

# Stats lab

Week 3

## APA overview

- ▶ APA: American Psychological Association
- ▶ We will only go over major APA styling guidelines
  - See APA manual and websites for more information

## General Guide

- ▶ Papers must be:
  - In 12 point font; either Times New Roman or Arial
  - Double spaced
  - 1 inch margins all the way around
  - Center headings (Method / Results)
  - You should **not** skip an extra line **anywhere** in your paper
  - Paragraphs are left-aligned and indented

## Header

- ▶ Informative header
  - Top of page, flush right at the top ½" margin
  - Goes on every page
  - For this course, put your name and the page number
  - Example
    - Wyle E. Coyote    1
    - Five spaces between name and page number

## Check

- ▶ Word changes font and formatting constantly
  - be vigilant to make sure your paper is consistent

## Numbers

- ▶ Generally speaking, round decimals to two places
  - Ex: If my answer is  $1/3$  I would report it as **0.33**.
- ▶ Round percentages to whole numbers (e.g., 54%, not 54.2%)
- ▶ Do **NOT** italicize:
  - Greek letters, subscripts, superscripts
  - Abbreviations (e.g., log, sin) or written statistic terms
- ▶ **DO** *Italicize*:
  - Statistical symbols (e.g., *M*, *SD*, *N*, *df*, *t*, *F*, *p*, *r*, *b*)

## Additional Info

- ▶ All results presented in past tense
- ▶ Report exact  $p$  value, rounded to two decimal places ( $p = .03$ )
  - Exception: If SPSS gives a  $p$  value of .000, present as  $p < .001$
- ▶ APA has specific formatting for tables and figures
  - LOOK THIS UP and replicate the style