

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**  
**Accelerated Sciences Division**

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**COURSE INFORMATION**

**Course Number (Prefix Code):** MATH213

**Course Name:** Statistics

**Course Description:**

This course introduces fundamental tools of quantitative methods in research such as data collection, organization, presentation, analysis and interpretation. Attention is given to tabulation, graphic presentation of data, measure of central tendency, variability, the normal curve, probability and statistical inference, linear correlation and research methods. Students will conduct statistical analyses using a dataset provided in the course.

**Course Delivery Model(s):** Online

**Time Requirement:**

Lecture Hours per term:	45
Laboratory Hours per term:	0
Total Hours per term:	45
Course Duration (weeks):	5
Credits:	3

**Credit Hour Verification:**

This list represents the average amount of time a student is expected to spend to successfully complete this course. *Total hrs/wk 27*

	<b>Activity Type</b>	<b>Online (Self-paced) Hrs/wk</b>
<b>Course Time</b>	Lecture	4 hours
	Discussion forums	1 hour
	Audio/Video recordings	8 hours
	Quizzes (outside of class)	2 hours
	Homework	3 hours
<b>Preparation and Study</b>	Study (assessment prep)	4 hours
	Reading	4 hours
<b>Other</b>	Exams (outside of class)	1 hour

<b>Total</b>	Total per week	27 hours
	Total per course	135 hours

**Prerequisites:** None

**Co-requisites:** None

**This course may be taken again for credit the following number of times (repeatable):** 5

## **LEARNING OUTCOMES, OBJECTIVES, & ALIGNMENT**

### **Student/Course Learning Outcomes**

In successfully completing this course, students will be able to:

<b>SLO</b>
1. Apply principles of scientific reasoning, statistical inference, and research design to the social and behavioral sciences.
2. Calculate and interpret basic statistics, both descriptive (e.g., measure of central tendency, standard deviation) and inferential statistics (e.g, ANOVA, Pearson R).
3. Describe and explain hypothesis testing, including rejecting and failing to reject the null hypothesis.
4. Evaluate the strengths and limitations of research data and apply it to life experiences.

## **TEXTBOOKS & MATERIALS**

**Required Textbook(s):** Elementary Statistics by Navidi and Monk (3rd edition), McGraw Hill Education. ISBN-13: 978-1259969454. An electronic textbook will be accessible through Canvas.

**Required Materials:** Working computer with strong internet connection. Scientific calculator.

### **Scientific Calculator\*\***

*\*\* Graphics or text-memory calculators are not allowed for use during quizzes or exams. If you bring one you will have to take your quiz without a calculator! You are encouraged to obtain a scientific calculator with exponents and logarithms immediately, rather than the day before a quiz or an exam. It is important to be comfortable with the calculator that you are using, rather than to be struggling to locate the keys for certain mathematical operations. For example, a TI-30X IIS is acceptable*

**Provided Materials:** *The following materials will be provided for you:*

*Homework and quizzes platform (ALEKS)*

## **Technology requirements:**

**External resources:** ALEKS

**Learning Management System:** Canvas. If a student is unfamiliar with the Canvas learning management system, please visit the manuals and learning guides available in the Canvas Student Guide. It is important that students are comfortable and competent in using this system, as all course material and communication will be done via Canvas.

Navigating Canvas – the Canvas site has a large set of [Canvas tutorials and videos for students.](#)

**Browser and Computer Requirements for Canvas:** This course requires that students have access to Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge.

**Suggestions for completing online coursework:** Save work often; this includes backing it up on multiple devices or cloud applications. When submitting final papers on the Canvas learning management system (LMS), ensure that all files have been uploaded properly. Also make sure to keep a hard copy of all papers/projects in case of an unforeseen technological failure or outage.

