

MATH 3631
Actuarial Mathematics II
MW 3:35-4:50 PM AUST 105 Section 001
Spring 2020 Semester
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This revised syllabus reflects the change to online instructions and assessments. All revisions are marked in RED.

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Office hours

All office hours will be done through Webex¹ during our originally class lecture schedule: Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30. For other appointments, please request by email.

Prerequisite

Math 3630 (Actuarial Mathematics I)

Course website

<http://www.huskyct.uconn.edu/>
<http://www.math.uconn.edu/~valdez/math3631s20/>

Additional details about the course including several links related to the SOA Exam LTAM will be found in our course website.

Required readings

Lectures and exercises in the class will be heavily based on the materials covered from the following textbook:

Actuarial Mathematics for Life Contingent Risks, 2nd edition, by D. Dickson, M. Hardy, and H. Waters, Cambridge University Press, 2013.

Solutions manual to the 2nd edition can also be ordered here: [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). In addition, the Cambridge University Press site may provide additional resources here: [Cambridge University Press](https://www.cambridge.org). Any possible errata on the book can usually be found here too.

Study note: [LTAM-21-18 Supplementary Note on LTAM](#)

Study note: [LTAM-22-18 Chapters 10-12 from Loss Models](#). Chapters 10 and 11 are background; Chapter 12 is required reading, except for Sections 12.4 and 12.6.

Details of a tentative class lecture program are attached as appendix.

¹<https://uconn-cmr.webex.com/meet/emv07002>

Course assessments

There will be **NO** changes in the weight distribution of assessments. The following table gives the relative weights of the assessment components for the course:

Assessment	Weights	Dates	Changes?
Quizzes	15%	unannounced	online
Class Test 1	25%	February 19	
Class Test 2	25%	April 13	online
Final Examination	35%	to be announced	online
Total	100%		

Please note that an important component of course assessment is (unannounced) quizzes. Zero marks will be given for absences and there will be no exceptions. For allowance for missed quizzes, I will drop (the greatest integer of) 15% of the total number of quizzes. This means that there will be zero quizzes dropped if total number of quizzes is 6 or below, one quiz dropped if above 6 but below 14, and so forth. You will be given 5 minutes for each quiz.

Your final grade is determined as follows:

Grade	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+
Points	[90, 100)	[87, 90)	[84, 87)	[81, 84)	[78, 81)	[75, 78)
Grade	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
Points	[70, 75)	[65, 70)	[60, 65)	[55, 60)	[50, 55)	[0, 50)

This grading scale may be adjusted if necessary, however, your final grade will be no worse than that determined according to the scale above.

Final examination

Final examination week for Spring 2020 semester takes place from Monday, May 4, through Saturday, May 9. Students are required to be available for their exam during the stated time. If you have a conflict with this time you must visit the Office of Student Services and Advocacy (OSSA) to discuss the possibility of rescheduling this exam.

Please note that vacations, previously purchased tickets or reservations, graduations, social events, misreading the exam schedule and over-sleeping are not viable excuses for missing a final exam. If you think that your situation warrants permission to reschedule, please contact the Office of Student Services and Advocacy with any questions. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please note that final examinations this semester will fall during the religious holiday, Ramadan. As outlined in the University's [Religious Accommodation Policy](#), "The University of Connecticut is committed to providing welcoming and inclusive learning and workplace environments. As part of this commitment, the University will make good faith efforts to provide reasonable religious accommodations to faculty, staff and students whose sincerely held religious practices or beliefs conflict with a University policy, procedure, or other academic or employment requirement, unless such an accommodation would create an undue hardship." Instructors are strongly encouraged to make reasonable accommodations in response to a student request to make-up a final examination missed by absence resulting from observance of Ramadan. An example of a religious accommodation may include the rescheduling of an evening exam to earlier that same day. Please note that

instructors should not ask a student for proof that their religious practices or beliefs are sincerely held or for determining a religious accommodation. Answers to frequently asked questions about the Religious Accommodation Policy can be found [here](#).

Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment and Related Interpersonal Violence

The University is committed to maintaining an environment free of discrimination or discriminatory harassment directed toward any person or group within its community – students, employees, or visitors. Academic and professional excellence can flourish only when each member of our community is assured an atmosphere of mutual respect. All members of the University community are responsible for the maintenance of an academic and work environment in which people are free to learn and work without fear of discrimination or discriminatory harassment. In addition, inappropriate amorous relationships can undermine the University’s mission when those in positions of authority abuse or appear to abuse their authority. To that end, and in accordance with federal and state law, the University prohibits discrimination and discriminatory harassment, as well as inappropriate amorous relationships, and such behavior will be met with appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the University. Additionally, to protect the campus community, all non-confidential University employees (including faculty) are required to report sexual assaults, intimate partner violence, and/or stalking involving a student that they witness or are told about to the Office of Institutional Equity. The University takes all reports with the utmost seriousness. Please be aware that while the information you provide will remain private, it will not be confidential and will be shared with University officials who can help.

More information is available at equity.uconn.edu and titleix.uconn.edu.

Sexual Assault Reporting Policy

To protect the campus community, all non-confidential University employees (including faculty) are required to report assaults they witness or are told about to the Office of Diversity & Equity under the Sexual Assault Response Policy. The University takes all reports with the utmost seriousness. Please be aware that while the information you provide will remain private, it will not be confidential and will be shared with University officials who can help.

More information is available at sexualviolence.uconn.edu.

Academic integrity

A fundamental tenet of all educational institutions is academic honesty; academic work depends upon respect for and acknowledgement of the research and ideas of others. Misrepresenting someone else’s work as one’s own is a serious offense in any academic setting and it will not be condoned.

Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, providing or receiving assistance in a manner not authorized by the instructor in the creation of work to be submitted for academic evaluation (e.g. papers, projects, and examinations); any attempt to influence improperly (e.g. bribery, threats) any member of the faculty, staff, or administration of the University in any matter pertaining to academics or research; presenting, as one’s own, the ideas or words of another for academic evaluation; doing unauthorized academic work for which another person will receive credit or be evaluated; and presenting the same or substantially the same papers or projects in two or more courses without the explicit permission of the instructors involved.

A student who knowingly assists another student in committing an act of academic misconduct shall be equally accountable for the violation, and shall be subject to the sanctions and other remedies described in *The Student Code*.

Code of Conduct for candidates

This course prepares students for a professional examination administered by the Society of Actuaries (SOA) for which credit is also awarded by the Casualty Actuarial Society (CAS). Actuarial Candidates, as defined by these organizations, must adhere to the Code of Conduct for Candidates (SOA) and Code of Professional Ethics for Candidates (CAS). A copy of each is attached at the end of this syllabus and is a part of this syllabus.

Tentative class schedule ²

Review materials covered in Math 3630: Chapters 1-6. Online lectures will be using the Infinite Actuary ³ and supplemented with video materials of illustrative examples to be posted on our course website.

Week Number	Week Beginning	Topics Covered	Assessment
1	Jan 22	Policy values and reserves (1.5 weeks) Dickson, et al. (Chapter 7)	
2	Jan 27	- continued	
3	Feb 3	Multiple state models (2.5 weeks) Dickson, et al. (Chapter 8: 8.1-8.7; 8.13)	
4	Feb 10	- continued	
5	Feb 17	Multiple decrement models (1.5 weeks) Dickson, et al. (Chapter 8: 8.8-8.11)	Class Test 1 (details to be announced)
6	Feb 24	Multiple state models (1.5 weeks) - continued	
7	Mar 2	- continued	
8	Mar 9	- continued	
Spring Break: Mar 15-21			
9	Mar 23	Multiple life models (1.5 weeks) Dickson, et al. (Chapter 9)	online
10	Mar 30	- continued	online
11	Apr 6	Pension mathematics (1.5 week) Dickson, et al. (Chapter 10)	online
12	Apr 13	- continued	Class Test 2 (details to be announced)
13	Apr 20	Profit Testing (2 weeks) Dickson, et al. (Chapter 12)	online
14	Apr 27	- continued/Review	online
Final Examination Period: May 4-9			

²any changes will be announced in class or on website

³<https://www.theinfiniteactuary.com/>

Code of Conduct for Candidates

Effective December 1, 2008

The purpose of the Society of Actuaries (SOA) *Code of Conduct for Candidates* (“Candidate Code”) is to require Actuarial Candidates to adhere to the high standards of conduct, practice, and qualifications of the actuarial profession, thereby supporting the actuarial profession in fulfilling its responsibility to the public. An Actuarial Candidate must comply with both the letter and spirit of the Candidate Code. An Actuarial Candidate who commits a material violation of the provisions of the Candidate Code shall be subject to the discipline procedures of the SOA.

An “Actuarial Candidate” is a person who has registered for or completed any SOA educational or evaluative activity (e.g., exams, modules, exercises, assessments, validations or courses), but is not a member of the SOA as an Associate (ASA), Chartered Enterprise Risk Analyst (CERA) or Fellow (FSA).

In situations where an Actuarial Candidate performs actuarial work, the candidate’s client or employer is defined as the “Principal.” “Actuarial Services” are professional services provided to a Principal by an individual acting in the capacity of an actuary. Such services include the rendering of advice, recommendations, findings, or opinions based upon actuarial considerations.

- RULE 1:** An Actuarial Candidate shall act honestly, with integrity and competence, to uphold the reputation of the actuarial profession.
- RULE 2:** An Actuarial Candidate shall not engage in any professional conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation or commit any act that reflects adversely on the actuarial profession.
- RULE 3:** An Actuarial Candidate shall perform Actuarial Services with courtesy and professional respect and shall cooperate with others in the Principal's interest.
- RULE 4:** An Actuarial Candidate shall strictly comply with the letter and spirit of the SOA Rules and Regulations for Examinations and the e-Learning Terms and Conditions.
- RULE 5:** Actuarial Candidates are not authorized to use, and therefore must never use membership designations of the SOA until they are admitted to membership by the SOA Board of Directors.
- RULE 6:** An Actuarial Candidate shall not disclose to another party any confidential information unless authorized to do so by the Principal or required to do so by law, statute, or regulation. Confidential information includes information of a proprietary nature and information that is legally restricted from circulation.

RULE 7: An Actuarial Candidate shall respond promptly, truthfully, and fully to any request for information by, and cooperate fully with, the appropriate disciplinary body of the SOA in connection with any disciplinary or other proceeding relating to the Candidate Code. The Actuarial Candidate's responsibility to respond shall be subject to applicable restrictions listed in Rule 6 and those imposed by law, statute, or regulation.

Casualty Actuarial Society

Code of Professional Ethics for Candidates

(As Introduced January 1, 2008)

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“Actuarial Candidates” are those persons who have registered for a CAS specific exam but have yet to fulfill all of the requirements for admission into the CAS. In situations where Actuarial Candidates perform actuarial work, their “Principal” is defined as their client or employer. “Actuarial Services” are professional services provided to a Principal by an individual acting in the capacity of an actuary. Such services include the rendering of advice, recommendations, findings, or opinions based upon actuarial considerations.

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Rule 4: An Actuarial Candidate shall adhere to the CAS Policy on Examination Discipline.

Rule 5: Actuarial Candidates are not authorized to use membership designations of the CAS until they are admitted to membership by the CAS Executive Council.

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