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Dear MATH130 Students,

Welcome to Introduction to Statistics online! The Brightspace site will open on December 13th. When you log in to the Brightspace site for our class you will find the Syllabus and Weekly Schedule under the Start Here Module on the left-hand side of your screen. Please review them as soon as the site opens.

There will be two introductory discussion forum posts on Brightspace. The link to them will be in the Discussions tab. Please look them over and start posting as soon you are able.

All your assignments will be linked in the Brightspace site for the course. All the textbook information is included on page 2 of this message. The textbook, including the access code, is available at the campus bookstore or online directly from Wiley Plus. However, you do not have to have a hard copy of the textbook unless you prefer it. The homework assignments are all in WileyPlus' online homework management system. You are required to do the homework assignments.

On Brightspace, your assignments are set up so that you can see exactly what I expect you to complete each week. You will also find links to any assignments that you will need to complete for each chapter.

This is a rigorous course. We will be covering the same material as the 15-week course, but we will do it in 4 weeks! Each week we will cover about two chapters in the text. Some weeks have more material than others. Plan to spend a **minimum** of 30 hours a week on the course, between reading the material and completing the homework and chapter summary assignments. Keep in mind that this is the same course, **with the same requirements** as if you had taken it in during a 15-week semester. *It is a lot of work.*

Instead of tests, you will be required to create and administer a survey to collect data on a topic of your choice. You will then have to write a paper and prepare a slideshow summarizing and interpreting your results.

I've given you a ton of information here. I'm sure you will have questions. I LOVE questions! Whenever you have questions, please send me an e-mail. I promise I will get back to you as soon as possible, usually no more than 24 hours. There is also a Q & A forum in Brightspace that you can post questions to!

I look forward to working with you during our Winter 2026 course!

Kind Regards,

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The textbook is available in a paperback version, loose leaf binder version or as an e-book entirely online. I strongly suggest the e-book with WileyPLUS access. You can follow the link in Brightspace in the Wiley Plus module. No matter which version of the textbook you choose, you will need the WileyPLUS access code for homework assignments.

Text: Lock, Lock, Lock, Lock & Lock

Statistics Unlocking the Power of Data (3rd Edition)

Wiley & Sons, 2021

ISBN: Wiley Plus & loose-leaf textbook: 978-1-119-68222-6~\$142.95

Wiley Plus & e-book: 978-1-119-68218-9 ~\$51 for a 150 day rental or \$121 for a permanent e-book.

***You need a **WileyPLUS** code as all Homework, Examples and Lecture Videos are in WileyPLUS. ***

This video from Wiley Plus has information regarding registration via Brightspace: <https://bcove.video/3zKcouT>

Calculator: TI-83 Plus

TI-83 Plus Silver Edition

TI-84 Plus

TI-Inspire with TI-84 Keypad

Course Time Breakdown:

15 Week Course	Time	4 Week Course	Time
In class: 1 hour 15 minutes twice a week.	2 hours and 30 min x 15 weeks = 37.5 hours	Reading Textbook, taking notes and watching lecture videos in Wiley Plus.	
Out of Class work: 5 hours reading and working on assignments every week.	5 hours x 15 weeks= 75 hours	Working on Homework Assignments, Chapter Data Analyses and Survey Project	
Total Hours:	112 hours		112 hours
Hours per Week:	7.5 hours		28 hours