

Stat 515H: Introduction to Probability
Fall 2015 – Section 01 – Class Number 35122

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- My Office Hours:** Monday 1:15–2:15 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 8:30–8:55 a.m.
Outside of office hours, I am often available to speak with you.
- Text:** Sheldon Ross, *A First Course in Probability*, Ninth Edition, Prentice Hall, 2012.
This book is available at the Textbook Annex. View or purchase at Amazon:
http://umass.amazon.com/dp/032179477X/ref=umass_coursecatalog.
The 8th edition (2010), 7th edition (2006), or 6th edition (2002) is also okay.
- Grading:**
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| Homework | 80 points (20% of final grade) |
| Hour exam 1 | 100 points (25% of final grade) |
| Hour exam 2 | 100 points (25% of final grade) |
| Final exam | 120 points (30% of final grade) |
| TOTAL | 400 points |
- Course Web Page:** <http://www.math.umass.edu/~rsellis/Stat515/Fall-2015/stat515H-fall15.html>
I will ask you to print out the homework assignments and bring them to class as they are needed.
- Class Mailing List:** statisc-515h-01-fal15@courses.umass.edu
- My Web Page:** <http://www.math.umass.edu/~rsellis>
- Policies:**
- 1) Each assignment will be graded out of 10 points. In determining the homework grade at the end of the term, I will drop the lowest score and scale the total to 80 points.
 - 2) Please speak with me if a homework assignment will be late.
 - 3) There is a –5 point penalty for any missed assignment, including an assignment for which the score was dropped [see 1)].
 - 4) In case you must miss an exam, please notify me before the exam in person or by telephone, email, or a message left in the department.
 - 5) In determining the final grade, I will consider attendance and classroom participation.

Expectations and Personal Issues: Your participation is necessary in order to make this course a success. I expect that you will try to attend every class, will try not to enter the classroom late, and will complete the readings and homework assignments on time. In case of any problems affecting your work, please see me when they happen. I will try to help you or will direct you to someone who can help.