PSU 016 - Statistics First Year Seminar  
Department of Statistics, Penn State University  
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**Course Meetings:** Wednesdays, 1:25 – 2:15pm, 308 Willard (unless otherwise specified)

**Learning Goals:** PSU 16 is a one credit seminar/discussion course designed to introduce students to educational, diversity, and life experiences available at Penn State, introduce students to expectations related to the statistics major, provide guidance for personal and academic success, and prepare students for future professional opportunities.

**Learning Objectives:** To accomplish our Learning Goals, each PSU 16 student should:

1. Design a Time Management Plan to assist each student’s adjustment to the academic rigors of college life
2. Achieve fluency in Library Electronic Resources relevant to each student’s specific program of study
3. Develop a perspective for the Professional and Career Development Opportunities related to their major and program of study
4. Develop an awareness of and appreciation for Campus Diversity
5. Demonstrate Engagement across the university at multiple levels (major, department, college, university; and academic, cultural, and social perspectives)
6. Understand Academic Integrity rules and their relationship to your degree
7. Develop campus engagement and awareness through participation in the Penn State Reads Program

**Course Materials:** Americanah, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie ([Penn State Reads](https://www.psu.edu/penn-state-reads) book). This book must be read by class on October 15th.

**Website:** [sites.psu.edu/psu016](https://sites.psu.edu/psu016) and ANGEL

**Weekly Assignments:** Each week, there will be an assignment posted on the course schedule at [sites.psu.edu/psu016](https://sites.psu.edu/psu016). Each assignment will be worth 10 points and it will be due by class (Wednesday 1:25pm) on the designated due date. Late assignments will receive at most 5 points.

**Attendance:** Attendance in this class is mandatory. (Remember, it’s an easy class and it only meets once a week!) If you must miss a class, please contact the instructor BEFOREHAND and give the reason. You will receive 3 points each week for attending class
or for a pre-excused absence. Students who miss class are still responsible for turning in assignments on time.

**World in Conversation:** World in Conversation (WinC) is a Center for Public Diplomacy that facilitates dialogues for Penn State students by Penn State students. These dialogues are meant to expand perspectives and invite greater understanding on topics that are relevant, complex and often contentious. No one will tell you what you *should* think; instead they will ask you to express what you *actually* think.

You will have the opportunity to participate in one of these dialogues as a part of this class. Each session is 95 minutes in duration and will occur outside of your regular class meeting times. One week before the sessions for this class begins, you will receive an email explaining how to register. This email will be sent to your PSU account. In order to receive credit, your attendance will be recorded. But keep in mind: *You will not be able to attend the program (or receive credit) if you are more than 5 minutes late.*

WinC participation is worth 5 points towards your grade in this class. Any questions about WinC should be directed to the WinC staff: 865-5692 or worldinconversation@psu.edu. For more information on the WCP, visit this website: [www.worldinconversation.org](http://www.worldinconversation.org)

**Grades:** There will be 15 weekly assignments, each worth 10 points, and 15 classes, each worth 3 points for attending. There are an additional 5 points for participating in the World in Conversation project. This gives a total of 200 points during the course.

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\text{Assignments:} & \quad 15 \text{ weekly assignments} \times 10 \text{ points each} = 150 \text{ points} \\
\text{Participation:} & \quad 15 \text{ classes} \times 3 \text{ points each} = 45 \text{ points} \\
\text{World in Conversation} & \quad 5 \text{ points} \\
& \text{TOTAL: 200 Points}
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Final letter grades will be determined as follows:

- B+: 88-89%
- C+: 78-79%
- A: 94-100%
- B: 84-87%
- C: 70-77%
- D: 60-69%
- A-: 90-93%
- B-: 80-83%

You should be able to track your grades for this course using [ANGEL](https://angel.psu.edu).

**Academic Integrity Statement:** All Penn State and Eberly College of Science policies regarding academic integrity apply to this course. See the [Academic Integrity Policy](https://www.psu.edu/policies/academic-integrity-policy) and [Code of Conduct](https://www.psu.edu/policies/code-of-conduct) for details.

**ECOS Code of Mutual Respect:** The Eberly College of Science [Code of Mutual Respect and Cooperation](https://www.psu.edu/policies/code-of-conduct) embodies the values that we hope our faculty, staff, and students possess and will endorse to make the Eberly College of Science a place where every individual feels respected and valued, as well as challenged and rewarded.