## **EVALUATION OF STUDENT LEARNING**

### **Grading scale:**

Letter grade

A = 90% - 100%

B = 80% - 89.99%

C = 70% - 79.99%

D = 60% - 69.99%

F = 0.0% - 59.99%

### **Assessments:**

Assessment Name	# of assignments	Weight	SLO Linkage
Learning Objectives Check	14	15%	1,2,3,4
Participation	5	15%	1,2,3,4
Quiz	14	30%	1,2,3,4
Exams	2	40%	1,2,3,4

### **Course Topics:**

Module	Topic	Assessment Activity	SLO Linkage
1	Basic Ideas	Learning Objective, Quiz	1,2,3,4
	Graphical Summaries of Data	Learning Objective, Quiz Participation	1,2,3,4
	Numerical Summaries of Data	Learning Objective, Quiz	1,2,3,4
2	Summarizing Bivariate Data	Learning Objective, Quiz	1,2,3,4
	Probability	Learning Objective, Quiz Participation	1,2,3,4
	Discrete Probability Distributions	Learning Objective, Quiz	1,2,3,4
3	The Normal Distribution	Learning Objective, Quiz	1,2,3,4
	Confidence Intervals	Learning Objective, Quiz Participation	1,2,3,4
	Hypothesis Testing	Learning Objective, Quiz	1,2,3,4
4	Two-Sample Confidence Intervals	Learning Objective, Quiz	1,2,3,4
	Two-Sample Hypothesis Testing	Learning Objective, Quiz Participation	1,2,3,4

	Tests with Qualitative Data	Learning Objective, Quiz	1,2,3,4
5	Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)	Learning Objective, Quiz Participation	1,2,3,4
	Inference in Linear Models	Learning Objective, Quiz	1,2,3,4

## **UNIVERSITY POLICIES**

All university policies apply to this course and all others. For full policy information please consult the SCU Catalog. Additionally, program policies apply to students in each program as described in the Catalog and in SCU Health Handbook for clinical courses.

**Drop Date:** It is a student's responsibility to understand when to consider unenrolling from a course. Refer to the [SCU Academic Calendar](#) for dates and deadlines for registration. Also refer to SCU Academic Policies for [information about the drop period](#).

**Incomplete Policy:** Under emergency/special circumstances, students may petition for an incomplete grade. See the [SCU Catalog for Policies about Incomplete Grades](#)

**Academic Integrity:** Students at this university are expected to maintain the highest degrees of professionalism, a commitment to active learning, and display integrity both in and out of the classroom. See the SCU [SCU Academic Integrity Code](#).

**Accessibility Services and Accommodations:** The Office of Student Services provides support to students with disabilities requiring accommodation in concert with the lead faculty for this course. All students are encouraged to request accommodation as far in advance of when the accommodation will be required to allow the University to process the request and provide approved accommodation. To begin the process please request a consultation with the designated Accessibility Services Officer as soon as possible. Once the Office of Student Services approves the request, the letter of accommodation will be provided to the student and lead faculty member via email. The student should be certain to follow-up with the lead faculty member to plan for the specific accommodation needs for the course. Program requirements cannot be modified to accommodate a disability. Please see the catalog for details regarding [Accessibility Services and Accommodations](#).

[A complete list of University Services](#) is available through MySCU, including:

- Tech Support information
- Veterans Support Services
- Resources for Title IX support though the Campus Safety tab
- Student Advocacy and Accountability resources

**Learning Resource Center:** Students can use the library's resources which provide students with an excellent collection of books, journals, electronic databases, and websites as well as consult with the librarian to help with the course.

**Online Etiquette:** In general, behavior in an online classroom should emulate the professional behavior expected in an on-ground classroom with a few additional requirements:

- Avoid using text slang and abbreviations such as “u” (instead of “you”), “TLDR” (Too Long, Didn’t Read) or “TBH” (To Be Honest) - not everyone knows what they are. Do not use ALL CAPS for entire sentences or posts - this is seen as yelling at someone.
- Any form of personal attack or inappropriate response with other students or faculty is unacceptable. We will remove any discussion posts showing this and warn the author.
- If a student disagrees with someone's comments, they should do so respectfully and collegially and provide legitimate examples to support their side.
- Before pressing the submit button review comments, making sure nothing is coming across as defensive, too “know-it-all” or critical, or academically inappropriate. It is easy for someone to misinterpret the meaning when they cannot see facial expressions or hear the tone of voice.
- Avoid short, generic replies such as "I agree!", "I like it!" or "Funny!" – explain why, add another point in support of the idea, or raise a question to continue constructive dialogue.

