

Smeal College of Business Recommended Academic Plan
Program Year 2015 (Students entering their major in Summer/Fall 2015 at University Park)
actual sequence/selection will vary

Risk Management (R M) with the Actuarial Science Option (ACTSC) – Effective Fall 2011

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1 st Semester		2 nd Semester	
PSU 006 – First Year Seminar	1	§ MGMT 301 – Basic Management Concepts	3
§ <i>ENGL 015 or 030 (GWS) – English Composition</i>	3	§ SCM 200 or STAT 200 (GQ) – Statistics	4
§ MATH 140 (GQ) – Calculus and Analytic Geometry I	4	§ MATH 141 – Calculus and Analytic Geometry II	4
§ <i>ECON 102 (GS) – Microeconomics</i>	3	† Foreign Language 002	4
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Semester Credits	15	Semester Credits	15
3 rd Semester		4 th Semester	
§ MKTG 301 – Principles of Marketing	3	§ FIN 301 – Corporation Finance	3
§ ACCTG 211 – Financial & Managerial Accounting	4	<i>ENGL 202D – Business Writing or Gen Education (GA/GH/GS)</i>	3
◆ MATH 231 – Calculus III	2	CAS 100 (GWS) – Speech Communication	3
† Foreign Language 003	4	STAT 414 – Probability Theory or General Education (GA/GH/GS)	3
<i>ECON 104 – Macroeconomics or General Education (GA/GH/GS)</i>	3	General Education Natural Sciences (GN)	3
Semester Credits	16	Semester Credits	15
5 th Semester		6 th Semester	
R M 301 – Risk & Decisions	3	R M 320W: Risk Management & Insurance	3
R M 410 – Compound Interest & Annuities	3	R M 411: Actuarial Mathematics I	3
General Education (GA/GH/GS) or STAT 414 – Probability Theory	3	B A 342 – Ethical Business Practices or MIS 204 – Business Information Systems	3
B LAW 341 – Business Law I: Contracts, Liability & Property	3	General Education (GA/GH/GS) or ECON 104 – Macroeconomics	3
General Education (GA/GH/GS) or <i>ENGL 202D – Business Writing</i>	3	General Education Health/KINES (GHA)	1.5
Semester Credits	15	Semester Credits	13.5
7 th Semester		8 th Semester	
R M 412 – Actuarial Mathematics II	3	R M 420 – Property and Casualty Insurance or R M 401 – Fundamentals of Private Pensions	3
R M 430 – Life and Health Insurance	3	General Education (GA/GH/GS)	3
B A 411 – Analyzing Business and Industry	3	General Education (GA/GH/GS)	3
MIS 204 – Business Information Systems or B A 342 – Ethical Business Practices	3	General Education Natural Science (GN)	3
General Education Natural Science (GN)	3	Electives	2
		General Education Health/KINES (GHA)	1.5
Semester Credits	15	Semester Credits	15.5

§ Entrance-to-Major courses must be finished by the end of the spring semester of the sophomore year.

† Students must complete 12th credit level in a foreign language. Credits vary based on skill level.

Courses in **Bold** required a grade of "C" or higher. Courses in *Italics* satisfy general education and degree requirements.

Students must take one IL and one US designated course. Courses designated as US/IL can be used for either requirement but cannot double count.

◆ Students can take MATH 230 (4) as an alternative to MATH 231 (2).

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Requirements for Program Year 2015

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The following bullets will assist students navigate the Actuarial Science option in Risk Management and towards preparation for the professional actuarial exams:

- R M 301 should be taken in the fall semester of the junior year.
- R M 320W should be taken in the spring semester of the junior year.
- R M 410 and R M 412 are offered in the fall semester only.
- R M 411 is offered in the spring semester only.
- Students pursuing an actuarial career should take all the VEE courses listed on the [Society of Actuaries](#) website before graduation. The Actuarial Science option meets the VEE requirements for Corporate Finance and Economics, but not for Applied Statistics. **Students must earn a 'B-' or better in all VEE courses.**
- Students should take **MATH 231 (or MATH 230)** and **STAT (MATH) 414** before the 5th semester, in order to sit for the Society of Actuaries Probability Exam as quickly as possible.

A. **PRESCRIBED COURSES** – Take all of the following prescribed courses (18 credits)

A grade of "C" or higher is required in all courses.

R M 301 – Risk and Decisions (3) [Prerequisite: FIN 301 or B A 301; MATH 110 or 140; and SCM 200 or STAT 200]

R M 410 – Compound Interest and Annuities (3) [Prerequisite R M 301; Concurrent STAT (MATH) 414]

R M 411 – Actuarial Mathematics I (3) [Prerequisite R M 410 and MATH (STAT) 414]

R M 412 – Actuarial Mathematics II (3) [Prerequisite R M 411]

R M 430 – Life and Health Insurance (3) [Prerequisite R M 320W or R M 302]

B. **PRESCRIBED COURSES: RISK RELATED** – Take the following MATH/STAT courses (5 credits)

A grade of "C" or higher is required

MATH 231 – Calculus of Several Variables (2) [Prerequisite MATH 141 or MATH 141H]

[Students can take MATH 230 (4) as an alternative to MATH 231 (2)]

MATH/STAT 414 – Introduction to Probability Theory (3) [Prerequisite MATH 230 or 231]

C. **ADDITIONAL COURSES: Core Risk Management** – Take the following course (3 credits)

R M 320W – Risk Management and Insurance (3) [Prerequisite: R M 301]

D. **ADDITIONAL COURSES: Risk Management** – Select three credits from the following (3 credits)

A grade of "C" or higher is required

R M 401 – Fundamentals of Private Pensions (3) [Prerequisite R M 320W or R M 302]

R M 420 – Property and Casualty Insurance (3) [Prerequisite R M 320W or R M 330W]