School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Mathematics (BS)

Mathematics is both a profession and an indispensable tool for many types of work. As a tool, mathematics is a universal language that has been crucial in formulating and expressing ideas not only in science and engineering, but also in many other areas such as business and the social sciences. As probably the oldest and most basic science, it provides the key to understanding the major technological achievements of our time.

Of equal importance, knowledge of mathematics may help provide a student with the type of uncompromising and clear-sighted thinking useful in considering the problems of many other disciplines. The Mathematics degree program encompasses mathematics, statistics, and applied mathematics.

Applied mathematics and statistics continue to enjoy a rapid growth. Students have the opportunity of applying their expertise to any of a number of fields of application. For the student to be more effective in such applications, Mathematics also offers degree programs allowing additional emphasis in the areas of actuarial science, computer science, electrical engineering, and management.

Those interested in obtaining both a BS in Mathematics and Teacher Certification in the state of Texas should consult the Teacher Development Center or UTeach Dallas office for specific requirements as soon as possible after formal admission to the university. See the Teacher Education Certification Programs section of the catalog for additional information.

The Mathematics degree program also prepares students for graduate studies. An accelerated BS/MS Fast Track program is available which provides the opportunity for undergraduate students to satisfy some of the requirements of the master's degree while they are completing the bachelor's degree in Mathematics.

Faculty

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The Program in Mathematics

Students seeking a degree in Mathematics may specialize in Mathematics, Statistics, or Applied Mathematics, and receive a BS degree. Each specialization allows some flexibility in electives so that students can better adapt their degree plans to their educational goals.

Mathematics Specialization: For students interested in a career in mathematics and for students interested in continuing on to graduate work in mathematics, applied mathematics, math education, and related areas.

Statistics Specialization: For students interested in probability and statistical models and their use in data analysis and decision-making and for students interested in continuing on to graduate work in statistics, biostatistics, actuarial science, and other statistics related areas.

Applied Mathematics Specialization: For students interested in mathematics for the purpose of using it broadly in various areas of application and for students interested in continuing on to graduate work in applied mathematics and related areas.

The UTeach option may be added to the BS degree in Mathematics. UTeach Dallas Option degree plans are streamlined to allow students to complete both a rigorous Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree and all coursework for middle or high school teacher certification in four years. Teaching Option degrees require deep content knowledge combined with courses grounded in the latest research on math and science education. While most graduates go on to classroom teaching, UTeach alums are also prepared to enter graduate school and to work in discipline related industry.

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Degree Requirements (120 semester credit hours)¹

All majors with specialization in either Mathematics or Statistics are strongly urged to meet with assigned departmental advisors every semester.
I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours

**Communication: 6 semester credit hours**

- **COMM 1311** Survey of Oral and Technology-based Communication
- **RHET 1302** Rhetoric

**Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours**

- **MATH 2417** Calculus I

**Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours**

*Mathematics/Applied Mathematics Specialization*

- **PHYS 2325** Mechanics
  - or **PHYS 2421** Honors Physics I - Mechanics and Heat
- **PHYS 2326** Electromagnetism and Waves
  - or **PHYS 2422** Honors Physics II - Electromagnetism and Waves

*Statistics Specialization*

- **PHYS 2325** Mechanics
  - or **PHYS 2421** Honors Physics I - Mechanics and Heat
- **PHYS 2326** Electromagnetism and Waves
  - or **PHYS 2422** Honors Physics II - Electromagnetism and Waves

Or

- **CHEM 1311** General Chemistry I
- **CHEM 1312** General Chemistry II

**Language, Philosophy and Culture: 3 semester credit hours**

- **HUMA 1301** Exploration of the Humanities

Or

- Select any 3 semester credit hours from Language, Philosophy and Culture core courses (see advisor)

**Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours**

- **ARTS 1301** Exploration of the Arts
Or

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Creative Arts core courses (see advisor)

American History: 6 semester credit hours

Select any 6 semester credit hours from American history core courses (see advisor)

Government/Political Science: 6 semester credit hours

GOVT 2305 American National Government
GOVT 2306 State and Local Government

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from Social and Behavioral Sciences core courses (see advisor)

