School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Actuarial Science (BS)

The Bachelor of Science Actuarial Science (AS) Program at The University of Texas at Dallas is administered through the Department of Mathematical Sciences.

Students receive a rigorous mathematical background including all the major courses taken by students majoring in mathematics or statistics. Further, ten courses devoted to finance, economics, applied statistics, insurance, and actuarial science are required. Upon completion of this program, a student will have the knowledge and business background necessary to pursue a career as an actuary, as well as to undertake graduate study in actuarial science, statistics, mathematics, economics, or finance.

Faculty

Professors: Larry P. Ammann, Michael I. Baron, Sam Efromovich, Robert Serfling

Associate Professor: Pankaj K. Choudhary

Clinical Professor: Ronald D. Dearing

Clinical Associate Professor: Natalia Humphreys

Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science

Degree Requirements (120 semester credit hours)¹

I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours²

Communication: 6 semester credit hours

COMM 1311 Survey of Oral and Technology-based Communication
RHET 1302 Rhetoric

Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours

MATH 2417 Calculus ³ ⁴

Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours⁵

PHYS 2325 Mechanics
II. Major Requirements: 77 semester credit hours

Major Preparatory Courses: 29 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum

ACCT 2301 Introductory Financial Accounting
ACCT 2302 Introductory Management Accounting
BCOM 3310 Business Communication
CS 1337 Computer Science I

ECON 2302 Principles of Microeconomics

MATH 2417 Calculus I

MATH 2419 Calculus II

MATH 2418 Linear Algebra

MATH 2420 Differential Equations with Applications

MATH 2451 Multivariable Calculus with Applications

PHYS 2325 Mechanics

or PHYS 2421 Honors Physics I - Mechanics and Heat

or CHEM 1311 General Chemistry I

PHYS 2326 Electromagnetism and Waves

or PHYS 2422 Honors Physics II - Electromagnetism and Waves

or CHEM 1312 General Chemistry II

PHYS 2125 Mechanics Laboratory

PHYS 2126 Electromagnetism and Waves Laboratory

CHEM 1111 General Chemistry I Laboratory

or CHEM 1112 General Chemistry II Laboratory

Major Core Courses: 48 semester credit hours

ACTS 4301 Principles of Actuarial Models: Life Contingencies I

ACTS 4302 Principles of Actuarial Models: Financial Economics

ACTS 4304 Construction and Evaluation of Actuarial Models

ACTS 4308 Actuarial Financial Mathematics

FIN 3320 Business Finance

FIN 3390 Introduction to Financial Modeling

FIN 4300 Investment Management

MATH 3310 Theoretical Concepts of Calculus

MATH 3311 Abstract Algebra I

MATH 3379 Complex Variables

MATH 4334 Numerical Analysis

MIS 3300 Introduction to Management Information Systems
**STAT 3355** Data Analysis for Statisticians and Actuaries  
**STAT 4351** Probability  
**STAT 4352** Mathematical Statistics  
**STAT 4382** Stochastic Processes

### III. Elective Requirements: 1 semester credit hour

Freshman students are required to take **UNIV 1010** and **NATS 1101**.

**Preparation for Actuarial Exams**

Exam 1/P: **STAT 4351** or **ACTS 4306**  
Exam 2/FM: **ACTS 4308, FIN 3320**, and **FIN 4300**  
Exam 3L/MLC: **ACTS 4301**  
Exam 3F/MFE: **ACTS 4302**  
Exam 4/C: **ACTS 4304**

**Validation by Educational Experience (VEE) Credits**

Applied Statistical Methods: **STAT 3355** and **STAT 4382**  
Corporate Finance: **FIN 3320**  
Economics: **ECON 2301** and **ECON 2302**

1. Incoming freshmen must complete and pass UNIV 1010 Freshman Seminar and the corresponding school-related freshman seminar course. Students, including transfer students, who complete their core curriculum at UT Dallas must take UNIV 2020.  
2. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from accredited institutions of higher education. The courses are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.  
3. A required Major preparatory course that also fulfills a Core Curriculum requirement. Semester credit hours are counted in Core Curriculum.  
4. Three semester credit hours of Calculus are counted to fulfill the Mathematics Core Requirement with the remaining five semester credit hours to be counted under Component Area Option Core Requirement.  
5. Six semester credit hours of Physics are counted under Science core, and one semester hour of Physics (PHYS 2125) are counted under Component Area Option core.  
6. Students may choose one of the following calculus sequences: (a) MATH 2413, MATH 2414, and MATH 2415; or (b) MATH 2417 and MATH 2419.
7. NATS 1101 may be substituted for an appropriate elective for transfer students.

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