

Dear Student,

Welcome to the spring 2014 semester at Hampden-Sydney College! You are receiving this message because you are signed up for my Statistics class (Math 121, section 01). This message contains important information about the [StatsPortal](#) On-Line learning system, and the TI-84 calculator, both of which are **required** for the course.

1. StatsPortal On-Line System

I will be running the course using a web-based system called StatsPortal. StatsPortal is a website you log onto. Most of the homework for the course will be done through StatsPortal. StatsPortal also contains an eBook ("The Basic Practice Of Statistics", 6th edition, by Moore, Notz, and Fligner) that we will use as the text for the course. In addition to being a very fine text, the eBook contains many other helpful features, such as audio and video tutorials.

IMPORTANT: You must purchase StatsPortal for this course, it is REQUIRED. Since StatsPortal comes with the eBook for the course, I am not requiring that you purchase the hardcopy text for the course. The StatsPortal site contains everything you'll need.

You can preview StatsPortal before purchasing by going to [this web-site](#):

<http://courses.bfwpub.com/bps6e.php>

Just click on "Preview: >> STATSPORTAL as a student" and look around. When you are ready to purchase access to the StatsPortal eBook and homework system, use the following instructions:

1. Go to <http://courses.bfwpub.com/bps6e.php>
2. Click the "PURCHASE access to StatsPortal" link.
3. In the window that appears, click the radio button for "Select you instructor's The Basic Practice of Statistics, 6e", then select Virginia (VA) in the drop-down box just below.
4. Then select "Hampden-Sydney College" in the next drop-down list.
5. Then select "Statistics - Pendergrass, Marcus" in the next list
6. Click the "Next" button at your lower right.
7. Enter your name, email, and other required information. *Important: use your Hampden-Sydney email as your email address.*
8. Enter your credit card information.

2. TI-84 Plus calculator

The TI-84 Plus calculator is **required** for this course. The TI-84 Plus is a powerful graphing calculator with a full suite of statistical functions that we will be using extensively. It will also be useful to you in other math and science courses.

Statistics is a fascinating and useful subject. I think you'll enjoy it. I look forward to meeting you next week in class. In the meantime, don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you have questions.

Regards,

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