

## Syllabus

**Course Web Page:** [canvas.sdsu.edu](https://canvas.sdsu.edu)  
and [edoras.sdsu.edu/~babailey/stat670A](https://edoras.sdsu.edu/~babailey/stat670A)

**Meeting Time:** Lectures: TTh 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. in LH 254

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**Reference:** The textbook for the course is

Casella, G. and Berger, R. L. (2002). *Statistical Inference*, 2nd Edition. Duxbury, California.

**Objectives:** Mathematical statistics is the backbone of methods applied and developed in statistical practice and research. This course will provide you with the mathematical machinery and underlying statistical theory to understand and evaluate statistical routines, expand/manipulate existing or establish new procedures, communicate statistical ideas, and read the scientific, particularly statistically-related, literature to critically judge the relevance of research results. The goal is to bring together your understanding of statistical methods into a coherent conceptual and theoretical framework within which you may gain a greater comprehension and appreciation of statistical inference and thinking. Additionally, the material will teach you how to approach statistical problems from a mathematical perspective as a complement to the computational and data analytic training you receive in more applied courses and work.

### Learning Outcomes:

- Define, summarize, and apply properties of probability, conditional probability, and independence.
- Classify and contrast discrete and continuous univariate and multiple random variables.
- Define probability mass/density functions, cumulative distribution functions, expected value, and variance of random variables.
- Characterize distributions through the moment generating function and transformations.
- Summarize the properties of sampling distributions for the sample mean and sample variance.
- Apply convergence concepts such as the law of large numbers, the central limit theorem, and the delta method.
- Consider the social, cultural, historical, and political nature of data, recognizing that numbers and categories are not neutral.

**Homework:** Homework assignments will be regularly available on the course web page as announced in class. The homework will contain a series of practice problems of which *selected problems* **will** be graded. The homework serves as a tool to review and practice the material covered in class. All material covered on the assignments can be questioned on the exams.

Late homework will not be accepted. You may drop your lowest percentage score.

**Exams:** There will be two in-class exams on the Thursdays October 6 and November 17. A hand calculator is necessary for all exams.

Each exam will be worth 100 points. **No makeup exams are given - no exceptions.**

The final exam will be given Thursday, December 15 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The final will be cumulative and comprehensive.

**Grading:** The grade for the class is based on a score composed of the following.

Homework	15%
Two Exams	50%
Final Exam	35%

**Prerequisites:** A calculus-based probability and statistics course (STAT 551B or 670B).

**Topics to be covered:** basic outline; topics may be added and/or dropped as the semester proceeds.

1. Probability theory
  - a. Basics
  - b. Inequalities
2. Distributions
  - a. Exponential families
  - b. Moment generating and characteristic functions
  - c. Identifiability
  - d. Multivariate and hierarchical models
  - e. Transformations
3. Sampling theory
  - a. Order statistics
  - b. Asymptotics
4. Descriptive statistics
  - a. The principles: sufficiency, likelihood, invariance
  - b. Empirical cdf and smoothing

**Code of Academic Conduct on Examinations and Assignments:** “At San Diego State University, students are invited to be active members of the educational community. As with any community, its members serve a vital role in determining acceptable standards of conduct, which includes academic conduct that reflects the highest level of honesty and integrity.” The “Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities clarifies for students their role as members of the campus community, setting forth what is expected of them in terms of behavior and contributions to the success of our university.” “Inappropriate conduct by Students . . . is subject to discipline on all San Diego State University Campuses. The Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities coordinates the discipline process and establishes standards and procedures in accordance with regulations contained in Sections 41301-41304 of Title 5 of The California Code of Regulations, and procedures contained in Executive Order 628, Student Disciplinary Procedures for The California State University.” See <http://www.sa.sdsu.edu/srr/judicial> for more information.

