# **Course Syllabus**

# **ISYE OMSA-6644**

# **Simulation and Modeling for Engineering and Science**

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## **Course Description**

This course covers modeling of discrete-event dynamic systems and introduces simulation-based methods for using these models to solve engineering design and analysis problems.

## **Prerequisites**

You will be expected to come in knowing a bit of basic calculus, probability, and statistics. But don’t worry too much – we’ll provide bootcamps on that material so as to make the class pretty much self-contained. In addition, this course will involve extensive computer programming, so it would be nice to have at least a little experience in something like Excel, just to bring back the programming memories.

## **Course Goals**

* Learn how to develop simulation models and conduct simulation studies.
* Become familiar with the organization of simulation languages. In particular, we will do a great deal of modeling with Arena, a comprehensive simulation package with animation capabilities.
* Review statistical aspects including input analysis, random variate generation, output analysis, and variance reduction techniques.

## **Syllabus**

* We make occasional changes to this wonderful syllabus.
* All nontrivial changes will be announced on Canvas.
* You are responsible for keeping up with any changes.

## **Grading Policies**

* There will be two **midterms** and a **final exam**. Test questions are typically multiple choice or T/F.
* There will be 11 **Homework** assignments (not as bad as it sounds). There will be a bunch of bonus questions spread throughout the semester, which you can do to earn a few extra points. HWs that are late will suffer a 10*x*% deduction, where *x* is the number of days late, with *x* = 3 being the upper bound on the allowed lateness. So plan ahead!
* We will have a **project**, which you can select from among several theory- and applications-oriented topics. You will be allowed to work in small groups.
* **Turn Stuff in On-time!** Whether it’s HWs, projects, or tests, **please** get things to us when you’re supposed to. We give you very long windows and lots of warning, so you have plenty of time to plan ahead. Because our class is so large, *it will be very, very difficult to accommodate you if you miss a deadline.*
* You must achieve an overall weighted average of 60% to pass the course.
* Work hard and you will be rewarded – Grading is usually pretty generous. 😊
* Grading Disputes:
  + **Let’s be winners, not whiners.** We are happy to discuss grades, but please make reasonable requests. 😊
  + To this end, we will generously provide various **bonus point opportunities** throughout the course; but because of this lovely act of kindness, we will not accept any test grade whining for matters involving up to 4 points. (Makes great sense, eh?!)

*Mother Teresa: “Wow, that’s something nice that I would do!”*

* + If you really, really want to request a regrade (for matters involving more than 4 points), simply fill out the convenient form that can be found at <http://www.isye.gatech.edu/%7Esman/courses/gradegrovel.pdf>.
  + Here is some sage advice on whining: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ow0lr63y4Mw>.
* Grading Breakdown

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| Homework | 10% |
| Project | 10% |
| Midterm Exam 1 | 25% |
| Midterm Exam 2 | 25% |
| Final Exam | 30% |
| Bonus Opportunities | 2.5% |
| **TOTAL** | **102.5%** |

## **Homework, Project, and Exam Due Dates**

All homeworks, projects, and tests will be due at the times in the table at the end of this syllabus. These times are subject to change so please check back often. Please convert from Eastern Daylight Savings Time (EDST) to your local time zone using a [Time Zone Converter](https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/converter.html).

## **Timing Policy**

* The Modules follow a logical sequence, so they (mostly) need to be done in order.
* Homework Assignments and the Project should be completed by their due dates.
* Quizzes must be completed during the time allotted on the schedule.
* You will have access to the course content for the scheduled duration of the course.

## **Exam Policy**

* For Quiz *x* (*x* = 1,2,3), you are allowed to use *x* sheets of paper, either 8.5”x11” or A4, with handwritten or printed notes (both sides of the sheet, 2*x* sides total).
* For all quizzes, you are allowed a blank sheet of paper for scratch work. (All OMS Analytics and OMS CS students will be proctored; you will have to show the front and back of the blank sheet while you are being proctored.)
* You are also allowed to bring any reasonable calculator.
* You will **not** be allowed to use packages such as Excel, Arena, R, etc. during the exams.

