Handout 01: Introduction

During most class meetings, I will distribute a one-page handout that looks a lot like the page you are reading now. It will introduce a few new concepts, definitions, and/or theorems in probability theory. After giving a few minutes to read through the notes, we will come together to talk more about the new concepts and answer any questions. Then, we will get started on the worksheet of problems for the day. Typically, the class before each exam will have a worksheet but no handout. We will just be reviewing or extending material that we have already covered.

Today's handout is quite different. Here, I just have a few questions that I would like you to take a few minutes to answer. You can answer these below and, if needed, on the other side of the page.

1. How does your name show up in BannerWeb? Do you have a different preferred name? Is there anything else I should know about the pronounciation of your name or your preferred pronouns?

2. Please give a brief 3-5 sentence introduction.[1]

3. What other statistics or data sciences courses have you taken at UR?

4. In one sentence, why are you taking this class?

5. Anything else I should know? At a minimum, please let me know if you have a DAN or are involved in any UR sports teams or other official organizations that may cause you to miss class.

Please make sure to hand your responses to me before proceeding. Note that you will be keeping all other handouts and should plan on bringing them all as notes to each subsequent class meeting.

[1] I am absolutely terribly with names but generally good at remembering other details. Try to include something a bit interesting or somewhat unusual (or both!) that will help me understand better who you are.