Reading material:

Poisson Models:
Either Study note from the Society of Actuaries: Daniel “Poisson Processes and mixture distributions” (in course pack)

Aggregate Loss Models:

Markov Chains:
Study note from the Society of Actuaries: Daniel: “Multi-State Transition Models with Actuarial Applications” (in course pack)

Course pack: www.study.net. Password: INSR2010

Office hours: Tuesdays, 4:30-5:45; Thursdays, 12:30 – 1:30; and by appointment, JMHH 458 (lemaire@wharton.upenn.edu)

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Syllabus

Poisson Models
Lesson 1 (8/30): The Poisson process
Lesson 2 (9/1): The distribution of waiting times
Lesson 3 (9/6): Thinning. Non-homogeneous Poisson processes
Lesson 4 (9/8): The Compound Poisson process I
Lesson 5 (9/13): The Compound Poisson process II
Lesson 6 (9/15): Mixed Poisson processes
Lesson 7 (9/20): Mixed Poisson processes
Lesson 8 (9/22): Applications
Lesson 9 (9/27): Applications

Aggregate Loss Models
Lesson 10 (9/29) The compound model
Lesson 11 (10/4): Convolution of two random variables
Lesson 12 (10/11): The moments of aggregate losses
Lesson 13 (10/13): Normal approximations I
Lesson 14 (10/18): Normal approximations II
Lesson 15 (10/20): Net stop loss premiums
Lesson 16 (10/25): Examples

Markov Chains

Lesson 17 (10/27): Definition of a Markov Chain
Lesson 18 (11/1): Chapman – Kolmogorov equations
Lesson 19 (11/3): **Mid-term on Poisson Models and Aggregate Loss Models**
Open book, with SoA calculator. You may have in class: Textbooks, your class notes, a few pages with formulas. You may not have in class: ACTEX manuals or any other material. Exam counts for 50% of grade
Lesson 20 (11/8): The stationary distribution
Lesson 21 (11/10): Examples: Gambler’s ruin and credit scoring
Lesson 22 (11/15): Application to genetics
Lesson 23 (11/17): Example: Bonus-Malus systems in automobile insurance
Lesson 24 (11/22): Present value of cash flows in Markov Chains
Lesson 25 (11/29): Examples: Continuing care retirement community and Chinese Bonus-Malus System
Lesson 26 (12/1): Continuous Markov Chains.
Lesson 27 (12/6): Continuous Markov Chains
Lesson 28 (12/8): Application to Genetics

**Final exam on Markov Chains. Wednesday, December 21, 12:00 – 2:00 (50% of grade):** Same rules as mid-term.

Solutions to most course pack questions: [www.soa.org](http://www.soa.org). Click on Education and Exams, Past Exam and Solutions. Find exam session and click Solutions.