## **Attendance Policy**

* This is a fully online course.
* Login on a regular basis to complete your work, so that you do not have to spend a lot of time reviewing and refreshing yourself regarding the content.

## **Plagiarism Policy**

* Plagiarism is considered a serious offense. You are not allowed to copy and paste or submit materials created or published by others, as if you created the materials. All materials submitted and posted must be your own.
* These days, there is a lot of buzz regarding ChatGPT (and related applications). We suppose that you can use ChatGPT to help you with very preliminary versions of some of your written verbiage, but (i) *do not let ChatGPT do your thinking for you*, and (2) *make sure to properly and thoroughly cite your use of ChatGPT*.

## **Student Honor Code**

All GT students should abide by the Georgia Tech Student Honor Code.

* Review the Georgia Tech Student Honor Code:

<https://osi.gatech.edu/content/honor-code>

* You are responsible for completing your own work.
* Any GT student suspected of behavior in violation of the Georgia Tech Honor Code will be referred to Georgia Tech’s Office of Student Integrity.

## **Communication**

* Feel totally free to contact your instructor, teaching assistants, and fellow learners via the Piazza discussion forums. *(Please, please, please do not email the instructor directly unless it’s something really, really important.)* Often, discussions with fellow learners are the sources of key pieces of learning and are often funny and entertaining. Some suggestions:
  + Always be courteous and nice (see Netiquette below).
  + Please make sure that your subject line PRECISELY states what problem you are asking about, as failure to do so causes everyone a great deal of time trying to figure out what you need. For instance, “Fall 2022 Practice Test 3, Question 5a”.
  + Your problem may have already been addressed! So make sure that you sniff around the Piazza forum to see if that’s the case! That avoids repetitive and redundant and repetitive repetition.
  + Think about your problem a bit and give it the old college try before asking about it on Piazza. Don’t give up too early before you punt!

## **Netiquette**

* + Netiquette refers to etiquette that is used when communicating on the Internet. Review the Core Rules of Netiquette. When you are communicating via email, discussion forums or synchronously (in real-time), please use correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar consistent with the academic environment and scholarship1.
  + We expect all participants in Georgia Tech’s MS in Analytics program, (learners, faculty, teaching assistants, staff) to interact respectfully. *You must always play nice with your fellow students and dedicated TAs.* Learners who do not adhere to this guideline may be removed from the course.

1Conner, P. (2006–2014). Ground Rules for Online Discussions, Retrieved 8/14/2020 from <https://tilt.colostate.edu/TipsAndGuides/Tip/128>

## **Course Materials**

* All content and course materials can be accessed online.
* There is no required textbook for this course, though students are encouraged to find copies of the following references:
  + Law, A. M., *Simulation Modeling and Analysis*, 5th edition, McGraw-Hill Education, New York, 2015. [This textbook is most for the “theory” aspects of the course.]
  + Kelton, W. D., Zupick, N. B., and Ivey, N., [*Simulation with Arena*, 7th edition](https://www.mheducation.com/highered/product/9781265883287.html?exactIsbn=true), McGraw-Hill, New York, 2024. [This book covers the Arena simulation language.]

* + If you want to review probability and statistics, you can get a free pdf version of the book [*A First Course in Probability and Statistics*](https://www.lulu.com/search?page=1&q=goldsman&pageSize=10&adult_audience_rating=00). You can also buy an el cheapo softbound version. We’ve heard that this makes the perfect Independence Day gift! Just click on the book!

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## **Technology/Software Requirements**

* Internet connection (DSL, LAN, or cable connection desirable)
* R statistical software (free download; see [cran.r-project.org](https://cran.r-project.org/))
* Arena simulation software
  + Arena is free! Get it [here](https://www.rockwellautomation.com/en-us/products/software/arena-simulation/buying-options/download.html) (but make sure to click the “Student” option on the “Job Type” menu)!
  + *Arena requires a Windows operating system* to run on your computer.
  + If you don’t have Windows, you can run Arena thru ISyE’s Virtual Lab. To get an account, see <https://www.isye.gatech.edu/academics/doctoral/current-students/computing#services>
  + Arena (and our corresponding lecture material) is currently transitioning to a new version, so the latest Arena version doesn’t perfectly match what’s in the notes. The good news is that everything still works. 😊
* Adobe Acrobat PDF reader (free download; see <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>)

