

AP Statistics

We live in the age of information, and we are bombarded with that information, often in the form of raw numbers, graphs, charts, or prediction lines. Commercial television is filled with advertisements touting the newest drug. Schools change entire curriculum on the strength of one experiment. Businesses and politicians make decisions based on research. Being data-driven is the new catchphrase.

What is AP Statistics?

AP Stat is an introductory course in statistics. You'll learn how to collect, organize, analyze, and interpret data.

Why Should I Take It?

Statistics is used by more people than any other kind of math. Also, Statistics is required in more college majors than any other type of math.

Who Can Take it?

Any student who has completed Algebra II has the necessary math skills to be successful in AP Statistics.

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How Hard Is AP Stat?

AP Statistics is a college level math course that most students find challenging, but manageable. It is not like a regular math class – we don't have problem after problem in which the answer is "4" or " $x + 3$." You do not have to memorize formulas and graphing calculators are used on almost a daily basis.

Majors that REQUIRE Statistics (a partial list):

- Psychology
- Biology
- Engineering
- Pre-Med
- Nursing
- Veterinary Science
- Business Management
- Accounting
- Finance
- Economics
- Communications
- Political Science
- Geology

"The sexy job in the next ten years will be statisticians. Because now we really do have essentially free and ubiquitous data. So the complimentary factor is the ability to understand that data and extract value from it." - Hal Varian, Chief Economist, Google

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