

# USC Viterbi

School of Engineering

## EE562: Random Processes in Engineering

**Units: 4**  
**Spring 2022**

**Lecture:** Mon. Wed., 10:00-11:50 AM, OHE 136

**Discussion:** Tue., 3:30-4:20, OHE 136

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**Course Webpage:** USC DEN  
(<https://courses.uscdcn.net>)

**Exam Dates:**

- **Midterm:** March 9 (tentatively), in class
- **Final Exam:** May 9, 8am-10am, as set by the university

## Course Description

This course provides a rigorous introduction to probability and stochastic process theory and is geared towards first and second year graduate students in electrical engineering, computer science, industrial and systems engineering and other departments. The course will include a review of basic concepts of probability theory including probability spaces, random variables, expectation, and related convergence concepts. It will also cover Gaussian random vectors, minimum mean square estimation and conditional expectation. It will then introduce stochastic processes and key limit theorems. Other topics to be covered include stationary and wide sense stationary processes, correlation and covariance functions, power spectral density, Poisson processes, discrete and continuous-time Markov chains, martingales, basic calculus of random processes, random processes in linear systems and Wiener filtering. The course will provide examples of applications in queueing networks, communications and autonomous systems.

## Learning Objectives

1. Introduction to basic concepts, definitions and limit theorems about stochastic processes.
2. Exploring key properties and applications of various kinds of stochastic processes in engineering including communications, networks and autonomous systems.

**Pre-requisite(s):** EE 503 (Probability)

**Website:** Syllabus, home-works and other class information will be posted on USC DEN course website.

**Required textbook:** 1. Random Processes for Engineers by B. Hajek, 2015.

### Additional recommended text:

1. Stochastic Processes, 2nd ed. by Sheldon Ross, 1996.
2. Essentials of Stochastic Processes, by Rick Durrett, 2011 (available online).

**Grading Type:** Letter grade

**Grading Breakdown:** Final 45%, Midterm 35%, Homework 20%.

### Assignment Submission Policy

Late home-works will not be accepted unless prior approval for late submission has been obtained.

### List of Topics to be covered:

1. Probability Review: Random variables, expected value, moment generating functions, conditional distribution, conditional expectation.
2. Sequences of Random variables, modes of convergence and limit theorems.
3. Random vectors, orthogonality principle, minimum mean square estimation.
4. Random processes: Definitions and basic properties.
5. Counting processes, Poisson process, renewal processes.
6. Discrete and continuous time Markov chains.

7. Martingales: Definitions, properties and inequalities.
8. Basic Calculus of random processes, continuity, mean square differentiation, integration.
9. Random processes in linear systems, spectral analysis, Fourier transforms, power spectral density.
10. Wiener Filtering, causal functions and spectral factorization, causal Wiener filtering problem.

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