## **Disabilities and Special Circumstances**

* If you have a disability requiring special accommodations, please make an appointment with the ADAPTS office to discuss the appropriate procedures. Their website is <http://disabilityservices.gatech.edu>
* In some cases, religious observances or other events may conflict with scheduled class activities. *In such situations students can be given an alternative means of meeting the academic requirement.* **Students must notify the instructor of any such conflicts, with the specific dates, within the first two weeks of classes.** Students requiring disability accommodations are also requested to make arrangements with the instructor, within the same period if possible.
* COVID-19 issues: It has been a crazy last couple of years. We will work with you if you come down with any significant illness. Potential solutions include granting small time extensions, re-weighting test scores if you happen to miss one, and even giving an incomplete (as a last resort).

## **Course Topics and Pacing Schedule**

The table below contains a course topic outline and homework due dates. [Note that some topics below are marked as **OPTIONAL**. You will not be given mandatory homework nor will you be tested on those topics; but we have nevertheless included this material in case you need additional review or would like to delve into a topic further.]

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| **Weeks** | **Course Topics** | **Release Dates (all times EASTERN)** |
| **Week 1**  (May 13–17) | **Module 1: Whirlwind Tour of Simulation**  Lesson 1: Getting to Know You  Lesson 2: Syllabus  Lesson 3: Whirlwind Tour  Lesson 4: Whirlwind Tour – History  Lesson 5: What Can We Do for You  Lesson 6: Some Baby Examples  Lesson 7: More Baby Examples  Lesson 8: Generating Randomness  Lesson 9 **[OPTIONAL]**: Simulation Output Analysis | M May 13 at 8:00 a.m. |
| Week 1 Homework | Homework 1 | F May 17 at 8:00 a.m. – F May 24 at 11:59 p.m. |
| **Week 2**  (May 20–24) | **Module 2: Bootcamps**  Lesson 1 **[OPTIONAL]**: Calculus Primer  Lesson 2 **[OPTIONAL]**: Saved By Zero! Solving Equations  Lesson 3 **[OPTIONAL]**: Integration  Lesson 4 **[OPTIONAL]**: Integration Computer Exercises  Lesson 5: Probability Basics  Lesson 6: Simulating Random Variables  Lesson 7: Great Expectations  Lesson 8: Functions of a Random Variable  Lesson 9: Jointly Distributed Random Variables  Lesson 10 **[OPTIONAL]**: Conditional Expectation  Lesson 11: Covariance and Correlation  Lesson 12: Probability Distributions  Lesson 13: Limit Theorems  Lesson 14 **[OPTIONAL]**: Introduction to Estimation  Lesson 15 **[OPTIONAL]**: Maximum Likelihood Estimation  Lesson 16 **[OPTIONAL]**: Confidence Intervals | M May 20 at 8:00 a.m. |
| Week 2 Homework | Homework 2 | F May 24 at 8:00 a.m. – F May 31 at 11:59 p.m. |
| **Week 3**  (May 27–31)  (Memorial Day observed 5/27) | **Module 3: Hand Simulations**  Lesson 1: Stepping Through Differential Equation  Lesson 2: Monte Carlo Integration  Lesson 3: Monte Carlo Integration Demo  Lesson 4: Making Some Pi  Lesson 5: A Single-Server Queue  Lesson 6: An (*s,S*) Inventory System  Lesson 7: An (*s,S*) Inventory System Demo  Lesson 8: Simulating Random Variables  Lesson 9: Simulating Random Variables Demo  Lesson 10: Spreadsheet Simulation  **Module 4: General Simulation Principles**  Lesson 1: Steps in a Simulation Study  Lesson 2: Some Useful Definitions  Lesson 3: Time-Advance Mechanisms  Lesson 4: Two Modeling Approaches  Lesson 5: Simulation Languages | M May 27 at 8:00 a.m. |
