**COURSE DETAILS**

**Course Code:** F78AB  
**Full Course Title:** Actuarial and Financial Mathematics B  
**SCQF Level:** 8  
**SCAF Credits:** 7.5  
**Available as Elective:** No

**DELIVERY LEVEL**

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**Additional Information:**

**COURSE AIMS**

To introduce the student to more advanced mathematical models of cashflows accumulated or discounted at interest, and to develop skill in applying these models to real financial contracts and transactions.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES – SUBJECT MASTERY**

On completion of this course the student should be able to:

- Describe and calculate nominal rates of interest.
- Know how to value and accumulate continuously-payable cash flows and how to calculate internal rates of return for transactions with such cash flows.
- Define the duration and convexity of a cash flow sequence and illustrate how these may be used to estimate the sensitivity of the value of the cash flow sequence to changes in the rate of interest.
- Know how duration and convexity are used in the immunisation of a portfolio of liabilities.
- Show an understanding of the term structure of interest rates and of the main factors influencing this structure.
- Calculate the delivery price and the value of a forward contract, using arbitrage-free pricing methods and to explain what is meant by hedging in the case of a forward contract.
- Know how to calculate the value of various types of forward contracts at any time during their duration.
- Use an appropriate computer package to apply the methods introduced in this course.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES – PERSONAL ABILITIES**

- Interpreting problems from commercial practice in terms of relevant mathematical models
- Independently recognizing and applying appropriate mathematical techniques to solve problems
- Interpreting solutions expressed mathematically in terms of the original problem
- Communicating the solutions to complex problems in the financial services sector

**SYLLABUS**

- Nominal rates of interest
- Force of interest and continuous cash flows
- Duration and Redington's theory of immunization
- The term structure of interest rates
- Forward contracts

### COURSE RELATIONSHIPS

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