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 Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (36 semester credit hours minimum)
- 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)
- Master of Science in Geospatial Information Sciences (36 semester credit hours minimum)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Geosciences (75 semester credit hours minimum beyond the baccalaureate degree)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Geospatial Information Sciences (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 Bioinformatics and Computational Biology** (36 semester credit hours minimum)

**Master of Science in Mathematics** (36 semester credit hours minimum)
  - **MS in Mathematics - Specialization in Applied Mathematics**
  - **MS in Mathematics - Specialization in Engineering Mathematics**
  - **MS in Mathematics - Specialization in Mathematics**
  - **MS in Mathematics - Specialization in Data Science**

**Master of Science in Statistics** (36 semester credit hours minimum)
  - **MS in Statistics - Specialization in Statistics**
  - **MS in Statistics - Specialization in Applied Statistics**
  - **MS in Statistics - Specialization in Data Science**

**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

- **Certificate in Data Science** (12 semester credit hours)

1. Program jointly offered by the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences and School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.
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