

MTSU ACTUARIAL MATH STUDENT ASSOCIATION (AMSA)
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

November is the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. We have a lot to be thankful for here at MTSU's actuarial science program. We are grateful for a great place, excellent program, supportive administration, wonderful faculty to work with, and talented students to serve. Of course, the thing we are most thankful for is the love we receive. Our hearts overflow with gratitude from the blessings we receive. Time flies, we are now in November for Thanksgiving and near to December for Christmas! Wishing you a very Happy Holiday Season! Here are some basic information and news items from the program to share:

- Actuarial science is a special discipline in training students to apply mathematical skills, statistical methods and computing techniques to manage risk and solve problems in insurance, financial investment, and pension programs. A career as an **actuary** is better described as a "business" career with a mathematical basis rather than as a "technical" mathematical career. The occupation of actuary has been ranked one of the best jobs based on a variety of factors for many years.
- The MTSU Actuarial Science program was founded over 30 years ago, in 1987. Dr. J.C. Hankins, an emeritus professor, was the founder and director of the program. This is a unique program in Tennessee awarding both graduate and undergraduate degrees in actuarial science. MTSU is a UCAP-AC school of the Society of Actuaries (SOA), a designation for the universities and colleges with actuarial science programs having an advanced curriculum.
- Nineteen (19) students graduated in May 2019 with a BS degree in Actuarial Science. In the fall semester of 2019, the enrollment number of actuarial students at MTSU exceeded 120, about triple the number from 10 years ago.
- The MTSU actuarial science graduate program has attracted excellent Out-of-State and abroad applicants. Among others, recent students include graduates from UC-Berkeley, UCLA, Dartmouth, Notre Dame, UT-Knoxville, and Washington University at St. Louis. Twenty-five (25) students graduated in actuarial science program with a MS degree in May/August 2019 after completing a capstone internship.
- In general, students pass two or more actuarial professional exams from the actuarial societies before graduation. More details of news from actuarial students can be found at the website <http://capone.mtsu.edu/amsa/Newsletter.htm>.
- As of 2019, over twenty-five (25) MTSU actuarial alumni have achieved associate or fellow of actuarial societies designations. In particular, two students achieved the ASA (Associate of the Society of Actuaries) designation before graduation with a MS degree in actuarial science. Many students received multiple job offers before graduation from the program.
- The Actuarial Math Student Association (AMSA) was established in 2005. The advisory board for the program was set up in the same year. AMSA hosts professional speakers for student activities regularly.
- Our MTSU actuarial science program has also received strong support from regional actuarial associations, including scholarships from the Casualty Actuarial of Southeast (CASE) and the Southeast Actuarial Conference (SEAC).

Actuarial Student Foundation

The Actuarial Student Foundation was created to support actuarial students in their actuarial career development. We appreciate for individuals and companies for contributions to this foundation. Check or money order should be payable to MTSU Actuarial Student Foundation (#92935) and mail it to:

Office of Development MTSU P.O. Box 109 Murfreesboro, TN 37132

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For any questions on MTSU actuarial science program, please contact Dr. Don Hong, don.hong@mtsu.edu.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT and HAPPY HOLIDAYS !!!