# ACTUARIAL SCIENCE (ACTS)

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<td>Problem Lab: Basic Actuarial Applications of Probability</td>
<td>MATH 208/208H and STAT 462, or parallel, and both with a grade of &quot;Pass&quot; or &quot;C&quot; or better.</td>
<td>Problems as posed in the Society of Actuaries (SOA) Exam &quot;P&quot; and/or Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS) Exam &quot;1&quot;. Determination of loss frequency distributions and their characteristics, expected value, variance, and percentiles. Determination of loss severity distributions and their characteristics, expected value, variance, and percentiles. Determination of loss sharing parameters, deductibles, and maximum payments.</td>
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<td>ACTS 402</td>
<td>Problem Lab: Basic Actuarial Applications of Financial Mathematics</td>
<td>ACTS 440/840 or parallel</td>
<td>Application of basic mathematics of finance to problems involving valuation of financial transactions. Problems as posed in the &quot;Society of Actuaries (SOA) Exam &quot;FM&quot; and/or &quot;Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS) Exam &quot;2&quot;. Determining equivalent measures of interest; estimating the rate of return on a fund; discounting or accumulating a sequence of payments with interest; determining yield rate; length of investment; amounts of investment contributions or amounts of investment returns for various types of financial transactions; and basic calculations involving yield curves, spot rates, forward rates, duration, convexity, immunization and short sales; introduction to financial derivatives ( forwards, options, futures, and swaps) and their use in risk management; and introduction to the concept of no-arbitrage as a fundamental concept in financial mathematics.</td>
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<td>Problem Lab: Actuarial Models - Life Contingencies</td>
<td>ACTS 470/870, 471/871, and 473/873</td>
<td>Problems as posed in the &quot;Society of Actuaries (SOA) Exam &quot;M&quot; and/or &quot;Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS) Exam &quot;3&quot;. Survival and severity models; &quot;Markov Chain&quot; models; life contingencies; and &quot;Poisson&quot; processes.</td>
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<td>ACTS 404</td>
<td>Problem Lab: Construction and Evaluation of Actuarial Models</td>
<td>ACTS 410 and 425. Problems as posed in the Society of Actuaries (SOA) Exam &quot;C&quot; and/or Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS) Exam &quot;4&quot;. Construction of empirical models; construction and selection of parametric models; credibility theory; interpolation and smoothing of data; and simulation.</td>
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<td>ACTS 405</td>
<td>Problem Lab: Actuarial Models - Financial Economics</td>
<td>ACTS 440/840 and FINA 467</td>
<td>Problems as posed in the &quot;Society of Actuaries (SOA) Exam &quot;M&quot;. Interest rate models; rational valuation of derivative securities (option pricing: put-call parity, the binomial model, Black-Scholes formula, and actuarial applications; interpretation of option Greeks and delta-hedging; features of exotic options; an introduction to Brownian motion and Itô's lemma); and risk management techniques.</td>
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<td>ACTS 410</td>
<td>Introduction to Credibility, Smoothing of Data, and Simulation</td>
<td>STAT 463 with a grade of &quot;C&quot; or better</td>
<td>Simulation to &quot;p-value&quot; of hypothesis test. Bootstrap method of estimating the &quot;mean squared error&quot; of an estimator.</td>
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<td>ACTS 425</td>
<td>Survival Models</td>
<td>ACTS 810</td>
<td>Problems as posed in the Society of Actuaries (SOA) Exam &quot;M&quot;. Parametric and tabular survival models. Estimation based on observations that might not be complete. Concomitant variables. Use of population data. Applications to groups with impaired lives.</td>
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<td>ACTS 430</td>
<td>Actuarial Applications of Applied Statistics</td>
<td>ACTS 830</td>
<td>Data sets processed and analyzed using statistical software.</td>
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<td>ACTS 435</td>
<td>Actuarial Finance</td>
<td>ACTS 825</td>
<td>Problems as posed in the Society of Actuaries (SOA) Exam &quot;M&quot;. Interest rate models; rational valuation of derivative securities (option pricing: put-call parity, the binomial model, Black-Scholes formula, and actuarial applications; interpretation of option Greeks and delta-hedging; features of exotic options; an introduction to Brownian motion and Itô's lemma); and risk management techniques.</td>
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ACTS 440 Interest Theory
Crosslisted with: ACTS 840
Prerequisites: MATH 208/208H with a grade of "Pass" or "C" or better, or parallel
Notes: Grade only
Description: Application of financial mathematics to problems involving valuation of financial transactions; equivalent measures of interest; rate of return on a fund; discounting or accumulating a sequence of payments with interest; and yield rates, length of investment, amounts of investment contributions or amounts of investment returns for various types of financial transactions; loans and bonds. Introduction to the mathematics of modern financial analysis. Calculations involving yield curves, spot rates, forward rates, duration, convexity, and immunization.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: ACTS 450
Crosslisted with: ACTS 440

ACTS 441 Introduction to Financial Economics
Crosslisted with: ACTS 841
Prerequisites: MATH 208 with grade of "C" or better or concurrent; ACTS 440
Description: Financial mathematics concepts related to short sales, forwards, options, futures, and swaps, and their use in risk management, hedging and investment strategies, fundamental concepts of put-call parity and no-arbitrage, and interest rate models.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

ACTS 442 Principles of Pension Valuation
Crosslisted with: ACTS 842
Prerequisites: ACTS 471/871 with a grade of "C" or better
Description: Actuarial cost methods. Determination of normal costs and accrued liability. Effect on valuation results due to changes in experience, assumptions and plan provisions. Valuation of ancillary benefits. Determination of actuarially equivalent benefits at early or postponed retirement and optional forms of payment.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

ACTS 450 Stochastic Processes for Actuaries
Crosslisted with: ACTS 850
Prerequisites: STAT 463 with a grade of "C" or better
Description: Introduction to stochastic processes and their applications in actuarial science. Discrete-time and continuous-time processes; Markov chains; the Poisson process; compound Poisson processes; nonhomogeneous Poisson processes; arithmetic and geometric Brownian motions. Applications of these processes in computation of resident fees for continuing care retirement communities. Pricing of financial instruments.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

ACTS 470 Life Contingencies I
Crosslisted with: ACTS 870
Prerequisites: ACTS 440 and STAT 462, each with a grade of "C" or better
Notes: First course of a two-course sequence that includes ACTS 471.
Description: Theory and applications of contingency mathematics in the areas of life and health insurance, annuities, and pensions. Probabilistic models.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: ACTS 403
Crosslisted with: ACTS 470

ACTS 471 Life Contingencies II
Crosslisted with: ACTS 871
Prerequisites: ACTS 470 and STAT 462, each with a grade of "C" or better
Description: Life insurance reserve for models based on a single life. Introduction to multiple life models for pensions and life insurance and to multiple decrement models.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

ACTS 473 Introduction to Risk Theory
Crosslisted with: ACTS 873
Prerequisites: STAT 462 with a grade of "C" or better
Description: Applications of compound distributions in modeling of insurance loss. Continuous-time compound Poisson surplus processes, computation of ruin probabilities, the distributions of the deficit at the time of ruin, and the maximal aggregate loss. The effect of reinsurance on the probability of ruin.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

ACTS 474 Introduction to Property/Casualty Actuarial Science
Crosslisted with: ACTS 874
Prerequisites: STAT 462 with a grade of "C" or better
Description: Mathematical, financial, and risk-theoretical foundations of casualty actuarial science. Risk theory, loss reserving, ratemaking, risk classification, credibility theory, reinsurance, financial pricing of insurance, and other special issues and applications.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

ACTS 475 Actuarial Applications in Practice
Crosslisted with: ACTS 875
Prerequisites: ACTS 471/871; FINA 307/307H or 338
Description: Principles and practices of pricing and/or funding and valuation for life, health, property and liability insurance, and annuities and pension plans. Commercially available actuarial modeling software.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product