**EE 503**

**PROBABILITY FOR ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERS**

**(4 units) SPRING 2023**

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**Lecture**: Mon, Wed 10:00-11:50am, OHE 122 and DEN@Viterbi

**Discussion:** Friday 9:00am-9:50am, [OHE](https://maps.usc.edu/?id=1928&reference=OHE)122 and DEN@Viterbi

**Webpages**:

DEN

**Prerequisites**: Calculus, Linear Algebra and Matrices.

**Grading**:

Assignments 20pts

Two Midterm Exams 25 pts+25pts=50pts

Final Exam 30pts

Letter Grade Distribution:

100.00-93.00 A 73.00 - 76.99 C

90.00 - 92.99 A- 70.00 - 72.99 C-

87.00 - 89.99 B+ 67.00 - 69.99 D+

83.00 - 86.99 B 63.00 - 66.99 D

80.00 - 82.99 B- 60.00 - 62.99 D-

77.00 - 79.99 C+ 59.99- F

The letter grade distribution table guarantees the minimum grade each student will receive based on their total final score.

**Catalogue Description**: Rigorous coverage of probability, discrete and continuous random variables, functions of multiple random variables, covariance, correlation, random sequences, Markov chains, estimation, and introduction to statistics.

**Course Objectives**: The course focuses on reasoning with probabilistic uncertainty. This involves acquiring the basic notions of probability, random variables and stochastic processes and applying these skills to a wide range of problems in probabilistic and statistical inference from signal processing and decision theory to machine learning.

**Exam Dates**:

**Midterm Exam** **1:** Wednesday February 15, 10:00-11:50am

**Midterm Exam** **2:** Wednesday March 22, 10:00-11:50am

**Final Exam**: Monday, May 8, 8-10am

**Textbook**:

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

In the course we follow this textbook to a large extent.

Handouts on certain topics will be distributed.

Other recommended Textbooks:

1. Leon-Garcia, A., Probability, Statistics, and Random Processes for Electrical Engineering, Prentice Hall, 2008.

2. Athanasios Papoulis, S. Unnikrishnan Pillai, Probability, Random Variables and Stochastic Processes, McGraw-Hill ,4th ed.

3. S. R. S. Varadhan, Probability Theory, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University, August 31, 2000 (Notes).

**Homework**

Homework is assigned on a weekly /biweekly basis. No late homework will be accepted.

**Exam Policy**

No make-up exams.

Exceptions: In case of emergency a signed letter from your manager or physician must be submitted. This letter must include the contact of your physician or manager.

Midterms and final exams will be closed book and notes. No calculators are allowed nor are computers and cellphones or any devices that have internet capability. One letter size cheat sheet (back and front) is allowed for the midterms. Two letter size cheat sheets (back and front) are allowed for the final.

All exams are cumulative, with an emphasis on material presented since the last exam.

**Attendance:**

Students are expected to attend the lectures and discussion sessions and actively participate in class discussions.

**Important Notes**:

***Textbooks are secondary to the lecture notes and homework assignments.***

***By “Material covered and examined” is meant what is taught in class.***

Handouts and course material will be distributed.

**COURSE OUTLINE (Roughly following the textbook and the handouts)**

• Outcomes, Events, Sigma-algebras. Probability axioms, Uncountability, Borel sigma-algebra, 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, Wiener Process**\***, Poisson Process**\***.

• Discrete Time Markov Chains

• Martingales**\***

• Statistics: Maximum likelihood Estimation, Parameter estimation and least squares, Confidence Intervals, Hypothesis Testing.

(Chapter 1 :1-7, Chapter 2 :1-4, Chapter 3 :1-5, Chapter 4:1-5,

Chapter 5:1-6, Chapter 6:1-6, Chapter 7:1-5, Chapter 8:2-3,

Chapter 9:1-5, Chapter 10:1-3, Chapter 11:1-3, Chapter 12:1-4,

Chapter 13:1-4, Chapter 14:1-3)

**Note**: Items marked by \* will be covered only if time permits.

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