

**SPRING SEMESTER 2006 COURSE OUTLINE**  
**STAT 101-3 (STATISTICS/ACTUARIAL SCIENCE)**  
**INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS**

C100



This is an introductory course to the discipline of statistics: a way of reasoning, along with a collection of tools and methods, designed to help us understand the world.

The course consists of the following general topics:

1. Exploring and Understanding Data    2. Exploring Relationships Between Variables    3. Gathering Data  
 4. Randomness and Probability    5. Inference from Data.

In the last section of the course, students have a choice of more probability or more inference. Students receive instruction in the use of statistical software to analyze many real-world data sets and also to simulate statistical phenomena. Tests and examinations are open book and stress conceptual understanding. The course is delivered online so that remote participation is feasible. In fact, online participation is a required component of the course.

**PREREQUISITE:** None.    **Note:** To receive credit for both STAT 100 and 101, STAT 100 must be taken first. Students with credit for ARCH 376, BUEC 232 (formerly 332) or STAT 270 (formerly MATH 272 and 371) may not subsequently receive credit for STAT 101-3. Students with credit for STAT 102, 203 (formerly STAT 103) 301, MATH 101 or 102 may not take STAT 101 for further credit.

**TEXT(S):**

De Veaux, R., and Vellman, P. *Intro Stats (2nd ed) (includes Activstats CD)* Addison Wesley Longman (2006)

**Note: (Students purchasing a used textbook must ensure that the CD is present with a functional password).**

<b>REQUIREMENTS:</b> Participation	10%
Group submissions	10%
Individual submissions	10%
Midterm examination	20%
Final examination	50%

**REQUIREMENTS NOTE:** Students who choose to pick up their Course Materials from the Centre for Online & Distance Education are required to do so by the first day of the semester.

Please see exam schedule in Registration Timetable.

Students requiring accommodations as a result of a disability, must contact the Centre for Students with Disabilities (604-291-3112 or csdo@sfu.ca)

**DELIVERY MODE:** FirstClass Computer Conferencing

**MODE OF DELIVERY NOTE:** Students are expected to go online in FirstClass by the end of the first day of classes.

**This course is not supported by any face to face interaction.**

<b>SUPPLEMENTARY FEES:</b> Course materials and service fee	\$40.00
Deposit for additional materials	\$0.00

**Note:** All distance education courses have a CODE package containing assignment due dates, etc, that students are to either pick up or request that it be mailed when registering on goSFU.

If one or more of these symbols appear at the top of this page, it indicates an equipment requirement :

computer (see over)	CD player	TV (Knowledge Network)
internet access	Audio cassette player	telephone (teleconference)
email	VCR	Last updated: 10/20/2005

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 Phone: 604-291-3524  
 Toll-free in BC: 1-800-663-1411  
 Fax: 604-291-4964  
 Web: www.sfu.ca/cde

## Computer Requirements: FirstClass

- This course requires active online participation in *FirstClass* (an online computer conferencing tool).
- On-campus computer facilities are available. If you are using your own computer, these are the **minimum computer requirements**:

### Hardware

- ❑ PC with *Windows 98, 2000, NT, XP, or ME* OR Mac with *System 9x* or later
- ❑ 64 MB RAM
- ❑ 56K baud modem or higher
- ❑ CD ROM drive

### Software & Other

- ❑ Internet connection
- ❑ *FirstClass* software (described and provided in your course materials)
- ❑ Email (e.g. *Eudora, Outlook Express*, or equivalent)

### FirstClass Access & Accounts

- **Access to FirstClass begins on the first day of classes.**
- **SFU students:** Use your SFU computing account ID and your SFU student # to log into *FirstClass*. If you don't have an SFU computing ID, get it online at <<http://my.sfu.ca>>.
- **OU students:** Your *FirstClass* ID and password is your OU student number.

### Connecting to the Internet from Home

- You are responsible for setting up your connection, either through SFU or your own external Internet service provider (ISP) (e.g., Telus, Shaw, etc).
- For information on Internet service available through SFU, please consult the Academic Computing Services (ACS) web site: <<http://www.sfu.ca/acs/modems/index.htm>>.
- The subsidized modem hours allotted to you (four hours of access per credit hour) may not be sufficient to complete the required course work.
- A voucher system has been implemented to allow students to pay for continued modem access on 604-677-6678 (after your subsidized access is used up). Vouchers may be purchased from campus bookstores in increments of \$20. At 60 cents per hour, each voucher is good for approximately 33 hours. Instructions are included with the voucher. See <<http://www.sfu.ca/acs/modems/index.htm>> for more information.

### General

- Prior computer knowledge is expected (i.e. ability to save files, install programs, and maintain your computer). Familiarity with the Internet, e-mail, and related applications is strongly recommended.
- Support is not available for general computer problems (e.g., operating system, hardware).

### Need help?

- *FirstClass* support: <[help@firstclass.sfu.ca](mailto:help@firstclass.sfu.ca)> or 604-291-5575
- Help with SFU computing accounts: <[help@sfu.ca](mailto:help@sfu.ca)>, 604-291-3230, or visit AQ 3148