

Elements of Stochastic Models  
ISE 331, Fall 2019

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**Textbooks** Introduction to Probability Models, twelfth ed., Sheldon Ross, Academic Press, 2019

**Course Coverage** Probability Review (1,2), Conditional Expectation (3), Markov Chains (4), Exponential Random Variables and Poisson Processes (5), Queueing Processes (8), Reliability Models (9), where the parentheses indicate the relevant chapters of the text.

**Course Objectives** To familiarize the class with the concepts and ideas of stochastic models so as to be able to utilize and analyze such.

**Course Outcomes**

- An understanding of and facility in utilizing conditional expectations
- Knowledge of exponential random variables and the Poisson process
- Familiarity with Markov chains
- Understanding queueing models
- Understanding the concept of system reliability

**Grades** Based on

20 percent: Homeworks

30 percent Midterm

50 percent: Final exam

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