

## ***Math& 146 Introduction to Statistics Information about this online class***

### **Location of the Class Website**

The class website is called StatsPortal for Essential Statistics; it is located at <http://courses.bfwpub.com/essentialstats.php>

It is NOT part of the Angel system. In StatsPortal, students must specifically register into the “Olympic Spring 2010” area, which will not be available to students until March 22.

**“Getting Started” Requirement:** Materials and assignments inside the class website will open for students on Saturday March 27. Students who have not started in the class website by Wednesday, March 31, will be administratively withdrawn from the class.

**Online Math&146 is only suitable** for students who

- Are confident about learning statistics
- Want to learn it somewhat independently
- Have time to spend on the course; taking online Math& 146 is like taking on a part-time job
- Have strong reading skills
- Are comfortable using technology, navigating websites, using email, downloading files
- Have access to a fax or scanner to submit written tests

Students who are not sure if online Math& 146 is right for them should take an on-campus class.

### **Course Prerequisite**

The prerequisite is Math 099 or an appropriate assessment test score. If your prerequisite class or placement test was taken elsewhere, you will be required to fax or scan a email a copy of the Placement Form you were given by your advisor.

### **Getting Access to the Class Website**

Students will need an access code to enter the class website in StatsPortal. An access code may be purchased separately or together with a textbook. Refer to the “Textbook” information below for more details.

### **Textbook and Required StatsPortal Access Code**

The textbook for the course is “Essential Statistics” by David S. Moore 1<sup>st</sup> edition.

**Read the following information carefully. If you make a mistake about purchasing what you need for this class, it could be expensive.**

**Purchasing a physical textbook plus StatsPortal access:** If you want a physical textbook, the most affordable way is to purchase these two items packaged together. The Olympic College bookstore sells the correct “package” for this class. <http://ocbookstore.com/home.aspx> for \$92.

**Purchasing an access code only online:** If you do not purchase a text with an access code, you may purchase the access code (estimated price: \$65). This is done online at <http://courses.bfwpub.com/essentialstats.php> using a credit card. The entire text is available inside the course website as a well-designed ebook. If needed, you may print out the textbook, one section at a time. (There are about five sections in each chapter.)

### **Assigned Work That Counts towards the Grade**

- Chapter Post-Tests (graded online by StatsPortal), may be taken as often as students wish
- Quizzes (graded online by StatsPortal), may only be taken once
- Three tests--these are written up and submitted to the Professor for grading; the required submission format is as a PDF attachment to an email or a fax sent to the toll-free fax number used for the class; graded tests are returned by email. Students who submit their tests by dropping them off in person must also agree to picking them up.
- Final Exam—This is a proctored exam, details are given in the section below.

### **On-Campus Final Exam**

- The final exam will be held on the Bremerton campus on Saturday June 5 from 10 am until noon.
- Students may take the final exam early, beginning June 1, during hours when the Shelton or Bremerton Testing Centers are open.
- Students in the military may arrange for their educational officer to proctor their final exam.

### **Technology Requirements**

- The StatsPortal website has technical requirements. To see if your system meets the standards, to the StatsPortal page at <http://courses.bfwpub.com/essentialstats.php> and click the “System Check” link at the bottom of the page.
- Access to a fax machine or scanner to submit written tests. (Unless you regularly come to campus to drop off and pick up your tests.)
- A scientific calculator is needed. A calculator with a multi-line display (available for less than \$20) is useful.
- The class website contains software to perform all statistical calculations and graphs.
- What is NOT required: a statistical calculator or a graphing calculator.