

# Math 5810 Syllabus - Fall 2015

**Meets:** MW 2:00-3:20 in Lang 402

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**Office Hours:**

- Mon-Thu 1-2 (tentative)
- By appointment
- I will usually also be available to answer questions for a few minutes after class.
- You are also welcome to drop by outside office hours without an appointment. However, there will be occasions when I will be busy, and I may ask you to wait or to come back later.

**Book:** Probability, by J. Pitman.

**Grading:** Grades will be based on two mid-term exams, homework, and a final exam, weighted as follows:

- Mid-term exam 1: 25%
- Mid-term exam 2: 25%
- Homework: 20%
- Final exam: 30%

**Mid-term Exams:** The mid-term exams will be given in class on October 7 and November 18. (There is a slight chance that these dates will change). The final exam will be on Monday, December 7 at 1:30 pm, unless ice storms dictate otherwise.

**Homework:** Homework will be assigned at the end of each class period, and is due at the beginning of class on the first Monday following the day it is assigned. Homework must be written neatly and legibly. Homework consisting of multiple pages must be stapled together. A selection of the problems will be graded and your work will be returned with brief comments. However, for more elaborate feedback I recommend that you come to my office. Homework which is messy or difficult to read will not be graded! Your two lowest homework grades will be dropped. In view of this, **late homework will not be accepted**, regardless the reason. If you could not come to class, and missed the assignment, it is your responsibility to find out what the assignment is.

**Web page:** Homework assignments and other important information will also be posted on the web at <http://www.math.unt.edu/~allaart/classes.html>. Whenever you miss class, check this page to find out about assignments that you missed.

**Attendance:** While there are no penalties for missing class, you are expected to come to class each class day, in order to keep track of what is going on and not to fall behind. If you can not make it to class, please let me know ahead of time.

**Extra credit:** Do not expect to be able to do some extra work to help your grade either before or after the final exam. There will be no extra credit other than perhaps an extra problem on an exam. Your best bet to help your grade is to do the required work at the time it is assigned.

**Disabilities:** The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at <http://www.unt.edu/oda>. You may also contact them by phone at 940.565.4323.

**Cheating:** No cheating will be tolerated. Anyone caught cheating will be subject to any penalty the instructor deems appropriate, up to and including an automatic F for the course. Furthermore, a letter will be sent to the appropriate dean.