| **Project Milestone 1** | **Project Topics Announced** | M May 27 at 8:00 a.m.  **Topic and group selection due** F **June 7** at 11:59 p.m. |
| Week 3 Homework | Homework 3 | F May 31 at 8:00 a.m. – F June 7 at 11:59 p.m. |
| **Week 4**  (June 3–7) | **Module 5: The Arena Simulation Language**  Lesson 1: Introduction  Lesson 2: Process-interaction  Lesson 3: Let's Meet Arena!  Lesson 4: The Arena Basic Template  Lesson 5: Create-Process-Dispose Modules  Lesson 6: The Process Module  Lesson 7: Resource, Schedule, and Queue Spreadsheets  Lesson 8: The Decide Module  Lesson 9: The Assign Module  Lesson 10: Attribute, Variable, and Entity Spreadsheets  Lesson 11: Arena Internal Variables  Lesson 12: Displaying Stuff  Lesson 13: Batch, Separate, and Control  Lesson 14: Run Setup and Control | M June 3 at 8:00 a.m. |
| Week 4 Homework | Homework 4 | F June 7 at 8:00 a.m. – F June 14 at 11:59 p.m. |
| **Midterm Exam 1** | **Midterm Exam 1 [Covers everything up to and including Lesson 9 of Module 5 from Week 4. See Topics Attachment.]** | F June 7 at 8:00 a.m. – **Tu June 18** at 11:59 p.m. **(no extensions!)** |
| **Week 5**  (June 10–14) | **Module 5 (cont.): More Arena**  Lesson 15: Two-Channel Manufacturing Example  Lesson 16: Fake Customers  Lesson 17: The Advanced Process Template  Lesson 18: Resource Failures + Maintenance  Lesson 19: The Blocks Template  Lesson 20: The Joy of Sets  Lesson 21: Description of Call Center  Lesson 22: Call Center Demo  Lesson 23: An Inventory Model  Lesson 24: One Line vs Two Lines?  Lesson 25: A Re-entrant Queue  Lesson 26: SMARTS Files and Rockwell Demos  Lesson 27: A Manufacturing System Demo  *The following lessons are* ***NOT OPTIONAL*** *(in spite of what the videos may say)!*  Lesson 28: Mfg System Details: Advanced Transfer Panel  Lesson 29: Mfg System Details: Sequences  Lesson 30: Mfg System Details: Advanced Sets  Lesson 31: Mfg System Details: Model Walk-Through  Lesson 32: Mfg System Details: Transporters and Conveyors | M June 10 at 8:00 a.m. |
| Week 5 Homework | Homework 5 | F June 14 at 8:00 a.m. – F June 21 at 11:59 p.m. |
| **Week 6**  (June 17–21) (Juneteenth break 6/19) | **Module 6: Random Number Generation**  Lesson 1: Introduction  Lesson 2: Some Lousy Generators  Lesson 3: Linear Congruential Generators  Lesson 4: Tausworthe Generators  Lesson 5: Generalization of LCGs  Lesson 6: Choosing a Good Generator – Some Theory  Lesson 7: Choosing a Good Generator – Statistics Tests, Intro  Lesson 8: Choosing a Good Generator – Goodness-of-Fit Tests  Lesson 9: Choosing a Good Generator – Independence Tests I  Lesson 10: **[OPTIONAL]**: Independence Tests II | M June 17 at 8:00 a.m. |
| Week 6 Homework | Homework 6 | F June 21 at 8:00 a.m. – F June 28 at 11:59 p.m. |
| **Week 7**  (June 24–28) | **Module 7: Random Variate Generation**  Lesson 1: Introduction  Lesson 2: Inverse Transform Method  Lesson 3.1: ITM – Continuous Examples  Lesson 3.2: ITM – Continuous Examples DEMO 1  Lesson 3.3: ITM – Continuous Examples DEMO 2  Lesson 4: Inverse Transform Method - Discrete Examples  Lesson 5 **[OPTIONAL]**: ITM – Empirical Distributions  Lesson 6.1: Convolution Method  Lesson 6.2: Convolution Method DEMO  Lesson 7: Acceptance-Rejection Method  Lesson 8 **[OPTIONAL]**: Proof of the A-R Method  Lesson 9.1: A-R Method – Continuous Examples  Lesson 9.2: A-R Method – Continuous Examples DEMO  Lesson 10: A-R Method – Poisson Distribution | M June 24 at 8:00 a.m. |
