

STATISTICS 500 – Fall 2009 – HW 0

Due dates: 28 Aug 09, ca 5 pm (On campus), 31 Aug 09 (Off campus)

This assignment is not graded. Its purpose is to compile class e-mail lists, make sure you read the syllabus, and check that you can access class information.

1. Access the class web page:

`http:\\www.public.iastate.edu\\~pdixon\\stat500`

2. Read the class syllabus. If you have any questions, please ask. Otherwise, please let me know that you understand the syllabus and have no questions.
3. Verify that you can read .pdf files. This HW assignment and the sample exams are .pdf files.
4. Send me an e-mail from the account at which you wish to receive class related correspondence. I will add that e-mail address to my class e-mail list.

Additional items for off campus students.

5. I like to know a little about students to counteract some of the limitations of distance. Please describe yourself, your background, what you currently do, and why you are taking the course (i.e. why you are interested in a Stats MS).
6. Computing is a concern for distance students. We will use SAS on campus. That is easily available for some distance students, available by remote desktop for others, and completely unavailable for some. I am flexible for distance students, within limits.

What sort of statistical computing do you have access to? Are you able to use SAS? If not, what package would you like to use? Do you have local support to help with syntax and system problems?

Thanks!