

Math 351, Fall 2020
Probability
Section 001 (Online), CRN 70807

Time:	MW 3:00 - 4:15
Place:	Online (Blackboard Collaborate)
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Math 351 is a calculus-based course in probability. You will learn the concepts of sample space, probability functions, random variables, expected value, and apply them to solve a variety of problems.

The prerequisites for the course are a C or better in MATH 213 or 215.

The text for the course is **Probability, A Lively Introduction**, by Henk Tijms, published by Cambridge University Press. (ISBN 978-1-108-40784-7). We will cover most of chapters 1 - 8. See the Course Calendar in the Syllabus section for details.

There will be classroom sessions on Blackboard Collaborate Ultra. In these sessions, we will discuss the materials in the assigned reading. You may ask questions in the classroom sessions. Quizzes will also be given at the end of the classroom sessions. To access Blackboard Collaborate Ultra, click on “Collaborate Ultra for our Weekly meetings” in the main menu. Then go to “Course Room.”

There will be three tests during class time, which we will tentatively schedule for September 21, October 19 and November 16. We will not have Blackboard Collaborate sessions on those days. You will download the test file, work the test on pencil and paper, and upload a **.pdf file** from your scanned or photographed work. Each of the classtime tests determines 15% of the final grade.

There will be no special circumstances in the week of October 12.

The final exam is cumulative. It will be given on **December 14, at 1:30 PM**. 25% of the final grade is determined by the final exam.

Weekly quizzes make up 10% of the final grade. I will drop the lowest 2 weekly quiz grades. Homework contributes 20% of the final grade. Some of the homework involves posting to a discussion board.

The tests and homework will be open book, open notes. You must have read the assigned reading and kept your notes organized to know where to find the relevant information quickly. The [Mason Honor Code](#) applies. You may not receive help from any person or internet site on quizzes or tests. If you receive help from another person on homework, please state who or what site helped you.

Some homework assignments will ask you to post to a class discussion board on Blackboard. Please be respectful and mind the rules of [Netiquette](#). You must carefully craft your communication in the online classroom to avoid misinterpretation.

Our course has a learning assistant (LA), Shrinal Pothagoni. He will conduct online review sessions and hold online office hours.

If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please notify me and contact the Office of Disability Services ([ODS](#)) at (703) 993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through the ODS.

I check my e-mail often. Feel free to email me with questions. Be certain that you understand all of the homework assigned and all of the assigned reading, and that you ask questions in or out of class in order to clear up any problems you might have.

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