Ling 525 Midterm 2021 Results & Advice

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Abstract

This note contains facts and statistics about the 2021 midterm for Linguistics 525, Introduction to Semantics. Spoiler alert. People did pretty well.
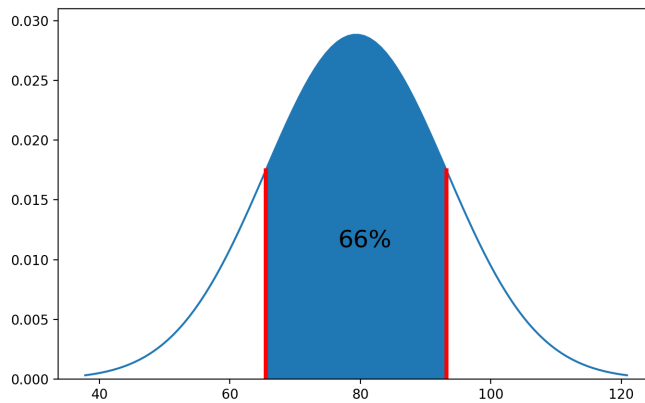
1 Introduction

On the whole, people did pretty well. The surprise was the difficulty of the entailment section.

Outline This note is organized as follows. Section 2 summarizes the statistics. Section 3 discusses how to interpret your grade. Finally, Section 4 gives advice about what to do going forward.

2 Summary

Here are the key statistics:

Mean:	79.35	
Median:	82.00	
STD:	13.84	
	Low	High
Did OK:	65.51	93.19
Ok Grade:	C+	A-

3 Interpretation

Half the students did better than 82; half did worse. The average gradxe was 79.35. Approximately two-thirds of the students had a grade falling between 65.51 and 93.91, which will work out to a grade falling between C- and A-inclusive.

If you have gotten full credit on all your assignments, a 65 or better works out to a B- in the course so far.

4 Advice

The course gfenerally gets easier from now on.

We do lexical aspect, lexical semantics and kinship terms. The material has less to logic and more to do with concepts. Keep up with the assignments and readings, and the final should be easier than the midterm.