

To the 2018-2019 AP Stat students,

Most of you are probably taking this class because you've heard it's easy and you want a kind of laid-back elective. As someone who's just taken the class, I wanna rephrase that, and tell you that yes, the class IS easy ONLY IF you actually participate and treat it like a non-elective. I remember the first test of the year, the first unit we had I didn't pay attention much or study because I assumed the quizzes and test would be easy, and I got a grade on the test way lower than I'm used to. Because of this, I actually began paying attention and asking questions and just by simply doing this and studying, I got a 100 on the next test and was able to bring my grade up to a safe A.

My point is, this class doesn't require much from you as a student to get a high grade: all you really need to do is pay attention in class and listen to Sever because he will teach you everything you need to know for each chapter, and he will help make sure you know everything you need, and just by doing this, there will be no surprises on any of the quizzes or tests. THIS is why people say it's an easy class, not because the tests and quizzes are easy. Most AP's require hours of homework in order to understand the content, but with AP Stat, Sever makes it easy for you, just as long as you just pay attention in class, and study for the quizzes and tests. Do this and start the year strong, and you won't have to worry about homework or trying to pull up your grade.

Dear Statistics

You'll hear a lot about this class, some true and some less so, but here are the "facts" from the perspective of a senior who just finished it. Stat is often called the easy AP of Pope, as a math-minded person I would call it tedious. You need to memorize some stuff in order to get an A, there's lots of writing and lots of dirty work. Know your calculator back to front. Get one calculator and get to know it like the back of your hand, you'll need to in order to know and perform all the commands and tricks this class demands. It's not hard, just tedious.

As for your teacher, Mr. Sever is a very genuine guy who seriously cares about his students' success. Graded assignments will be in that same day usually, he is great about that and it's super helpful. Be respectful, give him your attention and phones are his biggest pet peeve so just get them aside for 50 minutes, he will give you his time and effort and he deserves your attention. You may be falling asleep during notes or not enjoy the environment but Mr. Sever is a great guy who will always have time for you and genuinely cares.

AP STAT LETTER

Dear 2018-2019 AP Stat Students,

Some advice for you is to ALWAYS do the homework or try to do some of the questions. It seems dumb but it really helps and is great practice before taking the test/FRQs. I did so much better when I did my homework. Also, don't be afraid to ask for help or go in to review your test. Seeing your past mistakes always helps you do better! Some possible misconceptions on this class is that it is all reading and no math. There is math involved in it but it isn't just solving an equation and then you're done. What I had wished I had known before taking the class is that although you don't have much homework, it really helps prepare you. I also wish I knew the extent of explaining I have to do for FRQs. Overall I enjoyed the class and it's a great class to take. It's a completely different math class than what's expected but I feel more well rounded. Good Luck!