

## Stochastic Processes

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**COURSE TIMES + LOCATION:**

Tu 12:30 PM – 2:20 PM

AQ 5015, Burnaby

Th 12:30 PM – 1:20 PM

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**EXAM TIMES + LOCATION:**

Dec 20, 2021

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

AQ 5046, Burnaby

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**PREREQUISITES:**

Dependent on the topic covered.

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**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

Topics in areas of probability and statistics not covered in the regular undergraduate curriculum of the department.

**COURSE DETAILS:**

**Prerequisites:** None. Students should have some knowledge of option pricing and undergraduate nonmeasure theoretic probability.

**Cross-listing:** This course is cross-listed with ACMA 830.

**Student Learning Objectives:**

As a result of taking STAT 490, students should be able to:

1. Understand the probabilistic foundations needed for stochastic calculus (e.g., sample space, probability measure, sigma-algebra, measurable space).
2. Understand what are stochastic processes as well as the notion of filtration.
3. Compute expectations and conditional expectations (as well as other relevant moments).
4. Understand the notion of independence.
5. Describe what are martingales.
6. Describe and construct the Brownian motion.
7. Apply stochastic integration.
8. Define stochastic differential equation.
9. Apply Ito's lemma.
10. Understand how to construct jump processes.
11. Understand the stylized facts of asset returns.
12. Define and construct the main models used in financial econometrics.
13. Understand the main parameter estimation strategies for asset models.
14. Describe the main features of economic scenario generators.
15. Describe the risk-neutral pricing.

16. Understand the binomial option pricing model.
17. Design advanced discrete-time market model.
18. Apply the Radon-Nikodym theorem.
19. Apply Girsanov's theorem.
20. Explain and employ replication.
21. Understand the martingale representation theorem.
22. Apply option pricing to realistic scenarios.

### Course Outline:

This course is divided into fifteen chapters.

### Part 1: Stochastic Processes

**Chapter 1, Probabilistic Foundations:** Sample space, Random variable, Probability measure, Distribution, Sigma-algebra, Measurable space, Probability triple.

**Chapter 2, Stochastic Processes:** Stochastic process, Filtration.

**Chapter 3, Expectations:** Independence, Conditional probability, Expectation, Moments, Conditional expectation.

**Chapter 4, Martingales:** Definition, Examples.

**Chapter 5, Brownian Motion:** Scaled random walks, Construction of the Brownian motion.

**Chapter 6, Stochastic Integral:** Riemann integration, Ito integration.

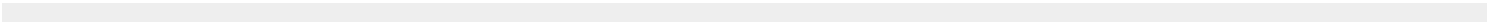
**Chapter 7, Stochastic Differential Equations and Ito's Lemma:** Ordinary differential equations, Ito's lemma, Product rule, Multidimensional Ito's lemma.

**Chapter 8, Jump Processes:** Poisson process, Compound Poisson process, Jump processes and their integrals, Stochastic calculus for jump processes.

### Part 2: Financial Econometrics Models

**Chapter 9, Asset Models:** Stylized facts of returns, Continuous-time models (the Black-Scholes-Merton model, the Merton model, the Heston model, the Bates model, the Duffie, Pan, and Singleton framework), Discretization, Discrete-time models (Regime-switching models, Autoregressive conditional heteroskedasticity, generalized ARCH, the stochastic volatility model, stochastic models, etc.)

Course material, references, links and messages will be posted on the course website (Canvas). Students are e



#### RECOMMENDED READING:

Hull, J. C. (2006). Options, Futures, and Other Derivatives. Pearson.

Lyaso, A. (2017). Stochastic Methods in Asset Pricing. The MIT Press.

McDonald, R. L. (2006). Derivatives Markets. Pearson.

Shreve, S. (2012). Stochastic Calculus for Finance I: The Binomial Asset Pricing Model. Springer Science & Business Media.

Shreve, S. (2004). Stochastic Calculus for Finance II: Continuous-Time Models. Springer Science & Business Media.

Many other references will be provided throughout the semester.

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