent samples and dependent samples.
 - E. Difference between two population proportions
 - F. p-value and Type I, II errors

- VII. One-way Analysis of Variance - 1 day

- VIII. Chi-Square Test for Goodness of Fit - 3 days
 - A. Multinomial experiment
 - B. Tests of independence
 - C. Tests of homogeneity

- IX. Linear Correlation and Regression - 3 days
 - A. Regression analysis
 - 1. Scatter diagrams
 - 2. Least squares regression line
 - 3. Use (2) to estimate the value of one variable given the value of the other variable.
 - B. Correlation analysis
 - 1. Linear correlation coefficient
 - 2. Coefficient of determination
 - C. Inference concerning correlation and regression
 - 1. Hypothesis testing investigating the linearity for a population
 - 2. Prediction interval

- X. Nonparametric Statistics - 3 days
 - A. Sign test
 - B. Kruskal-Wallis test
 - C. Spearman r

COMPUTER ASSIGNMENTS: (Included in with the appropriate chapter)

- 1. Descriptive statistics
- 2. t-test
- 3. One-way ANOVA
- 4. Regression analysis

THREE DAYS FOR TESTS

LIBERAL STUDIES COURSE APPROVAL FORM

About this form: Use this form only if you wish to have a course included for Liberal Studies credit. The form is intended to assist you in developing your course to meet the university's Criteria for Liberal Studies, and to arrange your proposal in a standard order for consideration by the LSC and the UWUCC. If you have questions, contact the Liberal Studies Office, 353 Sutton Hall; telephone, 357-5715.

Do not use this form for technical, professional, or pre-professional courses or for remedial courses, none of which is eligible for Liberal Studies. **Do not** use this form for sections of the synthesis course or for writing-intensive sections; different forms will be available for those.

PART I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. For which category(ies) are you proposing the course? Check all that apply.

LEARNING SKILLS

- First English Composition Course
- Second English Composition Course
- Mathematics

KNOWLEDGE AREAS

- Humanities: History
- Humanities: Philosophy/Religious Studies
- Humanities: Literature
- Fine Arts
- Natural Sciences: Laboratory Course
- Natural Sciences: Non-laboratory Course
- Social Sciences
- Health and Wellness
- Non-Western Cultures
- Liberal Studies Elective

B. Are you requesting regular or provisional approval for this course?

- Regular Provisional (limitations apply, see instructions)

new course

C. During the transition from General Education to Liberal Studies, should this course be listed as an approved substitute for a current General Education course, thus allowing it to meet any remaining General Education needs? yes no

If so, which General Education course(s)? MA 101

PART II. WHICH LIBERAL STUDIES GOALS WILL YOUR COURSE MEET? Check all that apply and attach an explanation.

All Liberal Studies courses must contribute to at least one of these goals; most will meet more than one. As you check them off, please indicate whether you consider them to be primary or secondary goals of the course. [For example, a history course might assume "historical consciousness" and "acquiring a body of knowledge" as its primary goals, but it might also enhance inquiry skills or literacy or library skills.] Keep in mind that no single course is expected to shoulder all by itself the responsibility for meeting these goals; our work is supported and enhanced by that of our colleagues teaching other courses.

	Primary	Secondary
A. Intellectual Skills and Modes of Thinking:		
1. Inquiry, abstract logical thinking, critical analysis, synthesis, decision making, and other aspects of the critical process.	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
2. Literacy--writing, reading, speaking, listening	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
3. Understanding numerical data	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
4. Historical consciousness	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
5. Scientific inquiry	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
6. Values (ethical mode of thinking or application of ethical perception)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
7. Aesthetic mode of thinking	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
B. Acquiring a Body of Knowledge or Understanding Essential to an Educated Person	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
C. Understanding the Physical Nature of Human Beings	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
D. Certain Collateral Skills:		
1. Use of the library	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2. Use of computing technology	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

PART III. DOES YOUR COURSE MEET THE GENERAL CRITERIA FOR LIBERAL STUDIES? Please attach answers to these questions.

- A. If this is a multiple-section, multiple-instructor course, there should be a basic equivalency (though not necessarily uniformity) among the sections in such things as objectives, content, assignments, and evaluation. Note: this should not be interpreted to mean that all professors must make the same assignments or teach the same way; departments are encouraged to develop their courses to allow the flexibility which contributes to imaginative, committed teaching and capitalizes on the strengths of individual faculty.

What are the strategies that your department will use to assure that basic equivalency exists? Examples might be the establishment of departmental guidelines, assignment of responsibility to a coordinating committee, exchange and discussion of individual instructor syllabi, periodic meetings among instructors, etc.

- ✓ B. Liberal Studies courses must include the perspectives and contributions of ethnic and racial minorities and of women wherever appropriate to the subject matter. **If your attached syllabus does not make explicit that the course meets this criterion, please append an explanation of how it will.**

- C. Liberal Studies courses must require the reading and use by students of at least one, but preferably more, substantial works of fiction or nonfiction (as distinguished from textbooks, anthologies, workbooks, or manuals). **Your attached syllabus must make explicit that the course meets this criterion.**

[The only exception is for courses whose primary purpose is the development of higher level quantitative skills; such courses are encouraged to include such reading, but are not expected to do so at the expense of other course objectives. **If you are exercising this exception, please justify here.**]

- D. If this is an introductory course intended for a general student audience, it should be designed to reflect the reality that it may well be the only formal college instruction these students will have in that discipline, instead of being designed as the first course in a major sequence. That is, it should introduce the discipline to students rather than introduce students into the discipline. **If this is such an introductory course, how is it different from what is provided for beginning majors?**

E. The Liberal Studies Criteria indicate six ways in which all courses should contribute to students' abilities. To which of the six will your course contribute? Check all that apply and attach an explanation.