Component Area Option: 6 semester credit hours

MATH 2417 Calculus I
MATH 2419 Calculus II
PHYS 2125 Physics Laboratory I

II. Major Requirements: 48 semester credit hours

Major Preparatory Courses: 15-16 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum

For Mathematics Specialization

PHYS 2125 Physics Laboratory I
PHYS 2325 Mechanics
PHYS 2126 Physics Laboratory II
PHYS 2326 Electromagnetism and Waves

For Statistics Specialization

PHYS 2125 Physics Laboratory I
PHYS 2325 Mechanics
PHYS 2126 Physics Laboratory II
PHYS 2326 Electromagnetism and Waves

Or

CHEM 1311 General Chemistry I
CHEM 1312 General Chemistry II

For All

CS 1337 Computer Science I

MATH 2417 Calculus I

MATH 2418 Linear Algebra

MATH 2419 Calculus II

MATH 2420 Differential Equations with Applications

MATH 2451 Multivariable Calculus with Applications

Major Core Courses: 21 semester credit hours

MATH 3310 Theoretical Concepts of Calculus

MATH 3311 Abstract Algebra I

MATH 3379 Complex Variables

MATH 4301 Mathematical Analysis I

MATH 4302 Mathematical Analysis II

MATH 4334 Numerical Analysis

STAT 4351 Probability

Major Related Courses: 12 semester credit hours

Applied Mathematics Specialization

MATH 4341 Topology

MATH 4355 Methods of Applied Mathematics

MATH 4362 Partial Differential Equations

STAT 4382 Stochastic Processes

Mathematics Specialization

MATH 3312 Abstract Algebra II

MATH 3380 Differential Geometry

MATH 4341 Topology

3 semester credit hours upper-division guided elective

Statistics Specialization

STAT 3355  Data Analysis for Statisticians and Actuaries
STAT 4352  Mathematical Statistics
STAT 4382  Stochastic Processes

3 semester credit hours upper-division guided elective

III. Elective Requirements: 30 semester credit hours

Electives: 30 semester credit hours

All students are required to take at least six hours of electives outside their major field of study. These must be either upper-division classes or lower-division classes that have prerequisites.

Both lower- and upper-division courses may count as electives, but the student must complete at least 51 hours of upper-division courses to qualify for graduation.

BS in Actuarial Science

The department offers a BS in Actuarial Science (see the program within this catalog for additional information).

Mathematics or Statistics with Computer Science Emphasis

Applied Mathematics Specialization or Statistics Specialization together with following courses:

CS 2305  Discrete Mathematics for Computing I
CS 2336  Computer Science II
CS 3305  Discrete Mathematics for Computing II
CS 3376  C/C++ Programming in a UNIX Environment
CS 3345  Data Structures and Introduction to Algorithmic Analysis
CS 4337  Organization of Programming Languages
CS 3340  Computer Architecture

Mathematics or Statistics with Electrical Engineering Emphasis

Applied Mathematics Specialization or Statistics Specialization together with following courses:

EE 3101  Electrical Network Analysis Laboratory
EE 3111  Electronic Circuits Laboratory
EE 3120  Digital Circuits Laboratory
EE 3301  Electrical Network Analysis
EE 3311  Electronic Circuits  
EE 3320  Digital Circuits  
EE 4301  Electromagnetic Engineering I  

Mathematics or Statistics with Management Emphasis

Mathematics Specialization, Applied Mathematics Specialization or Statistics Specialization together with following courses:

ACCT 2301  Introductory Financial Accounting  
ACCT 2302  Introductory Management Accounting  
BLAW 2301  Business and Public Law  
FIN 3320  Business Finance  
MIS 3300  Introduction to Management Information Systems  
OBHR 3310  Organizational Behavior

NOTE: Students transferring into Mathematics at the upper-division level are expected to have completed all of the 1000- and 2000- level mathematics core course requirements.

