

**ACTU 386**  
 Actuarial Math Lab II  
*Winter 2015*

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**Course:** The course is divided in 2 sections:  
 - Introduction to Excel & Access (2/3 of the overall score for the course)  
 - Introduction to Axis (1/3 of the overall score for the course)

**Introduction to Excel & Access (8 weeks)**

Excel			
Introduction to the Basic Concepts Relative to a Pension Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Types of pension plans</li> <li>• Normal Cost</li> <li>• Actuarial Liability</li> </ul>	Move, Copy and Edit methods Window Options Undo function Help functions Creating a chart Formatting a chart Functions related to dates	Find and Replace functions Sort dfunctions Subtotal functions AutoFilter functions Pivot Table functions Protection features Control objects Functions related to text	VBA – User defined functions Iterative functions Comments Data Form functions Audit functions Error messages Others actuarial uses of Excel
Excel Environment Commonly Used functions Vlookup function			
Access			
Access Environment Creating a database Editing a table Getting info in and out of a database	Creating Forms Sort and Filter functions Queries SQL queries	Keeping the information accurate Reports Sharing the database Security	Pages and Modules

**Evaluation:** Exam: 20% of the Excel/ Access portion  
 Assignment: 80% of the Excel/ Access portion

**Introduction to Axis (5 weeks)**

Introduce Basic Concepts Relative to Life Insurance	Give a high level view of Axis and Its Uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Definition of life insurance</li> <li>○ Different types of coverage available                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ term vs Whole life</li> <li>▪ universal vs. traditional</li> <li>▪ lapse supported product</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ introduce the concept of modules, datasets</li> <li>○ learn how to navigate within AXIS</li> <li>○ describe the concepts of Funds, Subfunds and Cells</li> <li>○ describe the mechanics of a cell</li> <li>○ learn to use certain functionalities: overrides, filters, etc...</li> <li>○ work through an case study of how Axis can be used to price a simple life insurance plan.</li> </ul>

**Evaluation:** 100% of the Axis portion will be tested through one assignment (no formal exam).