

You will need your textbook and a copy of the SOA Exam LTAM syllabus. Read all of the following instructions prior to beginning (you will find it useful to know what you are trying to accomplish before you start).

Check each assignment as it is completed, and turn this in on the **first day of class**.

I am expecting this portion of the assignment to take you between 1 and 3 hours (less than 1, you didn't dig in deep enough, more than 3 you probably are getting too nit-picky).

- _____ Read chapter 1 of your textbook, and answer # 1.10.
- _____ Go to the SOA website, download the LTAM syllabus, and print it out.
- _____ Scan through the table of contents of your textbook. Your goal is to get familiar with the terms and vocabulary.
- _____ Find the chapters/sections in your text that are part of the required readings for LTAM (see the end of the LTAM syllabus for this information).
Do not create a "definitions" list (it will not be useful). However, you may find it helpful to give a 2-5 word short definition/description for unfamiliar ideas on your printed LTAM syllabus.
- _____ Read section 1 of each of the chapters in the required reading (this is the Summary section in your book, a very important section, and is generally less than half a page long).
As you read, try to determine which topic/learning outcome of the syllabus is covered by that chapter. You may find that a section/chapter only partially covers a learning outcome, so you may need several sections/chapters to fully address a learning outcome, and a chapter may apply to more than one learning outcome in the LTAM syllabus.
You may also find the index in your textbook useful.
- _____ To the left of each learning outcome on the syllabus, make note of each chapter/section that you think will help you learn the necessary ideas for that learning outcome.

The goal of this assignment is to help you develop an overriding framework upon which you can build/layer the skills and knowledge necessary to pass LTAM as efficiently as possible. It will also give you the scope of the material you will need to learn to pass LTAM (and this course). And since one of the skills you will need as an actuary is to learn to develop this framework/scope, I will not "lecture" over this material. Remember, you must keep the big picture in view as you learn this material, since the material is highly integrated.

Mastery of any topic includes understanding how the ideas of that topic fit together. This assignment is intended to give you the bare bones of that fit for this course and is intended to give you a place to put new information so that you will be developing the whole picture throughout the year.

By signing, I certify that I completed each of the above marked assignments. _____