| **Project Milestone 2** | **Project Progress Report** (nice and simple; rubric TBA) | DUE F June 28 at 11:59 p.m. |
| Week 7 | Homework 7 | F June 28 at 8:00 a.m. – F July 5 at 11:59 p.m. |
| **Week 8**  (July 1–5)  (Holiday 7/4) | **Module 7 (cont.): More RV Generation**  Lesson 11: Composition  Lesson 12: Box-Muller Normal RVs  Lesson 13: Order Statistics Other Stuff  Lesson 14: Multivariate Normal Distribution  Lesson 15: Baby Stochastic Processes  Lesson 16.1: Nonhomogeneous Poisson Processes  Lesson 16.2: Nonhomogeneous Poisson Processes DEMO  Lesson 17.1: Time Series  Lesson 17.2: Time Series DEMO  Lesson 18: Queueing  Lesson 19.1: Brownian Motion  Lesson 19.2: Brownian Motion DEMO | M July 1 at 8:00 a.m. |
| Week 8 Homework | Homework 8 | F July 5 at 8:00 a.m. – F July 12 at 11:59 p.m. |
| **Midterm Exam 2** | **Midterm Exam 2 [Covers everything up to and including Lesson 13 of Module 7 from Week 8, with emphasis on more-recent stuff. See Topics Attachment.]** | F July 5 at 8:00 a.m. – **Su July 14** at 11:59 p.m. |
| **Week 9**  (July 8–12) | **Module 8: Input Analysis**  Lesson 1: Introduction  Lesson 2: Identifying Distributions  Lesson 3: Unbiased Point Estimation  Lesson 4: Mean Squared Error  Lesson 5: Maximum Likelihood Estimators  Lesson 6: MLE Examples  Lesson 7: Invariance Property of MLEs  Lesson 8 **[OPTIONAL]**: The Method of Moments  Lesson 9: Goodness-of-Fit Tests  Lesson 10: Exponential Example  Lesson 11: Weibull Example  Lesson 12: Still More Goodness-of-Fit Tests  Lesson 13: Problem Children  Lesson 14: Demo Time | M July 8 at 8:00 a.m. |
| Week 9 Homework | Homework 9 | F July 12 at 8:00 a.m. – F July 19 at 11:59 p.m. |
| **Week 10**  (July 15–19) | **Module 9: Output Analysis**  Lesson 1: Introduction  Lesson 2: Mathematical Interlude **[Don’t Panic!]**  Lesson 3: Finite-Horizon Analysis  Lesson 4: Finite-Horizon Extensions  Lesson 5: Simulation Initialization Issues  Lesson 6: Steady-State Analysis  Lesson 7: Properties of Batch Means  Lesson 8: Other Steady-State Methods  **Module 10: Comparing Systems**  Lesson 1: Introduction  Lesson 2: Confidence Interval for the Mean  Lesson 3: CIs for the Difference in Two Means  Lesson 4: Paired CI for the Difference in Two Means  Lesson 5: CIs for the Mean Difference in Simulations  Lesson 6: Common Random Numbers  Lesson 7: Antithetic Random Numbers  Lesson 8 **[OPTIONAL]**: Control Variates | M July 15 at 8:00 a.m. |
| Week 10 Homework | Homework 10 | F July 19 at 8:00 a.m. – F July 26 at 11:59 p.m. |
| **Week 11**  (July 22–26) | **Module 10 (cont.): More Comparing Systems**  Lesson 9: Ranking and Selection Methods  Lesson 10: Normal Means Selection  Lesson 11: Single-Stage Normal Means Procedure  Lesson 12: Normal Means Extensions  Lesson 13: Bernoulli Probability Selection  Lesson 14: Bernoulli Extensions  Lesson 15: Multinomial Cell Selection  Lesson 16: Multinomial Procedure + Extensions  Lesson 17: Summary | M July 22 at 8:00 a.m. |
| **Project Milestone 3** | **Project Due** | DUE **M July 22** at 11:59 p.m. |
| **Final Exam** | **Final Exam [Covers everything, with emphasis on more-recent stuff. See Topics Attachment below. ]** | W July 24 at 8:00 a.m. – **Th Aug 1** at 11:59 p.m. |

