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**Instructor:** [Dr. Cary Tsai](#)

**Prerequisite:**

ACMA 320

**Required Text:**

*Loss Models: From Data to Decisions 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.* By Klugman, Panger, and Willmot; Publisher Wiley

**References:**

Introduction to Probability Models (8<sup>th</sup> ed.) 2003, S.M. Ross

“Multi-State Transition Models with Actuarial Applications”, J.W. Daniel

ACTEX Manual for SOA Exam M (or CAS Exam 3), 2005, see website: [www.actexamdriver.com](http://www.actexamdriver.com)

**Calendar Description:**

Basic distributional quantities: moments, percentiles, generating functions and sums of random variables. Classifying and creating distributions. Frequency and severity with coverage modifications: deductibles, the loss elimination ratio and the effect of inflation for ordinary deductibles, policy limits, coinsurance. Aggregate loss models. Multi-state transition models with actuarial applications: non-homogeneous Markov chains, cash flows and their actuarial present values. The exponential distribution and the Poisson process. Covers part of the syllabus for Exam M of the Society of Actuaries, and Exam 3 of Casualty Actuarial Society.

**Outline:**

This course studies frequency and aggregate loss models. The topics covered correspond to part of the syllabus of Exam M of the Society of Actuaries (or Exam 3 of Casualty Actuarial Society)

**Grading Scheme:**

Assignments – 10%

Midterms (2) – 40%

Final Exam – 50%

The grading is subject to change.

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