

**KING FAHD UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM & MINERALS**  
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**STAT301: Introduction to Probability Theory (162)**

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**Textbook:** A First Course in Probability by Sheldon Ross, 9th edition

**Course Description:**

Basic classical models of probability. Set functions. Axiomatic definition of probability. Conditional probability and Bayes' theorem. Random variables and their types. Distributions, moments, and moment generating functions. Special discrete and continuous distributions. Random vectors and their distributions. Marginal and conditional distributions. Independent random variables. Functions of random variables. Sums of independent random variables. Weak law of large numbers and the central limit theorem.

**Prerequisite:** MATH 201, STAT 201 or STAT 212 or STAT 213 or STAT 319

**Assessment**

Assessment for this course will be based on attendance, homework, quizzes, two major exams and a comprehensive final exam, as in the following:

Activity	Weight
Class Work (Homework+ Quizzes)	18%
Exam 1 (Chapters 1-3) <b>March 23, 2017</b>	22%
Exam 2 (Chapters 4-6) <b>May 11, 2017</b>	24%
Final Exam (Comprehensive) <b>May 27, 2017 @ 9:00 pm.</b>	36%

**\*You need to achieve at least 50% in order to pass the course**

**Academic Integrity:** All KFUPM policies regarding **ethics** and **academic honesty** apply to this course.

**Important Notes:**

- ✓ Excessive unexcused absences will result in a grade of **DN** in accordance with University rules.
- ✓ **Attendance** on time is *very* important.
- ✓ The **Homework** should be submitted in the first Saturday after completing the chapter **and no need for an announcement in advance**.
- ✓ No late homework will be accepted.

<i>Week</i>	<i>Sections</i>	<b>Topics (Tentative)</b>
<b>1</b> Feb.5-9	<b>Ch.1</b> 1-5	Introduction, The Basic Principle of Counting, Permutations, Combinations, Multinomial Coefficients.
<b>2</b> Feb.12-16	<b>Ch. 2</b> 1-4	Introduction, Sample Space and Events, Axioms of Probability, Some Simple Propositions.
<b>3</b> Feb.19-23	<b>Ch.2</b> 5-6	Sample Space Having Equally Likely Outcomes, Probability as a Continuous Set Function.
<b>4</b> Feb.26-Mar.2	<b>Ch. 3</b> 1-3	Introduction, Conditional Probability, Bayes's Formula
<b>5</b> Mar.5-9	<b>Ch. 3</b> 4-5	Independent Events, $P(\cdot  F)$ Is a Probability?
<b>6</b> Mar. 12-16	<b>Ch. 4</b> 1-5	Random Variables, Discrete Random Variables, Expected value, Expectation of a Function of a Random variable, Variance.
<b>7</b> Mar. 19-23	<b>Ch. 4</b> 6-7	The Bernoulli and Binomial Random Variables, The Poisson Random variable.
<b>8</b> Mar. 26-30	<b>Ch. 4</b> 8-10	Other Discrete Probability Distributions, Expected Value of Sums of Random Variables, properties of the Cumulative Distribution Function.
<b>April 2-9 : Mid Term Break</b>		
<b>9</b> Apr.9-13	<b>Ch. 5</b> 1-5	Introduction, Expectation and Variance of Continuous Random Variables, The Uniform Random Variable, Normal random Variables Exponential Random Variables.
<b>10</b> Apr.16-20	<b>Ch.5</b> 6-7	Other Continuous Distributions, The Distribution of a Function of Random variables
<b>11</b> Apr.23-27	<b>Ch.6</b> 1-3	Joint Distribution Functions, Independent Random variables, Sums of Independent Random variables.
<b>12</b> Apr.30-May 4	<b>Ch.6</b> 4-7	Conditional Distributions: Discrete Case, Conditional Distributions: Continuous Case, Order Statistics, Joint Probability Distribution of Functions of Random Variables.
<b>13</b> May 7-11	<b>Ch.7</b> 1-3	Introduction, Expectation of Sums of Random Variables, Moments of the Number of Events that Occur.
<b>14</b> May 14-18	<b>Ch.7</b> 4-7	Covariance, Variance of Sums, and Correlations, Conditional Expectation, Conditional and Prediction, Moment Generating Functions.
<b>15</b> May 21-25	<b>Ch.8</b> 1-5	Introduction, Chebyshev's Inequality and WLLN, The Central Limit Theorem, The SLLN, Other Inequalities. (if time permits)