

Elements of Stochastic Processes
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Textbook: Introduction to Probability Models, ninth ed., Sheldon Ross, Academic Press, 2007

Course Objectives: To familiarize the students with the concepts and ideas of stochastic processes, so as to be able to utilize and analyze stochastic models.

Course Outcomes:

- An understanding of and facility in utilizing conditional expectations
- Knowledge of exponential random variables and the Poisson process
- Familiarity with exponential queueing models
- Markov chains in discrete and continuous time
- Reliability systems
- Brief introduction to stochastic simulation

Grades: Based on

20 percent: Homeworks

20 percent each: , 2 Midterm exams

40 percent: Final exam