Business Statistics II, Tues 7:05 – 9:45 PM  
ECONOMICS 310, 3 CREDITS  
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"All models are wrong, but some are useful"

- Statistician George E P Box  

"As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not certain; and as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality."

- Einstein, Albert (1923)  
Sidelights on Relativity (Geometry and Experience). P. Dutton., Co., p. 28.

INTRODUCTION

This course is an exploration of writing about statistics. It will combine lecture about new material, readings by many authors, discussions about writing, outside writing assignments, and in-class writing exercises. Attendance and participation will be very important each week.

GRADING

Your final grade will be determined by:

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BLACKBOARD

Blackboard is an instrumental part of this course.

You can access Northeastern's Blackboard system at: http://neiu.blackboard.com/
REQUIRED BOOKS:

_Innumeracy_
John Allen Paulos

_Numbers Rule Your World_
Kaiser Fung

_The Signal and the Noise_
Nate Silver

_Fooled by Randomness_
Nassim Nicholas Taleb

_Super Crunchers_
Ian Ayres

_The Visual Display of Quantitative Information_
Edward R. Tufte

RECOMMENDED:

_Statistics for Business and Economics_
Anderson, Sweeney, and Williams
(Any Stats II student should have this already or something similar from Stats I)

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**MARCH 29TH IS THE LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS TO DROP A CLASS OR COMPLETELY WITHDRAW FROM THE SEMESTER (NO FINANCIAL CREDIT) AND RECEIVE A GRADE OF "W"**