School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

The School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (NS&M) houses six departments, each with graduate programs: Biological Sciences (MS, PhD); Chemistry and Biochemistry (MS, PhD); Geosciences (MS, PhD); Mathematical Sciences, emphasizing Applied Mathematics and Statistics and Actuarial Science (MS, PhD); Physics (MS, PhD); and Science and Mathematics Education (Master of Arts in Teaching). In addition, there are three interdisciplinary degrees offered: Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (MS) and Geospatial Information Sciences (MS, PhD). Each program is relatively small and thus able to provide excellent graduate student - faculty contact, while maintaining a strong research program. Increasingly, departments interact with each other in research, allowing interdisciplinary efforts to flourish. A number of well-funded Research Centers and Institutes are also housed in NS&M; these allow graduate students to approach real world, cutting edge research problems while working side by side with professional research staff and internationally recognized faculty. They are: the Center for Applied Biology; the Center for Lithospheric Studies; the UT Dallas NanoTech Institute; the Center for Quantum Electronics; and the Center for Space Sciences.

Degrees Offered

**Biological Sciences**

- [Master of Science in Biotechnology](#) (36 semester credit hours minimum)
- [Master of Science in Molecular and Cell Biology](#) (36 semester credit hours minimum)
- [Doctor of Philosophy in Molecular and Cell Biology](#) (75 semester credit hours minimum beyond the baccalaureate degree)

**Chemistry and Biochemistry**

- [Master of Science in Chemistry](#) (30 semester credit hours minimum)
- [Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry](#) (75 semester credit hours minimum beyond the baccalaureate degree)

**Geosciences**

- [Master of Science in Geosciences](#) (36 semester credit hours minimum)
- [Doctor of Philosophy in Geosciences](#) (75 semester credit hours minimum beyond the baccalaureate degree)

**Mathematical Sciences**

- [Master of Science in Actuarial Science](#) (36 semester credit hours minimum)
- [Master of Science in Mathematics - Specialization in Applied Mathematics](#) (36 semester credit hours minimum)
• Master of Science in Mathematics - Specialization in Data Science (36 semester credit hours minimum)
• Master of Science in Mathematics - Specialization in Engineering Mathematics (36 semester credit hours minimum)
• Master of Science in Mathematics - Specialization in Mathematics (36 semester credit hours minimum)
• Master of Science in Statistics - Specialization in Applied Statistics (36 semester credit hours minimum)
• Master of Science in Statistics - Specialization in Data Science (36 semester credit hours minimum)
• Master of Science in Statistics - Specialization in Statistics (36 semester credit hours minimum)
• Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics (75 semester credit hours minimum beyond the baccalaureate degree)
• Doctor of Philosophy in Statistics (75 semester credit hours beyond the baccalaureate degree)

Physics
• Master of Science in Physics (30 semester credit hours minimum)
• Doctor of Philosophy in Physics (75 semester credit hours minimum beyond the baccalaureate degree)

Science and Mathematics Education
• Master of Arts in Teaching in Science Education (36 semester credit hours minimum)
• Master of Arts in Teaching in Mathematics Education (36 semester credit hours minimum)

Interdisciplinary Studies
• Master of Science in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (36 semester credit hours minimum)
• Master of Science in Geospatial Information Sciences (30 semester credit hours minimum)
• Doctor of Philosophy in Geospatial Information Sciences (75 semester credit hours minimum beyond the baccalaureate degree)

Certificates Offered
• Graduate Certificate in Data Science

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