

Probability
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This course is online only, on Blackboard.

You are encouraged to contact Professor Lawrence at the email address above with any questions that you may have about course topics, homework, and so forth.

Text: *Introduction to Probability*, by Grinstead and Snell. The book is available online (for free) and in print (for money). The second edition is preferred. The course will cover most of the material in chapters 1–10.

Prerequisites: MATH 213 or 215 (Calculus III), with grade of C or above.

This course on probability covers the fundamental ideas of the subject, including discrete and continuous random variables, expected value and variance of a random variable, jointly distributed random variables, independence and conditional probability, and the central limit theorem.

Grades: Quizzes will be given on most Mondays and Wednesdays, and there will be occasional written work. The written work must be submitted to lawrence@gmu.edu in PDF files. Your homework/quiz grade will account for approximately 80% of your final numerical course grade. The final exam will contribute the remaining 20%. Class participation (in the form of activity on the Problem Discussion Board, on Blackboard) may result in some augmentation of your course grade. Up to about 20 incorrect or omitted quiz answers will be ignored.

A ⁺ : 97-100	B ⁺ : 87-89	C ⁺ : 75-79	F : below 60
A : 93-96	B : 83-86	C : 70-74	
A ⁻ : 90-92	B ⁻ : 80-82	D : 60-69	

The final exam is scheduled for Monday, May 16.

Integrity is expected. GMU's revered honor system is over 150 years old - much older than GMU itself. Here is relevant policy concerning academic integrity in this class. On tests and quizzes, your work is expected to be exactly that: your work, done without assistance. During periods designated for quizzes and tests, the internet is not to be consulted for help, except for the class material that resides on Blackboard. During those

times, there should be no communication with any human being other than Professor Lawrence about the material. However, on homework not contributing directly to your grade, outside assistance or assistance from other class members is condoned. (That said, homework is most helpful to you if you try extremely hard to work all the problems without any assistance, not even the assistance of the answers in the back of the book. Attempt all the problems in this way, and only then look in the back!)

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