

# COURSE SYLLABUS

## Course Information STOCHASTIC PROCESSES

SPRING 2024

STAT 4382

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SECTION	CALL NO	DAY / TIME	CLASSROOM
4382.001	20710/012122	MW 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM	<b>FO 3.616</b>

### Professor Contact Information

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**Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions**

STAT 4351 or equivalent

### Course Modality and Expectations

<b>Instructional Mode</b>	Traditional
<b>Course Platform</b>	The course will be taught in classroom. Homework assignments and Exams will be posted on E-Learning. Class notes will be provided weekly.
<b>Expectations</b>	Students are expected to attend the class, read regularly posted notes and submit homework on time. All exams will be conducted <b>IN CLASS</b> .

### Course Description

Stochastic models including Markov chains, random walks, Poisson processes, renewal processes, and an introduction to time series and forecasting.

### Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

The overriding objective of this course is to make certain that each student knows the theoretical methods of probability models and stochastic processes – including Markov chains, counting and continuous stationary processes, and basics of the renewal and queuing theory with applications.

Class Notes will be regularly posted on E-Learning. They provide summary of material studied in class.

### Required Textbooks and Materials

1. **[PK]** **An Introduction to Stochastic Modeling**, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition by M. Pinsky and S. Karlin Imprint: Academic Press – ISBN: 978-0-12-381416-6 [Main Source]
2. **[HK]** N. Humphreys and Y. Koshevnik: **Probability and Statistics for Actuaries** (First Edition. ISBN 978-1-7935-1427-1. Cognella Academic Publishing [Secondary Source])

IMPORTANT DATES & HOLIDAYS	
<b>CLASSES START</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17</b>
<b>CENSUS DAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31</b>
<b>DROP (APPROVAL REQUIRED)</b>	<b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3</b>
<b>INTERMEDIATE EXAM 1</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14</b>
<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	<b>MONDAY, MARCH 11 – SUNDAY, MARCH 17</b>
<b>INTERMEDIATE EXAM 2</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3</b>
<b>COURSE OVERVIEW</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 – MONDAY, APRIL 29</b>
<b>LAST DAY OF CLASSES</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 1</b>
<b>LAST EXAM</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 1</b>

The general policies can be viewed from

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## Grading Policy

Your OVERALL class grade will be determined based on the following weighting:  
**Two Intermediate Exams + LAST One** (25% + 25% + 30%) = **80%**  
**Ten Homework Assignments (ONLINE)** **20%**  
 Make-up exams will **not** be allowed, unless extraordinary circumstances emerge.

### Grading Scale:

[97, 100]	[93, 97]	[90, 93]	[87, 90]	[83, 87]	[80, 83]	[77, 80]
A+	A	A -	B+	B	B -	C+
[73, 77)	[70, 73)	[67, 70)	[63, 67)	[60, 63)	Below 60	
C	C -	D+	D	D -	F	

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### Course & Instructor Policies

- You must catch up with the course – in particular, ALL EXAMS.
- Homework will be assigned according to the tentative schedule below. Papers will be collected via ONLINE submission and graded within one week.
- My office hours should be utilized when you need to clarify the course topics. Use this option, once you feel any uncertainty about the material.

TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE		
Dates	Topics	References to [PK]
01/17 – 01/24	Review of Probability – Random Variables	Ch. 1 + Notes [1]
	HW 1 => Due 01/24	
01/24 – 01/31	Conditional Probabilities and Expectations	Ch. 2 Notes [1 – 2]
	HW 2 => Due 01/31	
02/05 – 02/12	Markov Chains – Introduction	Ch. 3, Ch. 4, and Notes [3 – 4]
	Long Run Properties of Markov Chains	
	HW 3 => Due 02/07	
02/12	Exam I Review	Ch. 1 – 3 Notes [1 – 3]
<b>02/14</b>	<b>Exam I</b>	
02/19 – 02/28	Poisson Processes and Related Topics	Ch. 5 + Notes [5]
	HW 4 => Due 02/21   HW 5 => Due 02/28	
02/28 – 03/06	Birth and Death Processes	Ch. 6 Notes [6 – 7]
	Continuous Time Markov Chains	
	HW 6 => Due 03/06	
<b>03/11 – 03/17</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>	<b>No Classes</b>
03/18 – 03/20	Renewal Theory – Introduction and Sketch	Ch.7 (partially) + Notes [7]
	HW 7 => Due 03/20	
11/06 – 04/01	Queuing Theory	Ch. 9 (partially) + Notes [8]
	HW 8 => Due 03/27	
04/01	Exam II Review	Ch. 3 – 6 Notes [3 – 7]
<b>04/03</b>	<b>Exam II</b>	
04/08 – 04/24	Brownian Motion and Related Topics	Ch. 8 + Notes [9]
	HW 9 => Due 04/15   HW 10 => Due 04/24	
04/24 – 04/29	Course Overview	Ch. 7 – 9 and Notes [8 – 9]
<b>05/01</b>	<b>Exam III</b>	

*These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.*