

## Stochastic Analysis in Finance

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**BOOK:**

**T. Mikosch.** Elementary Stochastic Calculus with Finance in View. World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd. 1998.

**S.M. Ross\***. Introduction to Probability Models, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition. Academic Press, 2010.

**Course Description:** Stochastic processes, Gaussian processes, Brownian motion, Itô stochastic integral, the Itô lemma. Introduction to stochastic differential equations, Geometric Brownian motion, financial examples. Feynman-Kac formula, Girsanov Formula and application to Black Scholes PDE and formula.

**Pre-requisite:** Graduate Standing

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Stochastic processes and stochastic differential equations play a basic and steadily growing role in the description of phenomena occurring in the natural, technical and economical world.

The main objectives of the current course are:

\* Provide the students with the basic mathematical instruments for the understanding of this important area of mathematics.

\* Give them access to a very active area of contemporary mathematical research.

\* Put them in a position to actively handle problems arising from real world applications.

### **COURSE OUTCOMES**

\*Students will be able to analyse and solve some stochastic differential equations.

\*They will have the basis for profitably attending future lectures related to more advanced topics and use SDE's in research, both at universities and industrial institutions.

\* They will be at ease in handling problems of stochastic analysis for modeling in different application areas such as financial mathematics.

**Syllabus:**

Week	Date	Section	
1	Aug.29- Sep.2	1	1.1 Sample Spaces and Events, Probabilities defined on Events. 1.2 Conditional Probabilities, Independent events, Bayes's Formula.
2	Sep.5-9	2	2. Random variables: 2.1. Discrete random variables. 2.2. Continuous random variables
3	Sep.12-16	3	3.1. Independence and Dependence of random variables. 3.2. Expectation of random variables and probability distributions
4	Sep.19-23*	3	3.2.1. Probability distribution of continuous random variables.
	<b>September 23</b>		<b>National day</b>
5	Sep. 26- 30	4	4. Stochastic processes.
6	Oct. 3-7	4	4.1. Examples of stochastic processes.
7	Oct. 10-14	4	4.1.1. Markov chains
8	Oct.17-21	4	4.2. Brownian motion: Defining properties 4.3. Processes derived from Brownian motion
9	Oct.24-28	4	4.4. Geometric Brownian motion. 4.4. Applications of Geometric Brownian motion
10	Oct.31- Nov.4	5	5.1. The Riemann-Steiltjes integral 5.2. Itô stochastic integral: A motivating example
11	Nov.7-11	5	5.3. Itô stochastic integral for simple processes
12	Nov. 14- 18	6	6.1. Itô formula: A simple version of the Itô lemma
13	Nov. 21-25	6	6.2. Itô lemma and applications
	<b>Nov. 28- Dec.2</b>	----	<b>Midterm Break: Nov. 28- Dec.2</b>
14	Dec. 5-9	7	7.1. Stochastic Differential equations (SDEs) 7.2. Solving SDEs.
15	Dec. 12- 16	7-8	7.3. Linear stochastic differential equations 8.1. Applications of Stochastic Calculus in Finance
	Dec. 19-20	8	8.2. The Black-Scholes Option Pricing Formula 8.3. A Mathematical Formulation of the Option Pricing Problem.

**Grading policy:**

**Midterm Exam: 30%**

**Quizzes(10) & Projects(20): 30%**

**Final Exam: 40%**

**Midterm Exam: November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.**

**Materials: 1.1----4.4**