**Students with Disabilities:** If you are a student with a disability and believe you will need accommodations for this class, it is your responsibility to contact Student Disability Services at (619)594-6473. To avoid any delay in the receipt of your accommodations, you should contact Student Disability Services as soon as possible. Please note that accommodations are not retroactive, and that accommodations based upon disability cannot be provided until you have presented your instructor with an accommodation letter from Student Disability Services. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**Other information:** See course web page: [edoras.sdsu.edu/~babailey/stat670A](http://edoras.sdsu.edu/~babailey/stat670A)

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## UNIVERSITY POLICIES

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**Student Privacy and Intellectual Property:** The [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act](#) (FERPA) mandates the protection of student information, including contact information, grades, and graded assignments. I will not post grades or leave graded assignments in public places. Students will be notified at the time of an assignment if copies of student work will be retained beyond the end of the semester or used as examples for future students or the wider public. Students maintain intellectual property rights to work products they create as part of this course unless they are formally notified otherwise.

**Religious observances:** According to the University Policy File, students should notify the instructors of affected courses of planned absences for religious observances by the end of the second week of classes.

**Medical-related absences:** Students are instructed to contact their professor/instructor/coach in the event they need to miss class, etc. due to an illness, injury or emergency. All decisions about the impact of an absence, as well as any arrangements for making up work, rest with the instructors. [Student Health Services](#) (SHS) does not provide medical excuses for short-term absences due to illness or injury. When a medical-related absence persists beyond five days, SHS will work with students to provide appropriate documentation. When a student is hospitalized or has a serious, ongoing illness or injury, SHS will, at the student's request and with the student's consent, communicate with the student's instructors via the Vice President for Student Affairs and may communicate with the student's Assistant Dean and/or the [Student Ability Success Center](#).

**SDSU Economic Crisis Response Team:** If you or a friend are experiencing food or housing insecurity, or any unforeseen financial crisis, visit [sdsu.edu/ecrt](https://sdsu.edu/ecrt), email [ecrt@sdsu.edu](mailto:ecrt@sdsu.edu), or walk-in to Well-being & Health Promotion on the 3rd floor of Calpulli Center.

**Resources for students:** A complete list of all academic support services--including the [Writing Center](#) and [Math Learning Center](#)--is available on the Student Affairs' [Academic Success](#) website. [Counseling and Psychological Services](#) (619-594-5220) offers confidential counseling services by licensed therapists; you can Live Chat with a counselor at [http://go.sdsu.edu/student\\_affairs/cps/therapist-consultation.aspx](http://go.sdsu.edu/student_affairs/cps/therapist-consultation.aspx) between 4:00pm and 10:00pm, or call San Diego Access and Crisis 24-hour Hotline at (888) 724-7240.

**Academic Honesty:** The University adheres to a strict [policy prohibiting cheating and plagiarism](#). Examples of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to:

- copying, in part or in whole, from another's test or other examination;
- obtaining copies of a test, an examination, or other course material without the permission of the instructor;
- collaborating with another or others in work to be presented without the permission of the instructor;
- falsifying records, laboratory work, or other course data;
- submitting work previously presented in another course, if contrary to the rules of the course;
- altering or interfering with grading procedures;
- assisting another student in any of the above;
- using sources verbatim or paraphrasing without giving proper attribution (this can include phrases, sentences, paragraphs and/or pages of work);
- copying and pasting work from an online or offline source directly and calling it your own;
- using information you find from an online or offline source without giving the author credit;
- replacing words or phrases from another source and inserting your own words or phrases.

The California State University system requires instructors to report all instances of academic misconduct to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities. Academic dishonesty will result in disciplinary review by the University and may lead to probation, suspension, or expulsion. Instructors may also, at their discretion, penalize student grades on any assignment or assessment discovered to have been produced in an academically dishonest manner.

**Classroom Conduct Standards:** SDSU students are expected to abide by the terms of the [Student Conduct Code](#) in classrooms and other instructional settings. Prohibited conduct includes:

- Willful, material and substantial disruption or obstruction of a University-related activity, or any on-campus activity.
- Participating in an activity that substantially and materially disrupts the normal operations of the University, or infringes on the rights of members of the University community.
- Unauthorized recording, dissemination, or publication (including on websites or social media) of lectures or other course materials.
- Conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person within or related to the University community, including
  1. physical abuse, threats, intimidation, or harassment.
  2. sexual misconduct.

Violation of these standards will result in referral to appropriate campus authorities.