FSA Module Book List

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The SOA does not provide the required textbooks. Candidates are responsible for purchasing the books required for the FSA modules.

Financial and Health Economics (Finance/ERM, Investment, Individual Life & Annuities and Retirement Benefits track candidates)

Required Readings:

- Bodie, Zvi, Alex Kane, and Alan J. Marcus. 2009. *Investments*. Eighth Edition. New York: Irwin/McGraw-Hill.
- Hardy, M. 2003. *Investment Guarantees — Modeling and Risk Management for Equity-Linked Life Insurance*. Hoboken: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
- Swensen, Bruce. 2009. *Student Solutions Manual to Accompany Investments by Bodie, Kane and Marcus*. Eighth Edition. New York: McGraw-Hill Irwin.

Optional Readings:

- Berk, Jonathan and Peter Demarzo. 2011. *Corporate Finance*. Second Edition. Upper Saddle River: Pearson Education, Inc.
- Brealey, Richard, Stewart Myers and Franklin. Allen. 2011. *Principles of Corporate Finance*. Tenth Edition. New York: McGraw-Hill Irwin.
- Copeland, Thomas E., J. Fred Weston and Kuldeep Shastri. 2005. *Financial Theory and Corporate Policy*. Fourth Edition. New York: Pearson Education, Inc.
- Hull, John C. 2009. Options, Futures and Other Derivatives. Seventh Edition. Upper Saddle River: Pearson Education, Inc.
- McDonald, Robert L. 2006. Derivatives Markets. Second Edition. Boston: Pearson Education, Inc.

Financial and Health Economics (Group and Health track candidates)

Required Readings:

- Getzen, Thomas. 2010. *Health Economics and Financing*. Fourth Edition. Hoboken: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Optional Readings:

- Berk, Jonathan and Peter Demarzo. 2011. *Corporate Finance*. Second Edition. Upper Saddle River: Pearson Education, Inc.
- Copeland, Thomas E., J. Fred Weston and Kuldeep Shastri. 2005. *Financial Theory and Corporate Policy*. Fourth Edition. New York: Pearson Education, Inc.

Financial Reporting (Finance/ERM track candidates, Investment and Individual Life & Annuities track candidates selecting Financial Reporting)

Required Readings:

- Herget, R.T. and Buck, F. 2006. *U.S. GAAP for Life Insurers*. Second Edition. Society of Actuaries Current errata.
- Lombardi, L.J. 2006. *Valuation of Life Insurance Liabilities*. Fourth Edition. ACTEX

Optional Readings:

- Borgmann, F.F.J., Swales, J. and Welch, J.M., *Canadian Insurance Taxation*. Third Edition. 2009. PriceWaterhouseCoopers. LexisNexus, Canada, Inc.

Health Systems Overview (Group & Health track candidates)

Required Readings:

- Bodenheimer, Thomas S., and Grumbach, Kevin. 2005. *Understanding Health Policy: A Clinical Approach*. Fourth Edition. Lange Medical Books/McGraw-Hill **or** Bodenheimer, T.S and Grumbach, K., *Understanding Health Policy: A Clinical Approach*. 2009. Fifth Edition. Lange/McGraw Hill.

Candidates may use the Fourth, 2005 Edition or the Fifth 2009 Editions. The references are the same except as noted below.

Module Section	Module Page #	Reference for Fifth Edition
1	16	pages 26 and following of Chapter 3
2	4-6	Chapter 5
2	7 & 19	Chapter 6
3	9 & 10	page 159
5	2	pages 111-116
6	3	pages 116-126

- Getzen, Thomas. 2007. Health Economics and Financing. Third Edition. John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
- Scerbo, Margo, Dickstein, Craig, and Wilson, Alan. 2001. Health Care Data and SAS, SAS Press.

Investment Strategy (Investment track candidates)

Required Readings:

- J.L. Maginn, D.L. Tuttle, J.E. Pinto, D.W. McLeavey, *Managing Investment Portfolios: A Dynamic Process*. Third Edition. John Wiley and Sons, Inc, 2007.

- L.M. Tilman, *Asset/Liability Management of Financial Institutions*, Euromoney Institutional Advisor, 2003.

