

EE 345

1. **Course Number & Name:** EE 345, Probability and Statistics for Engineers
2. **Course Credit and Contact Hours:** 3 Units, 3 hours
3. **Course Coordinator:** Nansong Wu, Ph.D.
4. **Textbook:** Statistics for Engineers and Scientists, by William Navidi, 5th edition, 2019, McGraw-Hill Education, ISBN-13: 978-1259717604.
5. **Supplemental Materials:**
6. **Specific Course Information:**
 - a. **Description:** Probability and its axioms, conditional probability, sequential experiments, independence, counting, discrete, continuous & mixed random variables & distributions, functions of random variables, expectations, multiple random variables joint distributions, central limit theorem, weak law of large numbers, estimation of random variables, random processes and their characterization.
 - b. **Prerequisites:** MATH 241, or consent of instructor.
 - c. **Co-Requisite:** None
 - d. **Status:** Required for EE program, Elective, Selected Elective
7. **Specific Goals for the Course:**
 - a. **Specific outcomes of instruction:** Upon successful completion of this course the students will be able to:
 - i. Understand the concepts of discrete probability, conditional probability, independence, and be able to apply these concepts to engineering problems.
 - ii. Understand the mathematical descriptions of random variables including probability mass functions (PMF), cumulative distribution functions (CDF), probability distribution functions (PDF), and associated conditional PMF, CDF and PDF functions.
 - iii. Be familiar with the more commonly used random variables (such as the Gaussian random variable, Poisson random variable and others).
 - iv. Be able to calculate the various moments of random variables such as mean values, variances and standard deviations (and higher order moments).

- v. Be able to mathematically characterize multiple random variables using joint PMFs, CDFs and PDFs.
- vi. Be able to apply the concepts of multiple random variables to select engineering applications.
- vii. Understand the law of large numbers, the central limit theorem and how these concepts apply to engineering applications.
- viii. Use statistical concepts to analyze and interpret engineering data.

b. This course supports the following ABET Student Outcomes:

- i. SO-1: an ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics.*

8. Brief List of Topics to be Covered:

- a. Set theory, set operations, Venn diagrams and tree branching
- b. Concept of a function, random experiments and probabilities
- c. Axioms of probability, independence, De Morgan's laws, Bayes' rule
- d. Discrete and continuous probability models
- e. Combinatorics and counting, ordered and unordered sampling
- f. Bernoulli trials, binomial distribution, geometric distribution and Poisson distribution
- g. Expectation and variance, higher order moments
- h. Probability mass functions, probability density functions and cumulative distributions
- i. Continuous random variables – uniform, Gaussian and Rayleigh distributions
- j. More than one random variable – joint distributions
- k. Covariance and correlation coefficients
- l. Statistical inference and Maximum Likelihood Estimation
- m. Central limit theorem, law of large numbers
- n. Examples of random variables – noise in electrical circuits and communication systems