

EE 503: Probability for Electrical & Computer Engineers Fall 2021

I. Course Information

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Class Time and Location:

Lectures: Monday and Wednesday, 2:00pm-3:50pm, WPH B28 & on Zoom

Discussion: Friday, 1:00pm-1:50pm, ZHS 352 & on Zoom

Course website:

USC Blackboard

Required Textbook:

Gubner, J. A., Probability and Random Processes for Electrical and Computer Engineers, Cambridge University Press, 2006.

Prerequisites:

Calculus, linear algebra and matrices.

Exam Dates and Times:

Midterm 1: October 4

Midterm 2: November 8

Final: December 10

There may be occasional pop quizzes given in class.

Grading:

Homework/Quizzes: 20%, Midterm 1: 25%, Midterm 2: 25%, Final: 30%

II. Topics

- Outcomes, Events, Probabilities, Conditional Probabilities, Independence, Bayes' Rule, Combinatorics
- Discrete Random Variables, Continuous Random Variables, Expectation, Functions of Random Variables
- Jointly Distributed Random Variables, Conditional Probability for Discrete and Continuous Random Variables, Iterated Expectations, Random Vectors
- Modes of Convergence for Random Variables, Laws of Large Numbers, Central Limit Theorem
- Random Processes, Poisson Process.
- Discrete Time Markov Chains
- Statistics: Parameter Estimation, Confidence Intervals, Hypothesis Testing.

III. Statement for Students with Disabilities

Any student requesting academic accommodations based on a disability is required to register with Disability Services and Programs (DSP) each semester. A letter of verification for approved accommodations can be obtained from DSP. Please be sure the letter is delivered to me (or to TA) as early in the semester as possible. DSP is located in STU 301 and is open 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number for DSP is (213) 740-0776.

IV. Statement on Academic Integrity

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Support Systems

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