

MATH2421 Probability
Course Outline- Fall 2023

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3. Meeting Time and Venue

Lectures:

Date/Time: Monday and Wednesday (10:30 – 11:50)

Venue: LTE

Tutorials A:

Date/Time: Thursday (11:00-11:50)

Venue: LSK1032

Tutorials B:

Date/Time: Thursday (17:00-17:50)

Venue: 4504

4. Course Description

Credit Points: 3

Brief Information/synopsis:

This course covers topics including probability spaces, discrete and continuous random variables, joint distributions and conditional expectations, characteristic functions and limit theorems.

It roughly corresponds to Chapter 1-5 and 7 of the Grimmett-Stirzaker book.

5. Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

No.	ILOs
1	Explain concepts at high levels and implement basic operations in probability.
2	Identify and describe the basic probability distributions and understand the calculation of expectations and variances.
3	Formulate mathematical models and solve mathematical problems using probability.
4	Solve real-world problems by simple Monte Carlo simulations.

6. Assessment Scheme

- a. Midterm Examination duration: 1.5 hrs. Final Exam duration: 3 hours.
- b. Percentage of coursework, examination, etc.:

<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Assessing Course ILOs</u>
20% by homework	1, 2, 3, 4
30% midterm	1, 3
50% by exam	1, 3

- c. The grading is assigned based on students' performance in homework/exams.

7. Student Learning Resources

Recommended Reading:

Textbook(s): Geoffrey Grimmett and David Stirzaker, Probability and Random Processes, 3rd edition, Oxford University Press, 2001.

8. Teaching and Learning Activities

Scheduled activities: 4 hrs (lecture + tutorial)

9. Course Schedule

Keyword Syllabus:

- Probability spaces.
- Discrete and random variables.
- Continuous random variables.
- Joint distributions and conditional expectations.
- Characteristic functions.
- Limit theorems.