

## ACT 455H1S, Advanced Topics in Actuarial Science, Winter 2023

<b>Lecture Section</b>	<b>L0101</b>
<b>Lecture times, location</b>	Tu 2:10 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in person MS2173 Thur 2:10 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in person MS2173 Some classes will be taught in zoom, but I will update the info when the time comes.
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<b>Teaching assistants:</b>	Sophia Ian Chen

### Texts

#### Required

Exam LTAM Study Guide – 2019-2020, ACT348+455, Samuel A Broverman..

You should have the guide from ACT348. If not, I will let you know where you can buy it.

#### Additional

- *Actuarial Mathematics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., by Bowers et al, Society of Actuaries, available on the SOA website to be ordered.
- *Actuarial Mathematics for Life Contingent Risks*, Dickson D, Hardy M., Waters H, 2019, Third Edition.

#### Approximate Coverage:

- Multiple Decrement Models – Sections 32-34
- Discrete Time Markov Chains - Sections 36, 37
- Continuous Time Markov Chains - Sections 38, 39
- Profit Testing – Sections 27 and 40
- Pension Mathematics – Sections 34, 35

#### Teaching style:

Most of the lectures will be in person, if I will be teaching on ZOOM I will let you know in advance. I will post the pdf files for the lectures on Quercus. This will give the students the chance to go over the notes and be able to pay attention to the class explanations.

#### Test:

##### Term tests

- Test 1 – 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2023, 2:10 -3:10 pm, in person in the normal class time, more details to be announced later – 25% of the final mark
- Test 2 – 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, 2:10 - 3:00 pm, in person in the normal class time, more details to be announced later – 25% of the final mark
- **Final Exam 2 hours (TBA) – 50% of the final mark**

## Marking Scheme:

The final course mark will be determined via two term tests, each worth 25% and a final exam worth 50%. These weightings will not be changed, either for the whole class or for any individuals. The test and final exam will be written answer questions form.

**Missed Term Test: YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO MISS MORE THAN ONE TEST.** If by valid reasons you missed one term test, the 25% weight of the mark associated to the test will be moved towards the final exam and the final exam will count for 75%. Students who will miss both term tests will lose automatically 25% of the final mark and the remaining 25% will be moved to the final that will only count for a maximum of 75%. **There is no deferred final exam for this class.**

## Calculator:

A calculator is essential for working exercises, tests and final exam. The Texas Instruments BA II PLUS calculator is one of the calculators allowed on the Society of Actuaries examinations; it has the financial functions that would be needed for this course and is recommended. All non-programmable calculators are allowed.

## E-mail policy:

E-mails will only be answered if they are from a U of T address. When there are many e-mail requests, not all can be answered, but an answer to a common question will be posted on Quercus.

## UAP course syllabus:

This course is one of the mandatory courses under Canadian Institute of Actuaries (CIA)'s University Accreditation Program (UAP). UAP has moved away from the course-by-course accreditation method and towards program accreditation method (the "Pathway 1 of CIA qualification"). Under the new pathway, in order to obtain ACIA (Associate of CIA) professional credential, students need to:

1. Complete a degree from an actuarial program (ACT Specialist or Major) at University of Toronto and pass a list of mandatory courses. No minimum course grade or GPA is required as long as students pass all the mandatory courses. The full list of UofT's 16 mandatory courses are: ACT240, ACT245, ACT247, ACT348, ACT349, ACT370, ACT451, ACT452, ACT466, STA257, STA261, STA302, STA314, ECO101, ECO102, MGT201/RSM219.

For transition: CIA will accept an actuarial degree from UofT completed between June 30, 2015 and October 31, 2023 without all the specified mandatory courses.

2. Complete the ACIA Module (administered by CIA, projected Spring 2023).

For transition: a student can be exempt from the ACIA Module if they complete SOA exam PA and the 8 FAP Modules and assessments by December 31, 2023.

3. Complete an open-book ACIA Capstone Exam (administered by CIA, projected Fall 2023).

For transition: a student can be exempt from the capstone exam by completing any combination of UAP credits or exams for P, FM, IFM, LTAM, STAM and SRM by October 31, 2023. The deadline to apply for UAP credits is September 30, 2023.

Details on the new pathway for students can be found here: <https://education.cia-ica.ca/acia/acia-for-accredited-university-students/>