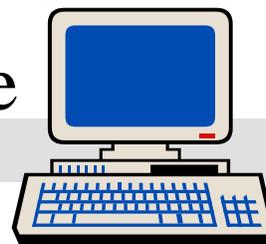


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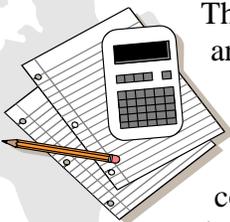
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Dear e-Learning Student:

Thank you for your interest in Elementary Statistics (MATH115). Bucks County Community College will be offering this popular course in a distance learning mode. Elementary Statistics is a course that is required in many curriculums and successfully transfers to all four-year colleges and universities. In this course you will learn to collect, summarize, display and interpret numerical information.

My name is Betsy Farber and I have been a professor at Bucks County Community College for over thirty years. Although I also teach Calculus and all levels of algebra, Elementary Statistics is one of my favorite courses because of its wide applicability.

Please purchase your text before the semester begins. When you go to the bookstore, be sure to purchase a text that has a free code allowing you CourseCompass access. Check at the front desk first.



The text we will use is, *Elementary Statistics, Picturing the World* 4e by Larson and Farber. There are online homework assignments that will be part of your grade (equal to one test). Students are required to take five tests in addition to doing homework assignments (equivalent to six grades). Text assignments are for learning the material but not counted as part of you grade. Distance Learning courses are designed for mature, self-motivated students who have obligations that make it difficult to commit to a regular class schedule. You may take tests 1 and 4 on campus at the Testing Center in the Rollins Student Center or, if it is more convenient, you can take your tests at the Bristol Center or Upper County Center. Before each test, try the practice test in (under the Assignment tab) in CourseCompass to further help you prepare. The most important ingredient for success is that you communicate with me. You can do this by telephone (voice mail), fax, e-mail, regular mail or, of course, in person. We will use the Internet tool called CourseCompass. You will need an individual code as well as the course code for this section which is **farber40903**. Tests 2, 3 and 5 as well as online homework are taken through CourseCompass.

You will need a calculator. The TI-83 or 84 is recommended since it will perform calculations automatically and will save lots of time.

I look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, send me an email leave a message and I will get back to you within the day. You can e-mail me at farberb@bucks.edu

Sincerely,

Betsy Farber

Professor of Mathematics

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