Course Goals: To introduce the student to basic theoretical concepts and computational tools in probability and statistics with emphasis on their role in solving engineering problems.

Course Catalog Description: Introduction to probability, random variables and random processes, probability distribution/density functions, expectation, correlation, confidence intervals, power spectral density, WSS processes, transmission through LTI systems, applications of probability.

Prerequisites: Math 314 and ECE 314.


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Course Requirements

1) Verbal and written communication
Oral and written communications are extremely important in the educational and professional settings. Each student is expected to participate in classroom discussions. Students are also expected to exhibit good writing when working homework assignments, projects, quizzes and examinations.

2) Homework
Homework assignments will include problems from the text as well as special problems that are closely tied to the lectures notes. Some problems may require the use of MATLAB, which is available in the ECE Computer labs. Computer-aided simulation and analysis (using MATLAB) of random phenomena will be an integral part of the course for two reasons. Firstly, simulation of practical problems will motivate students and gives them a realistic and enjoyable feel to the concept of chance. Secondly, Monte-Carlo based methods are necessary for the simulation and
analysis of certain problems that cannot be solved analytically. Completion of homework assignments is a key component of this course, as it will help students master the course material and prepare for the exams. Late submissions are generally not accepted unless under extreme conditions. Solutions will be provided when the assignments are graded and returned.

- **Homework assignments are due on Mondays no later than 5:30PM.**
- The papers must be dropped off in the designated box that is outside the TA’s office (Room 234 in ECE) any time from noon to 5:30 PM on Mondays.
- You may also send your papers to the TA by email by the same deadline.
- If you send it to the TA by email, you must include all the documents in a single attachment (preferably in pdf format).
- Late submissions will not be accepted in general. Exceptions are granted in case of emergencies (e.g., medical conditions, unforeseen work/family related travel, etc.).

3) **Examinations**

There will be two required midterms and a final. Make-up exams are given *only* under extreme conditions (such as in a medical emergency with a written note from a doctor).

4) **Quizzes**

There will be a 5-minute quiz every Monday in the beginning of the class period. Each quiz will be on the material covered in the past lectures before the quiz. The purpose is to (1) encourage students to study the materials carefully and regularly and (2) to prepare the student for learning new materials.

5) **Attendance**

Attendance is mandatory. Missing more than two lectures requires the permission of the instructor.

6) **Small-group term project**

Groups of 2 students will be required to work on a small project comprising experimentation of a random phenomenon and analysis of results. The specifics of the project will be announced before the Spring Break. The project is due on the final class period. Each group will be asked to prepare a brief report. Tools learned in class should be used to complete the design and the use of Matlab is required.

7) **Recitation sessions**

There will be weekly recitation sessions on problem solving. Attendance is required unless there is a conflict in schedule. Recitation. The recitations will take place every Fridays, 11-11:50, beginning January 23, Room DSH 326.

8) **Conduct**

Students are expected to comply with the *Student Code of Conduct* found in the UNM Student Handbook. In particular, exchange of information during exams and quizzes is strictly prohibited.
Grading

10% Completion of homework assignments
10% Weekly 5-minute quizzes
20% First Exam, **Friday, Feb. 13**
20% Second Exam, **Friday, Apr. 3**
25% Final Exam: Room CENT-1041; **Friday May 8, 7:30-9:30AM**
15% Small-group project (details to be announced)

Tentative grade assignment:

90-100 (A);
80-89 (B);
70-79 (C);
60-69 (D);
59 or below (F).

Some important dates:

Last day to drop without a grade: **Friday, Jan. 30**
Spring Break: **March 9 – 13**
Last class period for this course: **Friday, May 1**
Final examination: **Friday May 8, 7:30AM-9:30AM, CENT 2041**

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Supplementary material: Power spectral density for WSS processes, transmission through LTI systems

Handouts

Additional Resources:
