



ACMA 850 Theory of Pension

Spring 2008
Day Course

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Prerequisite:

ACMA 425 is recommended

Required Text:

A Problem Solving-Approach to Pension Funding and Valuation, 2nd Ed., W.H.Aitken, 1996, Publisher: ACTEX Publications.

References:

The Handbook of Canadian Pension and Benefit Plans, 12th ed., 2002, Publisher: CCH Canadian Limited.

Course Description:

Overview of pension plans: design, funding, regulation, accounting standards. Pension funding methods: actuarial cost methods, terminal funding method. Individual actuarial cost methods: accrual benefit cost method, entry-age actuarial cost method, unit-credit method, individual-level-premium method, attained-age-normal method. Group actuarial cost methods.

Grading Scheme:

Individual Assignments – 10%
Midterm – 20%
Project – 35%
Final Exam – 35%

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