- 1. Confront the major ethical issues which pertain to the subject matter; realize that although "suspended judgment" is a necessity of intellectual inquiry, one cannot live forever in suspension; and make ethical choices and take responsibility for them.
- 2. Define and analyze problems, frame questions, evaluate available solutions, and make choices
- 3. Communicate knowledge and exchange ideas by various forms of expression, in most cases writing and speaking.
- 4. Recognize creativity and engage in creative thinking.
- 5. Continue learning even after the completion of their formal education.
- 6. Recognize relationships between what is being studied and current issues, thoughts, institutions, and/or events.

PART IV. DOES YOUR COURSE MEET THE CRITERIA FOR THE CURRICULUM CATEGORY IN WHICH IT IS TO BE LISTED?

Each curriculum category has its own set of specific criteria in addition to those generally applicable. The LSC provides copies of these criteria arranged in a convenient, check-list format which you can mark off appropriately and include with your proposal. **The attached syllabus should indicate how your course meets each criterion you check. If it does not do so explicitly, please attach an explanation.**

PART III (MA 217)

A. There will be a common syllabi of topics that should be covered by each of the individual instructors teaching this course. Such common syllabi should include but not be limited to topics which introduce the student to deductive reasoning, develop in the student problem solving skills, and enable the student not only to understand the underlying principles of formulae but also to have the ability to use and interpret numerical data.

B. Whenever appropriate, information will be introduced into the classroom discussion which will reflect the contributions made to mathematics by women and by racial minorities.

C. The Statistics Curriculum Committee of the Mathematics Department will provide a minimum reading list for this course. Instructors will be encouraged to supplement this reading list with appropriate magazine/journal/etc. articles pertinent to the mathematics material discussed in this course. Additionally, instructors could require the students to report in writing on articles they have discovered through their reading which pertain to mathematics and/or applications of mathematics.

D. The thrust of MA 217 is to introduce the study of probability theory and statistics to mainly non-mathematics and non-business majors. An additional goal is to develop in the student an awareness of and an appreciation for the power and usefulness of mathematics and its important role in a technological society. In particular, it should prepare the student for the further application of probability and statistical concepts in other courses. A partial list of topics that would be appropriate for this course would include descriptive statistics; probability; discrete and continuous probability distributions; statistical inference; sampling theory; estimation of population parameters; hypothesis testing; one way analysis of variance; chi-square test for goodness of fit; linear correlation and regression; and nonparametric statistics. These topics provide the course with a suitable mathematical strata that will improve the mathematical maturity of students to the point where they will be prepared to apply the topics studied in MA 217 to other courses. Additionally, this course would enable the student to develop confidence in handling numerical problems, would present the student with an opportunity to develop an appreciation for mathematics, and would allow the introduction to students of hand held calculators and possibly computers.

E. #2.- The very nature of mathematical study requires that problems be clearly analyzed and defined, that solutions be generated for such problems, and that an interpretation be assigned to each possible solution in order that a correct choice may be made.

#4.- Mathematics is exactly the art of creative thinking. One moves from the collection of data to the definition of the problem to the abstract generalization in which a solution or solutions are constructed to the interpretation of the solution or solutions to the application of the solution(s). This process requires one

to recognize creativity and to engage in creative thinking.
#5.- One is constantly exposed to information which needs the principles of mathematics for proper interpretation. Skills mastered in this course can last one a life time.

ADDENDUM TO LIBERAL STUDIES PROPOSALS: PART III

B. Whenever appropriate, information will be introduced into the classroom discussion which will reflect the contributions made to mathematics by women and by minorities. Particular attention will be given to the following areas as they relate to this topic:

1. The classroom discussion will be sensitive to gender balancing with respect to language.
2. Quizzes, tests, examinations, and any other written information distributed to the students will be sensitive to gender balancing, especially in problem construction, and to minorities whenever possible.
3. Specific names and contributions made by women and other members of minority groups will be discussed in the classroom when the discussion of such is germane to the material being studied. It should be noted though that mathematics has been the domain of the male throughout history and only in recent time has there been numbers of women involved. Even today, there are too few women in the field of mathematics.

CHECK LIST -- MATHEMATICS
(Learning Skills Area)

Mathematics Criteria which the Course must meet:

- Introduce students to deductive reasoning
- Develop in the student problem solving techniques appropriate for the course.
- Enable the student to understand the underlying principles of formulas.
- Enable the student to use and interpret numerical information.

Courses appropriate to the Mathematics Learning Skills Area must be either:

- A. Mathematics courses that develop significant mathematical skills required by a major discipline.
- B. Mathematics courses designed for Liberal Studies.

Additional criteria which courses in Category B must meet:

- Develop the student's confidence in handling numerical problems and data.
- Be sensitive to the diverse background characteristics of the student.
- Include elements on the history or appreciation of mathematics.
- Introduce the hand-held calculator or the computer as a tool.