**Test Topix for ISyE 6644, Summer 2024**

* Generally speaking, tests will consist of short answer, multiple choice, and T/F questions.
* We’ll provide practice tests with typical questions that you can use to study from.
* For Test *x* (*x* = 1,2,3), you can have *x* pages of cheat sheets (2*x* sides).
* Below is a list of topics that you’ll be responsible for on the various tests. First, some notes to get the lawyer stuff out of the way…
* I’ve tried my best to make this list as complete as possible, but I may have missed a topic or two. That being said, you are responsible for everything that we do in class or homework.
* As GT students, you are expected to formulate problems and solution strategies which are more than mere rote regurgitation of material you learned in class. Thus, you shouldn’t be surprised if some questions cover natural extensions of material from class.
* I’ll supply all necessary tables, e.g., N(0,1), *t*, and *χ*2, but you can feel free to use your own.

**TEST 1 TOPIX**

1. **Intro Material**
   1. Definition of simulation
   2. Advantages and disadvantages of simulation
   3. History of simulation
   4. Typical questions and applications
2. **Calculus, Probability, and Statistics Review**
   1. **Calculus [not really responsible for this material, except I might make you search for a zero]**
      1. Basic definitions
      2. Derivatives
      3. Solving for zeros
      4. Integration
      5. Numerical integration
   2. Probability Preliminaries
      1. Conditional probability
      2. Independent events
      3. Definition of random variable
      4. Discrete RV’s and probability mass function
      5. Continuous RV’s and probability density function
      6. Cumulative distribution function
   3. Simulating RV’s (first pass)
      1. Discrete uniform distribution
      2. General discrete distribution
      3. Inverse Transform Theorem for continuous RV’s
      4. Exponential (and other) continuous distributions via IVT.
      5. Generating U(0,1)’s via desert island algorithm, including walk-through of pseudo-code.
   4. Expected Values
      1. Definition
      2. Discrete and continuous examples of expected value
      3. Law of the Unconscious Statistician
      4. Moments, central moments, variance, standard deviation
      5. Discrete and continuous examples of LOTUS
      6. Moment generating function
      7. Examples and properties of mgf’s
   5. Functions of a RV
      1. Discrete examples
      2. Continuous examples
      3. IVT methods (again) with examples
      4. Relationship with LOTUS
   6. Jointly distributed RV’s
      1. Definition of joint cdf
      2. Marginal cdf’s
      3. Joint and marginal pmf’s
      4. Joint and marginal pdf’s
      5. Examples for discrete and continuous cases
      6. Independent RV’s
      7. Conditional pmf’s and pdf’s
      8. **Conditional expectation [this won’t be on the test]**
      9. **Double expectation E(E(Y|X)) = EY, including examples [this won’t be on the test]**
   7. Covariance and correlation
      1. Definitions
      2. Relationship between independence and correlation
      3. Examples
      4. Miscellaneous properties (e.g., Var(X+Y), bounds on correlation, etc.)
   8. Probability distributions
      1. Discrete distributions
         1. Bernoulli
         2. Binomial
         3. Geometric
         4. Poisson (including discussion on Poisson processes)
      2. Continuous distributions
         1. Uniform
         2. Exponential (including memoryless property)
         3. Erlang, Gamma distributions
         4. Triangular
         5. Normal (including Standard Normal)
         6. Other sampling distributions (including chi-square, t, F, and various relationships with each other)
   9. Limit theorems
      * 1. Linear combinations of independent normal (including distribution of sample mean)
        2. Convergence in distribution
        3. Law of Large Numbers
        4. Central Limit Theorem for independent and identically distributed data.
        5. Examples
   10. Statistics Tidbits **[this material will eventually be covered in modules 8, 9, 10, so it’s in fair territory to have it on the Final! ☺ ]**
       * 1. Properties of sample mean and sample variance
         2. Confidence intervals for the mean and variance
3. **Hand Simulations**
   1. “Simulating” a differential equation
   2. Monte Carlo integration
   3. Determining π via simulation (dart tossing on a circle and sphere)
   4. Single-server queue (including FIFO and LIFO service disciplines)
   5. (s,S) inventory system
   6. Simulating RV’s (repeats some material from the Prob/Stats review)
   7. Spreadsheet simulation (e.g., stock portfolio in Excel)
4. **General Simulation Principles**
   1. Steps in a simulation study
   2. List of various simulation definitions (e.g., event, system state, simulation clock, etc.)
   3. Event-Scheduling vs. Process Interaction modeling approaches
   4. How are events processed?
   5. Future events list + extended example
   6. Simulation languages – what to look for

