

Exam Advice to STATS 10X students from Leila!

Here are some useful study tips and exam advice from Leila!

- You will find that the **exam is much more heavily weighted to the material you have covered since sitting the test.**
- Each exam question falls into **one of three broad groups:**
 - A. **Chapters 1-7:** less than a third of the exam
(about 12-15 questions)
 - B. **Chapters 8-10:** a little over a third of the exam
(about 17-21 questions)
 - C. **Chapters 11 & 12:** a bit over a third of the exam
(about 17-20 questions)

If I were you, I would do these things in the following order:

1. **Useful documents from Cecil:** Print off and/or read the two documents *Exam Information* and *Exam Preparation (Study) Techniques*. They are both available on Cecil on the STATS 10x homepage and under **Exam**.
2. **"Sit" an exam:** Set yourself an honest 3-hour timeslot, with no interruptions, away from your phone, computer, friends, flatmates and/or family. "Sit" the most recent exam (get it from Cecil's **Exam** section or the *STATS 10x Tests & Exams* booklet available from the Student Resource Centre for \$7.50) keeping strictly to time to get a feel for how fast you need to work. Mark your answers using those given on the back page of the exam. You have 3 hours to do 50 questions which breaks down to 16-17 questions per hour, 8-9 questions per half hour or about 3.5 minutes per question on average.



3. **Recorded help on Chapters 11-12:** There are two recorded revision sessions on Cecil—*Chapter 11 Questions* and *Chapter 12 Questions*—if you want guidance on how to tackle problems from these chapters.
4. **Target study off other exams:** use the *STATS 10x Tests & Exams* booklet or exams printed off Cecil along with the *Exam Questions Index* to target questions from Chapters 12, 11, 10, 9 & 8—**in that order**—from the **most recent exam first**.
5. **Blue pages in Lecture Workbook:** I would at least do **all multi-choice questions** from the **blue pages**. Also bear in mind that all text on the blue pages is examinable. Focus on Chapters 11 & 12 and then Chapters 10, 9 & 8 and finally Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7—**in that order!**
6. **Review Quizzes on Cecil:** I would concentrate on **Review Quiz 4** (Chapters 11 & 12) and **Review Quiz 3** (Chapters 9 & 10) and do at least two of each, more if you have time.
7. **More Chapter 11 & 12 practice:** There is a *Revision Assignment* (questions on Chapters 11 & 12) and *answers* (NOT to be handed in) on Cecil if you want some more Chapter 11 & 12 questions to do.

Don't forget, there are a number of places you can go for help:

- **Online forum:** Available 24-7!
www.stat.auckland.ac.nz/forum/10x
- **Statistics Assistance Area:** Behind the Student Resource Centre, Room G16, ground floor, building 303, Science Centre. It will be staffed 11am-2pm the week before, and 10am-4pm the week of, the exam.
- **Your lecturer and/or course coordinators:** see Cecil for their details.

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