Optional Readings:

- R.A. Haugen, The New Finance: Overreaction, Complexity and Uniqueness. Fourth Edition. Prentice Hall, 2009.
- C.D. Ellis, Winning the Loser's Game: Timeless Strategies for Successful Investing, McGraw-Hill. Fifth Edition. 2009.
- M. Crouhy, D. Galai, R. Mark, *Risk Management*, Irwin/McGraw Hill, 2001.
- R. Litterman, *Modern Investment Management*, John Wiley and Sons, Inc, 2003.
- F. Fabozzi and D. Babbel, *Investment Management for Insurers*, Frank J. Fabozzi & Assoc., 1999.
- R. Lowenstein, When Genius Failed: The Rise and fall of Long-Term Capital Management, Random House Trade Paperbacks, 2001
- F. Fabozzi, *Handbook of Portfolio Management*, John Wiley & Sons, 1998, Chapters 20-21 and Chapter 33: Fixed Income.

Operational Risk (Finance/ERM track candidates, Investment and Individual Life and Annuities track candidates selecting Operational Risk)

Required Readings:

- Crouhy, M., Galai, D. and Mark, R. 2006, *The Essentials of Risk Management*, Irwin/McGraw Hill.

Regulation & Taxation (Individual Life & Annuities track candidates)

There are no required books. All readings are provided online.

Social Insurance (Retirement Benefits track candidates)

- *Fundamentals of Retiree Group Benefits,* Yamamoto, D., 2006, ACTEX
- *Morneau Sobeco Handbook of Canadian Pension and Benefit Plans*, 2005. 13th Edition. CCH Canadian. Candidates may also use the 14th Edition, 2008 see references below:

Module section	13th Edition	14th Edition
2	Chapter 3	Chapter 3
2	Chapter 12	Chapter 14
2	Chapter 15	Chapter 17
4	Ch 3, pp 77–79	Ch 3, pp 80–83

- *Individual Accounts for Social Security Reform: International Perspective on the U.S. Debate*, by John A. Turner, W. E. Upjohn Institute, 2005.

Pricing, Reserving & Forecasting (Group & Health track candidates)

Required Readings:

- Kongstvedt, P.R., 2001. *Managed Health Care Handbook*. Fourth Edition. Aspen Publishers.

Optional Readings:
The module also references syllabus material from the Group and Health Design and Pricing (DP) and Company Sponsor Perspective (CSP) exams as refreshers.

From DP Examination:

- Bluhm, W. F., 2003. *Group Insurance*. Fourth Edition. ACTEX Publications (Chapters 24, 28, 33 and 40) OR Bluhm, W. F., 2007. *Group Insurance*. Fifth Edition. ACTEX Publications (Chapters 26, 30, 35 and 42).
- Nelson, David R., 2002. *Economic Incentives in the Sale and Use of Health Insurance* (Study Note GH-D116-07/8GM-209-02), Society of Actuaries.
- Ullsperger, Dewayne E., Daniel E. Freier and Lynette L. Trygstad, 2000. *Monitoring and Projecting Pricing Trends in a Managed Care Environment* (Study Note GH-D112-07/8GM-202-00), Society of Actuaries.

From CSP Examination:

- *Dynamic Financial Condition Analysis Handbook*, 1996, Society of Actuaries Study Note GH-C112-07. Chapters 2 and 6.
- Clark, Kara L., 2005. "Taking a Closer Look at Enterprise Risk Management," Health Section News (August 2005), Society of Actuaries.
- Yamamoto, D., 2006. *Fundamentals of Retiree Group Benefits*, ACTEX Publications (Chapters 7 through 9 and Appendix B).

Decision Making and Communications (DMAC)

Required Readings:

- *Harvard Business Review on Decision Making, 2001, Harvard Business School Press.*
- Minto, Barbara, 1996. *The Minto Pyramid Principle: Logic in Writing, Thinking and Problem Solving*, Minto Books International.
- Wiskup, Mark, 2005. *Presentation S.O.S, From Perspiration to Persuasion in 9 Easy Steps*, Warner Business Books.