

STAT 4630 (CRN: 54785) /STAT 7250 (CRN: 54788)
STOCHASTIC PROCESSES
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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:30 am – 10:30 am, or by appointment

Prerequisites: STAT 3050 (005.305) (with a grade of C or better); and STAT 3800 or the former STAT 3600 (005.360) (with a grade of C or better); or consent of the department.

References:

- Ross, S.M. (2010), *Introduction to Probability Models*, 10th ed., Elsevier.
- Pinsky, M.A. and Karlin, S. (2011), *An Introduction to Stochastic Modeling*, 4th ed., Elsevier.
- Durrett, R. (2012), *Essentials of Stochastic Processes*, Springer (available for free on Springer online through the library).

note: copies of the first two references are available on four-hour reserve at the Science Library

Lectures: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10:30 am -- 11:20 am, in 124 Machray Hall

- attendance is mandatory
- the lecture notes presented in class constitute a self-contained source of the course material
- some problems will be solved in class, and some will be assigned for you to practice (no credit homework)

Tests: There will be three 50-minute closed book term tests held during the lecture hours. They will take place every four weeks or so. The approximate date of the first test is February 13, 2017. The exact dates for each of the tests will be announced in advance in class. The test problems will strongly be related to those that are solved in class and also those that are on your homework. STAT 4630 tests will be different from STAT 7250 ones.

note: no makeup, early, or delayed tests in this course

Evaluation: Final grade is based on:
Term Work (50%): 3 term tests
Final Exam (50%): two-hour closed book exam based on the whole term

Course Outline: Review of Conditional Probability and Conditional Expectation; Renewal Processes; Brownian Motion and Related Processes; Martingales; Miscellaneous Topics (Partial Sums Processes, Student Processes, and Empirical Processes).

note: the above is only an approximate outline. It is your responsibility to keep up with what is being done in class and with any changes announced in class.

Voluntary Withdrawal Deadline: March 31, 2017.

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<http://umanitoba.ca/science/undergrad/resources/webdisciplinedocuments.html>

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<http://umanitoba.ca/student/saa/accessibility/>

ROASS Schedule A: Schedule A of the Responsibilities of Academic Staff with regards to Students (ROASS) policies of the University of Manitoba lists resources and policies for students. It is important that you familiarize yourself with these resources and policies. Schedule A is posted on the Department of Statistics webpage.