MATH 468 / 568 / ECE 518 APPLIED STOCHASTIC PROCESSES
Spring 2010 Course Policy

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See the course web page for general course information including office hours.

**Attendance.** You are expected to be familiar with the University Class Attendance policy as it appears in the General Catalog. It is your responsibility to keep informed of any announcements, syllabus adjustments, or policy changes. You are expected to behave in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and the Code of Academic Integrity. The guiding principle of academic integrity is that your submitted work must be your own. University policies can be found at [http://deanofstudents.arizona.edu/policiesandcodes](http://deanofstudents.arizona.edu/policiesandcodes).

*It is important that you attend class during the first two weeks of the semester.* You risk being dropped if you do not show up during that period.

**Grading.** This class has both undergraduate and graduate students. The two groups have slightly different requirements and will be graded on separate scales.

*For undergraduates (MATH 468):* Your grade is based on weekly homework assignments, two midterms, and a final exam. The breakdown is as follows:

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MATH 468 students are encouraged to attempt the “advanced” problems (see below); extra credit will be given for correct solutions.

*For graduate students (MATH 568 and ECE 518):* In addition to the same homework and exams as MATH 468 students, you are expected to solve more advanced homework problems. Some of these advanced problems may be based on additional reading assignments. They may also involve some simple programming (easily done using MATLAB, Python, R, or your programming language of choice). Your grade breakdown is the same as that of undergraduate students.

**Homework policy.** In general, you are encouraged to work together on homework assignments *but the work you submit must be your own.* However, the use of Internet resources is
strongly discouraged. All assignments are due at the stated date and time unless you obtain permission from me prior to the due date.

**Exams.** There are two midterm exams and a final. The dates are

- Midterm 1: Feb. 25
- Midterm 2: April 15
- Final: May 11

**Grades** are based on your total score at the end of the semester and will be no lower than the following scale: A (90 - 100%), B (80 - 89%), C (70 - 79%), D (60 - 69%), F (< 60%).

**Disabilities.** If you need special arrangements related to a disability, please see me during the first two weeks of classes. If you require disability-related accommodations, you must register with Disability Resources (621-3268; [http://drc.arizona.edu](http://drc.arizona.edu)).

**Withdrawing.** If you withdraw from the course by Feb. 9, the course will be deleted from your enrollment record. If you withdraw by March 9, you will receive a grade of W. After March 9, you can withdraw from the course only with the Dean’s signature. Late withdraws will be dealt with on a case by case basis, and requests for late withdraw with a W without a valid reason may or may not be honored.

**Incompletes.** The grade of I will be awarded if all of the following conditions are met:

1. You have completed all but a small portion of the required work.
2. You have scored at least 50% on the work completed.
3. You have a valid reason for not completing the course on time.
4. You agree to make up the material in a short period of time.
5. You ask for the incomplete before grades are due (which is 48 hours after the scheduled time for the final exam).