

# ORIE 6510 - Probability

## Spring 2014, 4 credits

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**Lectures:** Tue and Thu 10:10 - 11:25 am in Phillips Hall 213

**Recitations:** Mon 2:55 - 4:25pm in Upson Hall 109

**Office hours:**

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**Website:** The course website is available through <http://blackboard.cornell.edu/>.

**Contents:**

Part I. Measure Theory.

- Measured spaces (Sigma-algebras, measurable functions, Monotone Class Theorem)
- Integration with respect to a measure (Integrable functions, Fatou's Lemma, Dominated Convergence Theorem)
- Product space (Fubini's Theorem)

Part II. Probability.

- Foundations of probability theory (Review of important distributions, Moments of a distribution, Characteristic function)
- Independence (Independent events, Independent sigma-algebras, Independent random variables, Borel-Cantelli lemma)
- Convergence of random variables (Almost sure convergence, convergence in probability, in  $L^p$ , Strong Law of Large Numbers, weak convergence, Central Limit Theorem)
- Conditional Expectation
- Martingales (if time permits)

**Prerequisites:** Real analysis at level of MATH 4130; one-semester calculus-based probability course

**Literature:**

- P. Billingsley. Probability and Measure, 3rd ed. Wiley, 1995.
- R. Durrett. Probability: Theory and Examples, Lecture notes, January 29, 2010

**Assignments:** **Weekly** assignment sheets will be posted on the course homepage at <http://www.blackboard.cornell.edu/>. Homeworks should be left in the drop box of the course or handed to the instructor.

**Grading:** The final grade will be based on homework assignments (60%) and an in-class final exam (40%)

*If there is a dispute about grading (a homework set or an exam), you may turn in the work with a written request for a regrade within a week of the work being returned. **All** of the work, and not just the disputed question, will be regraded.*

**Academic Conduct:** Each student in this course is expected to abide by the Cornell University Code of Academic Integrity.