Plus, the first few Arena mini-topix below…

1. **Arena**
   1. Layout of Arena screen (panels, modules, etc.)
   2. Basic Process template: CREATE-PROCESS-DISPOSE modules
   3. SEIZE-DELAY-RELEASE inside of the PROCESS module.
   4. Resource, Schedule, Queue, Entity, and other spreadsheets
   5. DECIDE module – probabilistic and conditional routing
   6. ASSIGN module

**TEST 2 TOPIX**

Everything from Test 1 + the following (with less emphasis placed on the Test 1 material)…

* 1. Simple examples, e.g. (partial list),
     1. Single-server queue
     2. Parallel servers
     3. Schedules for servers
     4. Multiple arrival streams
  2. Displays, graphics, etc.
  3. BATCH and SEPARATE modules
  4. Run set-up and control
  5. More-sophisticated queueing networks (e.g., two-channel manufacturing example, call center example)
     1. Advanced Process modules (e.g., SEIZE, DELAY, RELEASE modules)
     2. Some primitive blocks (e.g., QUEUE)
     3. Use of “pretend” customers
     4. Nonhomogeneous Poisson arrivals
     5. Use of resource sets, including how to prioritize servers
     6. Use of submodels
  6. Inventory processes
  7. Crazy examples such as re-entrant queues
  8. SMARTS files and other Rockwell examples
  9. Manufacturing systems
     1. Advanced Transfer modules (e.g., ROUTE, ENTER, LEAVE)
     2. Sequences of customer visitation locations
     3. Advanced sets of sequences
     4. Transporters and conveyors

1. **Uniform Random Number Generation**
   1. Overview – desirable properties of a pseudo-random number generator
   2. Some generators we won’t use, e.g.,
      1. PRN’s from tables
      2. Midsquare
   3. Linear congruential generators
      1. Cycling
      2. 16807 desert island generator (again)
      3. RANDU (a bad generator)
   4. Tausworthe generator
   5. Combined generators
      1. L’Ecuyer’s generator of cycle length 2191
      2. Mersenne Twister
   6. Some theoretical considerations, e.g., from Knuth’s book
   7. Statistical tests for randomness
      1. Goodness-of-fit test – Chi-squared
      2. Runs tests for independence
         1. Runs up and down
         2. Runs above and below the mean
         3. **Autocorrelation test [this won’t be on the test]**
2. **Random Variate Generation**
   1. Inverse Transform Theorem (yet again)
      1. Proof
      2. Discrete example adaptations
      3. Continuous examples
         1. East ones such as Exponential, Weibull, etc.
         2. Slightly harder examples such as Triangle distribution
         3. Normal distribution, both exact and approximate methods
      4. Special case methods, e.g., Geometric
      5. **Empirical distributions [this won’t be on the test]**
   2. Convolution method
      1. Binomial
      2. Triangle
      3. Erlang
      4. CLT
         1. Desert island sum of Uniforms to generate Normal
         2. Normal approximation to Poisson (including continuity correction)
      5. Cauchy
         1. Cauchy’s add up to another Cauchy
         2. IVT method
         3. Ratio of two Normals
   3. Acceptance-Rejection methods
      1. Trivial Uniform example
      2. Some discussion on general method
      3. **Proof of the general method [don’t expect to see this on the test, unless I’m in a really bad mood!]**
      4. Examples involving polynomial and half-normal p.d.f.’s
      5. Poisson distribution
   4. Composition
   5. Special-case techniques
      1. Box-Muller method for Normal distribution
      2. Extensions of B-M, e.g., Cauchy, Chi-squared.
      3. Generating min’s and max’s of iid RV’s, e.g., min of iid Exponentials.

