Central Connecticut State University
Department of Mathematical Sciences
Spring 2016 Syllabus
Stat 215 - 71 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences I
Tuesday/Thursday: 5:55p – 7:10p
Maria Sanford, Room #212

Instructor: Assistant Professor Angela Johnson-Shaw

Contact: (860) 817-0983 (cell)
angela-shaw@sbcglobal.net
shawa@ccsu.edu

Office Hours: Tuesday/Thursday 5:55p – 7:10p
Maria Sanford Room 212
OTHERS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY


Prerequisite: Placement examination or a grade of C- or higher in Math 101

Course Description: This course is intended as a first course for students majoring in any of the social sciences. Students will be introduced to the basics of statistics: tables, graphs, correlation and regression, probability, hypothesis testing for large and small samples.

No credit will be given to students possessing credit for Stat 104, Stat 200

Goals: The major goals of this course are to encourage and engage active learning in groups, as well, to aide students in understanding the fundamental concepts presented during class discussions.

Coverage: You are responsible for all of the material in Chapters 1 – 8. These chapters will, for the most part, be covered in the order in which they appear in the text. Note: Not all chapters will be covered in its entirety.

Tools: TI-83 Calculator, SPSS, paper, pencil
Attendance: Mandatory. Please be on time for class.

Homework: Homework is given for the sole purpose of helping you learn. Homework should be placed on the whiteboard with your initials immediately following before my arrival or while I am taking attendance. This accounts for class participations credit. You will be given 0 – 5% credit added to your final grade.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be given regularly. Quizzes may or may not be announced.

Exams: You will be given 4 Exams and a Cumulative Final Exam.

Makeups: There will be NO make-up exams or quizzes given unless there is an extenuating circumstance.

If you miss a quiz or exam due to an extenuating circumstance, it is your responsibility to inform me and provide documented proof of the circumstance as soon as possible. After a satisfactory review of the documents, the missed quiz or exam may or may not be given.

Grading: Quizzes 15% 
Examinations 40%
Final Examination 25%
Project 20%

Minimum Averages:
A 93% B+ 87% C+ 77% D+ 67%
A- 90% B 83% C 73% D 63%
B- 80% C- 70% D- 60%

Electronic Devices Policy: Cell phones, laptops and PDA’s are NOT to be used during class, exams, or quizzes unless special accommodations are necessary.

Final Examination: You must take the final examination at the time specified in the course selection book, Thursday, May 12, 2016, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
**Disability Statement:** Please contact me privately to discuss your specific needs if you believe you need course accommodations based on the impact of a disability, medical condition, or if you have emergency medical information to share. I will need a copy of the accommodation letter from Student Disability Services in order to arrange your class accommodations. Contact Stephanie Scapeccia (Administrative Assistant in Student Disability Services), room 101-03, Willard Hall, (860) 832-1952, by emailing scapeccia@ccsu.edu, or disabilityservices@ccsu.edu to schedule and exam time if you are not already registered with them. Student Disability Services maintains the confidential documentation of your disability and assists you in coordinating reasonable accommodations with your faculty.

**Academic Integrity:** All students are expected to demonstrate academic integrity in the completion of coursework. Academic integrity means doing one’s own work and giving proper credit to the work and ideas of others. It is the responsibility of each student to become familiar with what constitutes academic dishonesty and plagiarism and to avoid all forms of cheating and plagiarism. Students who engage in plagiarism and other forms of academic misconduct will face academic and possibly disciplinary consequences. Academic sanctions can range from a reduced grade for the assignment to a failing grade for the course. From a disciplinary standpoint, an Academic Misconduct Report may be filed and a Faculty Hearing Board may impose sanctions such as probation, suspension or expulsion. For further information on academic misconduct and its consequences, please consult the Student Code of Conduct (http://www.ccsu.edu/StudentConduct) and the Academic Misconduct Policy (http://www.ccsu.edu/AcademicIntegrity).

**Inclement Weather:** In the event of a weather emergency which requires curtailment or cancellation of classes, listen to WTIC (1080AM) or call (860) 832-3333 for the “general snow message.”

**Withdrawal:** The last day to withdraw from a course and receive the grade of “W” without approval is April 18, 2016. It is strongly recommended that students consult with their academic advisors prior to deciding to withdraw. Cessation of attendance, notice to the instructor, or telephone calls to the Enrollment Center is not considered official notice of a student’s intention to drop the course. After April 18, 2016 withdrawals are allowed only under extenuating circumstances and require approval of the course instructor, department chair and dean.
Resources Available:  

a. Instructor’s Office Hours; **do not wait** until just before the exam to get help

b. Free tutoring is available in The Learning Center, located in Willard Hall, Room 101. They can be reached at (860) 832-1900. A schedule for the Center’s hours will be posted soon after the beginning of the semester.

c. Form a study group with other students in your section. Explaining homework solution problems, to each other, is a good way to learn.

d. A list of private tutors for hire is available in the Mathematics Department Office, Room 128 Marcus White, (860) 832 – 2835.