



Introduction to Statistics I

MATH130L – 741



Welcome to Intro to Stats I!

My name is Jack Hawke, and I'll be the instructor for our course this semester. I appreciate this opportunity to introduce myself, and to provide some insight into my core beliefs.

I was born and raised in the Jersey Shore area of NJ, and I recently moved from Poughkeepsie to Boston. I earned my Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics at Bard College, and my Master of Arts in Teaching, specializing in Mathematics, at Bard as well. My academic research interests in mathematics include probability and statistics, applied calculus, and group and set theory.

My hobbies include sports, auto-mechanical work, site-seeing, and simply relaxing and spending quality time with friends and family. I also played college baseball for 4 years and am currently a college baseball coach. I find many parallels between coaching and teaching, and helping students and players grow, not only as players or students but as **people**, is what I love most!

Please refer to the syllabus posted on iLearn for the course objectives, expectations, and schedule. I'll be sending you a video of me explaining the syllabus to you in more depth in the next few days. This course is only 8 weeks long, which is not a *ton* of time, but I plan for it to be a challenging but very rewarding 8 weeks!

My main objective as your instructor is to utilize my deep content knowledge to help guide you all towards not only proficiency in our course material, but an enhanced love for learning math as well. One of my professors in college once said, "It is not you (the students) vs. me and the material, but rather it is you and me vs. the material." In other words, we are all a team striving to engage with our course material in the best ways possible – as the instructor, I may be "leading the charge", but we are **in this together**.

I truly look forward to a great semester and, most importantly, getting to know you all academically and personally!