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with UTeach Option

Degree Requirements (120-121 semester credit hours)  

I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours  

Communication: 6 semester credit hours

COMM 1311  Survey of Oral and Technology-based Communication  
RHET 1302  Rhetoric

Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours

MATH 2417  Calculus I  

Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours

Mathematics/Applied Mathematics Specialization

PHYS 2325  Mechanics  

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**Statistics Specialization**

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**GOVT 2305** American National Government

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**Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester credit hours**

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**Component Area Option: 6 semester credit hours**

**MATH 2417** Calculus I

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II. Major Requirements: 51-52 semester credit hours

Major Preparatory Courses: 15-16 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum

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PHYS 2126 Physics Laboratory II
PHYS 2326 Electromagnetism and Waves

For Statistics Specialization

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PHYS 2325 Mechanics
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Or

CHEM 1311 General Chemistry I
CHEM 1312 General Chemistry II

For All

CS 1337 Computer Science I
MATH 2417 Calculus I
MATH 2418 Linear Algebra
MATH 2419 Calculus II
MATH 2420 Differential Equations with Applications
MATH 2451 Multivariable Calculus with Applications

Major Core Courses: 24 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum

MATH 3310 Theoretical Concepts of Calculus
MATH 3311 Abstract Algebra I
MATH 3379 Complex Variables
MATH 4301 Mathematical Analysis I
MATH 4302 Mathematical Analysis II
MATH 4334 Numerical Analysis
STAT 4351 Probability

Major Related Courses: 12 semester credit hours

Applied Mathematics Specialization

MATH 4341 Topology
MATH 4355 Methods of Applied Mathematics
MATH 4362 Partial Differential Equations
STAT 4382 Stochastic Processes

Mathematics Specialization

MATH 3312 Abstract Algebra II
MATH 3321 Geometry
MATH 4341 Topology

3 semester credit hours upper-division guided elective

Statistics Specialization

STAT 3355 Data Analysis for Statisticians and Actuaries
STAT 4352 Mathematical Statistics
STAT 4382 Stochastic Processes

3 semester credit hours upper-division guided elective

III. Elective Requirements: 27 semester credit hours

UTeach Requirements: 27 semester credit hours

NATS 1141 UTeach STEP 1
NATS 1143 UTeach STEP 2
NATS 3341 Knowing and Learning in Mathematics and Science
NATS 3343 Classroom Interactions
HIST 3328 History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine
NATS 4390 Research Methods
NATS 4341 Project-Based Instruction
NATS 4694 UTeach Apprentice Teaching, 8-12 Science and Mathematics
  or NATS 4696 UTeach Apprentice Teaching, 4-8 Science and Mathematics
NATS 4141 UTeach Apprentice Teaching Seminar
MATH 3303 Introduction to Mathematical Modeling

Fast Track Baccalaureate/Master’s Degrees

For students interested in pursuing graduate studies in Mathematics, the Mathematics Department offers an accelerated BS / MS Fast Track that involves taking graduate courses instead of several advanced undergraduate courses. Acceptance into the Fast Track is based on the student’s attaining a GPA (grade point average) of at least 3.200 in all mathematics classes and being within 30 hours of graduation. Fast Track students may, during their senior year, take 15 graduate semester credit hours that may be used to complete the baccalaureate degree. After admission to the graduate program, these 15 graduate semester credit hours may also satisfy requirements for the master’s degree. Fast Track programs are offered in mathematics with specializations in applied mathematics and statistics.

1. Incoming freshmen must complete and pass UNIV 1010 Freshman Seminar and the corresponding school-related freshman seminar course. Students, including transfer students, who complete their core curriculum at UT Dallas must take UNIV 2020.

2. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from institutions of higher education. The courses listed are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.

3. A required Major course that also fulfills Core Curriculum requirements. If semester credit hours are counted in the Core Curriculum, students must complete additional coursework to meet the minimum requirement for graduation. Course selection assistance is available from the undergraduate advisor.

4. Three semester credit hours of Calculus are counted to fulfill the Mathematics Core Requirement with the remaining five semester credit hours to be counted under Component Area Option Core.

5. Six semester credit hours of Physics are counted under Science core, and one semester hour of Physics (PHYS 2125) is counted under Component Area Core.

6. Indicates a prerequisite class to be completed before enrolling in upper-division classes.

7. MATH 2417 and MATH 2419 requirements can be fulfilled by completing MATH 2413, MATH 2414, and MATH 2415.

8. Approval of Mathematics department advisor required.

9. Six semester credit hours of Physics are counted under Science core, and one semester credit hour of Physics (PHYS 2125) is counted under Component Area Core.
10. Another MATH course, i.e. MATH 3380, may be substituted if MATH 3321 is not offered.

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