**Attendance:** [SCU policy](#) defines attendance for all courses and specifies online courses as active, weekly participation in the course as described in the syllabus. Examples of activities could include, but are not limited to:

- Participating in weekly online chats or discussions
- Submitting or completing assignments
- Commenting on other student contributions
- Actively logged on and participating in class at least three times per week

See the Academic Policies page in the [SCU Catalog](#) for more details on Attendance Policy.

### **Accelerated Sciences Course Recommendations**

- Read before and after each class. Skim the chapter before it is covered in lecture to become comfortable with some of the terms associated with each topic. Review each chapter after it is covered in class to enhance understanding of the material.
- Do not wait until the night before homework is due to start the assignment. Understanding of concepts will be enhanced if the time is taken to learn them beforehand and later review the material without being rushed.
- Stay focused by finding an environment to study with few distractions.
- Participate during class by taking notes and looking over them afterwards.
- Any topics covered in the course could be presented in subsequent examinations, so it is critical to prepare and learn all presented material.
- Remember that procrastination in an accelerated course can quickly prove disastrous! Failure to learn foundational principles can make all future material seem nearly incomprehensible, so make sure to budget time wisely over the next five weeks.

#### **Specifically for synchronous courses:**

- Ask questions for clarification when not understanding the material being covered.
- *Do not skip class, arrive late, or leave early.* Given the accelerated nature of our courses, every minute of class missed can have a real impact on student success in a course.
- Work on assigned problems as close to the time as when the topic is covered in class to increase understanding of specific concepts.
- Find a group of students to study with. This makes studying more fun and helps learning of the material by teaching to and learning from peers. Explaining these concepts to other students aids in mastery of what is covered.

### **Teaching Methods & Instruction**

The course will follow a linear format, meaning students will complete all of the modules in sequence. The material in each module will include a combination of readings, videos, and written and interactive assignments. Students will also complete an exam at the end of each module. Please read about each of the course components below. Each module takes approximately 8-10 hours to finish.

*Note: The course requires a significant time commitment from students. In the five weeks of classes, we will cover seven chapters of the book. Not every topic will be covered in great depth, however students are expected to study each topic in detail.*

### **Learning Objectives Check:**

Each “Learning Objective Check” is an adaptive assignment on McGraw Hill’s ALEKS platform; ALEKS is an artificially intelligent learning and assessment system. After determining each student's prior knowledge of a subject, ALEKS presents each student with the appropriate learning objectives that the student is ready to learn. Students will complete scaffolded calculation-based questions that introduce them to components of the learning objective. Each question is accompanied by learning resources such as media, video recordings and highlighted sections of the e-textbook. Students move through the topics by achieving at least 50-70% of each Learning Objective Check. Instructors monitor student performance on these assignments to provide targeted intervention based on each student’s ability and pace.

### **Quizzes:**

At the end of each Learning Objective Check, students will complete a quiz that provides on-the-spot feedback on how well students have understood and retained each chapter’s content. Performance on the quiz will give students and instructors information about which concepts each student may be missing.

### **Online Learning at SCU**

MySCU is SCU’s online campus portal. It includes SCU’s learning management system (Canvas). It acts as a single point of access for a variety of campus information. It houses resources such as university policies, campus safety procedures, financial aid forms, class schedules, campus news, library databases, and other electronic resources for faculty, staff, and students. Incoming students receive login credentials and learn to navigate MySCU during orientation.

### **Your Keys to Success**

This course requires no face-to-face meetings but students are required to maintain communication with the instructor by responding within 24-48 hrs to instructor messages. To be successful in this course, students will need to log in regularly and plan ahead to manage the workload.

### **Self-Directed Learning**

Online courses require motivation, time management, and self-discipline on the part of the learner. Creating a self-directed learning plan will help independent study skills. Creating a routine weekly study schedule and a quiet working space will help students keep pace with the accelerated nature of this course.

**Exams:** There are two exams in each class, a mid-term, and a final exam. There will be questions that are similar to all quizzes, homework, questions at the end of each chapter and any other activity given. The Exams are all on Canvas. Please pay attention to the due dates. They are final and will not be extended. You must use proctoring methods required by the instructor.

- Note: Completing assignments open book (book, instructor office hours, tutor, Google, etc.) is different than testing in an exam environment. It is acceptable and encouraged to use all available resources to learn how to complete an assignment; however, the long-term goal should be to pass the exams without any outside aid.



