

Dear Perspective Statistics Student,

There is a lot of information to learn, but the good news is that you have a great statistics book that explains everything really well. The lecture notes are great too because you already have study notes without having to create them yourself.

You should expect to spend no less than 6 hours per week to read through each chapter, review the lecture notes, then revisit the text book. In addition, you should expect to spend at least 2 hours for each chapter assignment and each chapter quiz. If you don't get 100% on a chapter assignment or quiz, you can take it over as many times as you like until you get it right.

Being successful at this class really depends on you being very disciplined. If you read the chapter and lecture notes and give yourself plenty of time to do the online homework, then there is no reason not to get 100% on homework assignments. If you complete assignments early you get extra points! Quizzes are a little tougher as you don't have the option to see examples. So make sure you are prepared for the online quizzes and give yourself plenty of time to redo the quiz if you want 100%.

It definitely helped me to write out a schedule for each section of the course. Everything is online, but you should print out the schedule and create your own detailed schedule so that you don't miss any deadlines. I missed a couple of online assignments because I forgot to check online when something was due. I felt really dumb when I missed the deadline because it was a waste of points.

Once you get about one third of the way through the course you start thinking, didn't we already do this? The course builds upon previous chapters and until you get familiar with all the topics you can get a little lost perspective wise. It really helps to read the first

section of each chapter several times (even compare it to the previous chapter's first section) as it explains the differences, although they might seem subtle at the time. Some times I would just reread section one from all the previous chapters to help me refocus on the current topic.

You are allowed to create and bring a 2% index card to each exam. You can write anything you want on this index card and you forfeit 2% if you use it during the exam. I waited until the night before the exams to create this card. It would have been better if I created it when I studied the chapter rather than waited to create it just before the exam. It would have been a good tool to use for revising. I actually resigned myself to always using this 2% card and I would immediately use it during exams rather than spending time struggling to remember formulas or calculator functions. It's far less stressful.

Rather than just revising before each exam, I used the book homework to help solidify the information in my mind. Doing the book homework really helped me to remember the different processes to solving the questions.

Although this class was really convenient because it was online, I wish I had attended more of the study sessions. However, if you have any questions the instructor is available via email and is really responsive. So ask questions early!