

*Syllabus* : Axiomatic construction of the theory of probability, independence, conditional probability, and basic formulae, random variables, probability distributions, functions of random variables; Standard univariate discrete and continuous distributions and their properties, mathematical expectations, moments, moment generating function, characteristic functions; Random vectors, multivariate distributions, marginal and conditional distributions, conditional expectations; Modes of convergence of sequences of random variables, laws of large numbers, central limit theorems.

Definition and classification of random processes, discrete-time Markov chains, Poisson process, continuous-time Markov chains, renewal and semi-Markov processes, stationary processes, Gaussian process, Brownian motion, filtrations and martingales, stopping times and optimal stopping.

*Texts:*

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2. W. Feller, An Introduction to Probability Theory and its Applications, Vol. 1, 3rd Ed., Wiley, 1968.
3. K.S. Trivedi, Probability and Statistics with Reliability, Queuing, and Computer Science Applications, Wiley India, 2008.
4. S.M. Ross, Stochastic Processes, 2nd Ed., Wiley, 1996.
5. C.M. Grinstead and J. L. Snell, Introduction to Probability, 2nd Ed., Universities Press India, 2009.