

STAT 3030 Section A01
Introduction to Stochastic Processes
Winter 2022

Time MWF 10:30 p.m. – 11:20 a.m.,
Online - Zoom at least until Feb.25th
CRN 59790

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R Download: <https://cran.r-project.org/mirrors.html>
R scripts <https://people.carleton.edu/~rdobrow/stochbook/RScripts.html>

Office Hours: MWF 10:00a.m. - 10:30 a.m.(online zoom)

Evaluation

Test 1	20%
Test 2	20%
Assignments	20%
Final Examination	40%

The following are the minimum percentage grades required to receive each of the various letter grades: A⁺ (90%), A (80%), B⁺ (75%), B (70%), C⁺ (65%), C (60%), D (50%).

Exam Information

The Test 1 will be held on **Friday March 11, 2022 (10:30 am to 11:20 am)** and Test 2 will be held on **Wednesday April 13th , 2022 (10:30am to 11:20 am)**.

If we continue online teaching after Feb. 25th:

Both Midterm tests and final exam will be closed book. You will be required to be on Cisco Webex or Zoom, with your camera on during the tests and exam. You will not have access to any course materials (for example, the textbook, materials that are posted on UM Learn). If statistical tables or anything else is needed, it will be provided during the test and exam. You are not allowed to use the software R or any other software during the test or exam. A calculator will be required to complete the calculations. All other resources, web browsing and communication with other individuals are strictly prohibited. Inappropriate collaboration, plagiarism, or contract cheating of any kind will be dealt with severely and forwarded to the appropriate disciplinary committee at the University of Manitoba.

The test questions will be sent to all students via a Crowdmark email. You will be expected to write your answer to each question on a sheet of paper and then take a picture or scan a copy of your images and upload them to Crowdmark. A calculator will be required to complete the calculations. Crowdmark keeps record of all page views and upload attempts. You must upload all your answers by the cut off time (submission deadline). Late submissions will not be accepted. Detailed instructions will be provided before the tests.

Final Exam: The final exam will be of two hours in duration and will be scheduled by the Student Records Office. The final exam will cover the whole syllabus. The exam questions will be sent to all students via a Crowdmark email. You will be expected to write your answer to each question on a sheet of paper and then take a picture or scan a copy of your images and upload them to Crowdmark. A calculator will be required to complete the calculations. Crowdmark keeps a record of all page views and upload attempts. You must upload all your answers by the cut off time (submission deadline). Late submissions will not be accepted. Detailed instructions will be provided before the exam.

If we go for in person teaching after Feb. 25th:

Both Midterm tests and final exam will be closed book. Both midterms will be held in class. The final exam will be of two hours in duration and will be scheduled by the Student Records Office. The final exam will cover the whole syllabus.

If there is a need to change any of these tools or instructions, I shall let you know well in advance.

Should you miss one test, you will be assigned a grade of zero unless you provide valid documentation. The other test and final exam would then be worth 30% and 50%, respectively. Should you miss both tests, you will be assigned a grade of zero unless you provide valid documentation. The final exam would then be worth 80%. **There are no make up tests.** Students who miss both tests, with or without valid documentation, will be reported to the Dean's office as having completed no term tests. This will have repercussions on their ability to write a deferred exam for the course, should such a deferral be requested.

Assignments

There will be two assignments in this course. Moreover, numerous practice problems (some with solutions) will be distributed in class. Students are strongly encouraged to try these practice problems on a regular basis.

Topics

The following list of topics serves only as an approximate outline and is subject to change:

- Review of random variables and probability generating functions. Branching processes and random walks.
- Markov chains (general formulation and properties; classification of states; steady state distributions and applications).
- Moment properties of discrete time processes. stationary processes and autocorrelation functions. Brownian motion, diffusion processes and geometric Brownian motion.
- Exponential random variables and their properties, Poisson processes and continuous time Markov chains.

Text

Introduction to Stochastic Process with R, by Robert P. Dobrow, Published by Wiley. ISBN-978-1-118-76065-1(not required).

Software

To apply the theory and methods taught in this course it is required that you download and install the statistical software package, R. It is a free program available at the URL at the top of the course outline. Throughout the lectures and through additional handouts you will be taught how to use the program.

Note that these textbooks are provided for extra reference and practice only. Coverage and notation may differ somewhat from the course notes. (Notes may cover topics that are not covered in the textbooks or vice-versa.) **Where there are any discrepancies between the way topics are covered in the course notes and in the textbook, please refer to the course notes.**

Voluntary Withdrawal

The voluntary withdrawal date is **April 25th** (by which time you will have received your marks for the term tests).

Academic Dishonesty

It is important that you understand what constitutes academic dishonesty and that you are familiar with the very serious consequences. Links to resources that describe academic dishonesty (including plagiarism, cheating, inappropriate collaboration and examination impersonation, as well as typical penalties) can be found at:

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

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Class Communication

The University requires all students to activate an official University email account. Please note that all communication between your instructor and you as a student must comply with the Electronic Communication with Students Policy. Please see

http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/electronic_communication_with_students_policy.html

You are required to obtain and use your U of M email account for all communication between yourself and the university.

Student Accessibility Services

If you are a student with a disability, please contact SAS for academic accommodation supports and services such as note-taking, interpreting, assistive technology and exam accommodations. Students who have, or think they may have, a disability (e.g. mental illness, learning, medical, hearing, injury-related, visual) are invited to contact SAS to arrange a confidential consultation.

<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 will be posted on your instructor's UMLearn page.