

**ACTU 386**  
Actuarial Math Lab II  
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**Introduction to Excel (5 weeks) – 40% of the overall score for the course**

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 functions 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 Lookup functions			

**Introduction to Access (4 weeks) – 30% of the overall score for the course**

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

**Introduction to Axis (4 weeks) – 30% of the overall score for the course**

Axis	
Introduction to the basic concepts relative to life insurance <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>	Introduce the concept of modules, datasets Learn how to navigate within AXIS Describe the concepts of Funds, Subfunds and Cells Describe the mechanics of a cell Learn to use certain functionalities: overrides, filters, etc... Work through an case study of how Axis can be used to price a simple life insurance plan.

**Evaluation:** Assignments 100%