

ACTU 257
Actuarial Mathematics I
Winter 2025

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- Schedule:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 14:45-16:00.
Note: There will be a mid-term break from February 24 to March 2.
- Office Hours:** TBA.
- Goal:** This course introduces the student to the mathematical models for present values of claims contingent on some event, e.g. survival (Life) or sickness (Health). More specifically, the course focuses on the mathematics of life insurance and pensions. This course prepares for part of Society of Actuaries Exams FAM and ALTAM. This course is also required to apply to the Canadian Institute of Actuaries program exemption.
- Reference:** *Actuarial Mathematics for Life Contingent Risks*, 3rd Edition, by D.C.M. Dickson, M.R. Hardy, and H.R. Waters, Cambridge University Press, 2019.
- Calculators:** The only calculators allowed in exams for this course are the battery- or solar-powered Texas Instrument calculators, models BA-II Plus*, BA-II Plus, TI-30X, TI-30Xa (the official CAS calculator) or TI-30X II*.
* The memory of TI-30X II (IIS solar or IIB battery), TI-30X MultiView (XS Solar or XB Battery), BA II Plus, and BA II Plus Professional will need to be cleared by the examination supervisor upon the candidates' entrance to the examination room. For the BA II Plus and BA II Plus Professional, clearing will reset the calculator to the factory default settings.
- Assignments:** There will be eight to ten assignments (Moodle).
- Tests and Final:** First Test: Week 6
Second Test: Week 10
Third Test: Examination period in April

Grading: The final grade will be determined as follows:
Assignments: (10%)
Class Test 1: (22.5%)
Class Test 2: (22.5%)
Final Exam: (45%)

If the grading scheme for this course includes graded assignments, a reasonable and representative subset of each assignment may be graded. Students will not be told in advance which subset of the assigned problems will be marked and should therefore attempt all assigned problems.

There will be no make-up exams.
The final exam will be three hours long and will cover all the material in the course.

PLEASE NOTE: Students are responsible for finding out the date and time of the final exam once the schedule is posted by the Examination Office. Any conflicts or problems with the scheduling of the final exam must be reported directly to the Examination Office, **not** to your instructor. It is the Department's policy and the Examination Office's policy **that students are to be available until the end of the final exam period. Conflicts due to travel plans will not be accommodated.**

Notes: It is the Department's policy that tests missed for any reason, including illness, cannot be made up. If you missed one of the midterm because of illness (to be confirmed by a valid medical note) the final exam can count for 67.5% of your final grade, 22.5% on the other midterm, and 10% will be contributed by the assignments.

THERE WILL BE NO SUPPLEMENTAL FOR THIS COURSE AND NO 100% OPTION FOR THE FINAL EXAM.

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