**TEST 3 (FINAL) TOPIX**

Everything in the freaking course, including the following new stuff (with less emphasis placed on the Tests 1 and 2 material)…

* 1. Multivariate Normal
     1. Definition in 2 and then >2 dimensions
     2. Cholesky decomposition method for generating realizations (exact expression in 2 dimensions, algorithm for >2 dimensions)
  2. Stochastic processes
     1. Markov chains
     2. Poisson processes
     3. Nonhomogeneous Poisson processes (via thinning method)
     4. Time series
        1. MA(1)
        2. AR(1)
        3. EAR(1)
        4. ARTOP
     5. M/M/1 queue waiting times
     6. Brownian motion
        1. Definition and history
        2. Elementary properties, including covariance structure
        3. General CLT
        4. How to generate
        5. Geometric BM and financial applications

1. **Input Analysis**
   1. General discussion
      1. Careful about GIGO with respect to simulation input
      2. What makes a good distribution
      3. Identification of obvious distributions
   2. Estimation review
      1. Unbiased estimators
         1. Definition
         2. Sample mean
         3. Sample variance
         4. Other examples such as Unif(0,θ)
      2. Mean squared error
      3. Maximum likelihood estimators
         1. Definition
         2. Examples such as Exponential
         3. Two-dimensional examples such as Normal with unknown mean and variance
         4. Other tougher examples such as Unif(0,θ) and Gamma
         5. Invariance Property + examples
      4. **Method of Moments [this won’t be on the test (sorry, MoM!)]**
   3. Goodness-of-fit tests for input distributions
      1. Chi-squared for Exponential
      2. Chi-squared for Weibull, including search techniques such as bisection and Newton
      3. Kolmogorov-Smirnov
      4. More goodness-of-fit tests
   4. Problem Children
      1. Little or no data
      2. Data from an unusual distribution
      3. Nonstationary data
      4. Multivariate / correlated data
   5. Arena Input Analyzer demo
2. **Output Analysis**
   1. Introduction
      1. The need for output analysis in a proper statistical study
      2. Simulation data isn’t iid normal, and this is a problem
      3. Types of output analysis – finite-horizon (terminating) and steady-state
   2. A mathematical interlude related to the fact that the variance of the sample mean isn’t Var(Xi)/n, and its consequences **[I might ask you to calculate the variance of the sample mean for a specific process, but nothing else.]**
   3. Finite-horizon (terminating) simulations
      1. Examples
      2. Confidence intervals for mean performance via the method of Independent Replications
   4. Initialization problems
   5. Steady-state analysis for a single system
      1. Examples
      2. Confidence intervals for the steady-state mean via the method of Batch Means
      3. Properties of Batch Means **[The more-mathematical aspects of this topic this won’t be on the test.]**
      4. Overlapping Batch Means
      5. Other methods
3. **Comparing Systems**
   1. Classical confidence interval for the mean of one normal population
   2. Classical confidence interval to compare the means of two normal systems
      1. Variance completely unknown
      2. Paired-t CI
      3. Use in simulation scenarios
   3. Variance reduction techniques
      1. Common random numbers
      2. Antithetic random numbers
      3. **Control variates [this won’t be on the test]**
   4. Ranking and selection methods to compare means of >2 systems
      1. Definition of problem
      2. Relevance to simulation
      3. Indifference-zone approach
      4. Normal means selection problem

* Bechhofer’s single-stage procedure
* Extensions
  + 1. Bernoulli parameter selection problem
* Sobel and Huyett single-stage procedure
* Extensions
  + 1. Multinomial cell selection problem
* Multinomial review and motivation
* Bechhofer, Elmaghraby, and Morse single-stage procedure
* Extensions