

# MATH 7120/8120: Probability Theory I

## Syllabus

Book: Probability and Measure, 3rd Edition or Anniversary Edition by Patrick Billingsley

- Chapter 1: Probability  
Sections 2-4
  - Probability spaces,  $\sigma$ -fields, properties of probability
  - $\pi$ - $\lambda$  Theorem, uniqueness
  - Independence of classes of sets, Borel-Cantelli Lemmas, Kolmogorov's Zero-One Law
- Chapters 2: Measure  
Sections 10,13
  - General measure spaces,  $\sigma$ -finite measures, uniqueness
  - Measurable functions, random variables, and random vectors
  - Approximation by simple functions, transforms of measures
- Chapter 3: Integration  
Sections 15,16,18
  - Construction of the Lebesgue integral and basic properties
  - Change of variables, monotone and dominated convergence, product measures and Fubini's Theorem
- Chapter 4: Random Variables and Expected Values  
Sections 20-22
  - Independence of random variables, properties of distribution functions, multivariate distributions
  - Convergence of random variables in distribution, in probability, and almost surely
  - Expectation as a Lebesgue integral, expectation of functions of random vectors, properties of expectation, moment generating functions
  - Sums of random variables, weak and strong laws of large numbers
- Chapter 5: Convergence of Distributions  
Sections 14, 25-27
  - Relation to convergence in probability and almost surely
  - Convergence to a point mass, Slutsky's Theorem
  - Characteristic functions: basic properties, uniqueness and continuity theorems
  - Central limit theorem for iid random variables with a finite second moment
- Chapter 6: Derivatives and Conditional Probability  
Sections 32-34
  - Absolutely continuous, singular, and equivalent measures
  - Densities and the Radon-Nikodym Theorem

- Conditioning on sets with positive probability
- Conditioning on  $\sigma$ -fields
- Basic properties of conditional probability and conditional expectation
- Relation between conditional probability and conditional expectation
- Tower property of conditional expectation
- Conditional distributions