

# 1920S MA482

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## Criteria for Successfully Completing a Homework Assignment

Homework assignments are those assessments given in class. You may work in groups (of your own choosing) on each assignment; there should be no more than 3 students within each group. Only one submission is required per group.

Working on an assignment together does not mean distributing the various components to different members of the group. It means working through each problem as a collective and developing the solution together. This should spur conversation among the group when developing the solution.

### Criteria:

Successful completion of a homework assignment entails a "good faith effort." Specifically, the following is required to satisfy a good faith effort:

- No question is left blank. That is, each question must be attempted.
- Each answer should, in the judgement of the instructor, attempt to answer the question asked using content from the course.
- Submitted by the due date.

Note: your answer need not be correct to be considered a good faith effort. It need only demonstrate that you honestly attempted the problem.

### Example:

Consider the following hypothetical problem for a homework assignment:

- Describe the role of the standard error in a confidence interval.

Now, consider the following three responses:

1. The standard error quantifies the error in our estimate of the parameter of interest.
2. The standard error maps the confidence level to the underlying model for the sampling distribution of the statistic.
3. The standard error is  $s/\sqrt{n}$ .
4. The standard error makes stuff wider.

For the above question, answer (1) is correct, and would be judged a good-faith effort. Answer (2) is incorrect, confusing the standard error with the role of the critical value; however, this answer would be judged a good-faith effort because it made an honest attempt to answer the question and referenced material from the course. Answer (3) would not be judged a good-faith effort because it did not attempt to address the question, which asked for a "description" of the role, not the definition. Answer (4) did not reference material from the course and does not give the impression of honestly addressing the question; therefore, it would not be judged a good-faith effort.

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