Math 243: Introductory Statistics (4-0-4)

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Catalog Description: Descriptive statistics, numerical and graphical representation of data, estimation and margin of error, hypothesis testing, correlation; interpretation of statistical results. Cannot be taken for graduation credit by students who have taken MATH 361.

Prerequisite: MATH 100 or instructor's consent.

Course Objectives: After completing this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Identify types of data, organize and display data.
- 2. Calculate and interpret numerical measures of data.
- 3. Determine probabilities.
- 4. Use statistical methods to make inferences about population parameters.
- 5. Determine and apply hypothesis tests.
- 6. Identify regression, methods of sampling and design of experiment.

Learning Outcomes and Performance Criteria

1. Identify types of data, organize and display data.

Core Criteria:

- (a) Identify the experimental units in a study.
- (b) Identify variables, types of variable and their values (and units).
- (c) Create frequency tables, percent frequency tables, two-way tables.
- (d) Determine appropriate graphical displays for data.
- (e) Interpret graphical displays including histograms, bar charts and scatter plots.
- (f) Describe distributions of data with regard to modality, skewness, (approximate) center and spread.

Additional Criteria:

- (a) Create a stem-leaf plot for appropriate data set.
- 2. Calculate and interpret numerical measures of data.

Core Criteria:

- (a) Compute measures of center and spread (mean, median, mode, standard deviation, variance, interquartile range, range) with or without technology.
- (b) Create and interpret a ve number summary and a box-plot.

- (b) Interpret the coe cient of variation.
- 3. Determine probabilities.

Core Criteria:

- (a) Determine probabilities for normally distributed data using the Empirical Rule.
- (b) Determine probabilities for normally distributed data using Z-scores.
- (c) Determine data value(s) from a given percentage, for normally distributed data.
- (d) Determine probabilities from a two-way table.

Additional Criteria:

- (a) Calculate binomial probabilities.
- 4. Use statistical methods to make inferences about population parameters.

Core Criteria:

- (a) Identify statistical inference technique used in a study.
- (b) Determine whether a value is a parameter or a statistic.
- (c) Determine whether a parameter is a mean or a proportion.
- (d) Determine a point estimate, margin of error, con dence interval estimate and level of con dence.
- (e) Describe relationships between the point estimate, margin of error, con dence level and sample size.
- (f) Identify or give the statistical null and alternative hypotheses for a study.
- (g) Interpret a *P*-value in terms of the alternative hypothesis.
- (h) Given a *P*-value and a level of signi cance , determine whether to reject the null hypothesis.
- (i) Write a conclusion based on whether or not a null hypothesis was rejected.
- (j) Interpret your statistical conclusions in the context of the study given.

Additional Criteria:

- (a) Apply the rejection region method to determine whether to reject the null hypothesis.
- 5. Determine and apply hypothesis tests.

Core Criteria:

- (a) Determine the correct test for a given situation
- (b) Conduct a one-sample, two-sample or matched pair *t*-test:

Write the null and alternative hypotheses.

Determine the test statistic t and the degrees of freedom df.

Determine the *P*-value using technology or give an appropriate interval that includes the *P*-value.

Decide whether or not to reject the null hypothesis and write a conclusion.

- (c) Determine whether a *t*-test is one or two-tailed.
- (d) Determine when a matched-pairs test should be used.

(e) Quantitative evidence from a hypothesis test is conveyed, and explained in such a way that a competent non-expert reader can follow along.

Additional Criteria:

- (a) Apply a goodness-of-t chi-square test.
- (b) Determine whether the data meets the assumptions for a given test.
- 6. Identify regression, methods of sampling and design of experiment.

Core Criteria:

- (a) Determine the sampling methods used for a study (simple random, strati ed, convenience).
- (b) Determine whether a study is observational or experimental.
- (c) Discuss the need for controls such as placebo and blinding.
- (d) Discuss the need of randomization in the design of an experiment.