OVERVIEW
Actuarial science deals with the application of mathematics, statistics, and the principles of finance to the construction and management of insurance and pension systems. The curriculum prepares students for careers with insurance companies, consulting firms, and governmental agencies. Courses offered cover the material of the associateship examinations of the Society of Actuaries and the Casualty Actuarial Society, although it is not expected that a student will complete these examinations in the course of the undergraduate program.

MISSION
The actuarial science program distinguishes itself through leadership, innovation, community, connections, networks, and recognition.

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS
Actuarial Club (http://win.wisc.edu/organization/actclub)

HOW TO GET IN
Students wishing to pursue this major must be admitted to the School of Business. Once admitted, students are able to pursue any business major they choose. To find out more about the school's admissions process for undergraduate students, please see Entering the School (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/business/#enteringtheschooltext).

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatetestudytext) section of the Guide.

School of Business BBA Requirements
Complete requirements: (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/business/#requirementstext)

Pre-Business
Liberal Studies
Business Prep
Business Core
Business Breadth

ACTUARIAL SCIENCE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
The following courses are required for actuarial science majors. The Risk and Insurance Department also has course sequence information. Please be aware of stated prerequisites for major courses (including business core courses) that need to be completed before taking the course. Specific prerequisites can be found by clicking on the course number below.

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Students are encouraged to take MATH 234 Calculus—Functions of Several Variables before taking probability (MATH/STAT 431 Introduction to the Theory of Probability, STAT/MATH 309 Introduction to Probability and Mathematical Statistics I, or STAT 311 Introduction to Theory and Methods of Mathematical Statistics I), courses in risk management and insurance; finance; and computer science.

### UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

**Total Degree**  
To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

**Residency**  
Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

**Quality of Work**  
Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Graduates will recognize and explain the concept of risk, and apply the knowledge to the development of insurance products that are used to manage risk for the consumer as well as the risk of those products on the insurance organization.

2. Graduates will describe the actuarial profession, including the major professional organizations, the professional obligations of being an actuary, and the requirements to obtain and maintain a professional actuarial designation.

3. Graduates will demonstrate skills in critical thinking, quantitative analysis, and communication, as well as to develop an appreciation for actuarial theory, research, and the link to practical application.

4. Graduates will demonstrate the soft skills of being a professional.

5. Graduates will communicate their experiences and inspire others across the WSOB learning community.

### ADVISING AND CAREERS

**ADVISING**

**MEET THE ACADEMIC AND CAREER ADVISORS FOR ACTUARIAL SCIENCE**

Tara Milliken  
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Maggie Nowicki  
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Please visit the advising page (http://www.bus.wisc.edu/bba/mybiz/advising) for information on advising and appointments.

Contact wibbaadvising@bus.wisc.edu for questions regarding academic advising.

The Actuarial Club offers advising nights every fall semester to help students plan their course sequencing and professional exams. Additionally, students should use the following documents (https://bus.wisc.edu/bba/academics-and-programs/majors/4E50E872FC40499482A19F39073D05B.ashx) to help them prepare their course and exam schedule.

**CAREERS**

Actuaries are problem solvers with expertise in understanding and managing financial risk. They use historical information and models to help predict the future. Actuaries may specialize in life and health (risk of illness, disability or death), pensions (develop and analyze retirement programs) or property and casualty (personal property risks and risks associated with businesses).

Find out more about common industries and essential skills needed to be an actuary on the BBA Actuarial Science website (https://bus.wisc.edu/bba/academics-and-programs/majors/actuarial-science).

### PEOPLE

**FACULTY AND STAFF IN RISK AND INSURANCE**

Dan Anderson (https://bus.wisc.edu/faculty/dan-anderson), BA, MBA, Ph.D.  
Emeritus - Non-teaching
CERTIFICATION/LICENSE

There are several exams and credentials from the Casualty Actuarial Society (http://www.casact.org) and the Society of Actuaries (https://www.soa.org) that we prepare students to obtain during their undergraduate career. Students are encouraged to pass at least 2 actuarial exams before graduation in order to obtain an internship and/or job.

RESOURCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are good at math and are interested in pursuing a career as an actuary, apply for our High School Actuarial Scholarship. The first place award of $2,000 per year for four years will be given to a high school senior on the basis of mathematical aptitude and expressed interest in an actuarial career. The deadline for application is March 1, 2017. You can download the scholarship application here (http://bus.wisc.edu/%7E/media/bus/knowledge-expertise/academic-departments/asrmi/hs-outreach/hs-application-2017.pdf?la=en).