

Applied Mathematics Major

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Mathematics has been described as the Queen of the Sciences. Mathematics is the language of quantitative information and structure. Quantitative information is acquired, classified and processed according to mathematical models of physical phenomena with mathematical tools. There is a wide range of applications even of the most pure of mathematical disciplines. Cryptography is based on algebra, signal processing is based on Fourier Analysis, and important applications have arisen from topology to physics. Our department offers unique research opportunities for undergraduates in mathematical biology, scientific computing, and finance mathematics as well as algebra, geometry, and analysis.

The Department of Mathematics offers an ample selection of courses leading to a bachelor of science degree in mathematics, applied mathematics, and actuarial mathematics as well as various courses for non-majors. We also offer the possibility of joint majors in mathematics-economics and mathematics-philosophy (see separate sheets for joint majors). Each of the department's majors has its own philosophy and its own formal requirements. For additional information, visit the Department of Mathematics Web site.

Required courses for the Applied Mathematics major

The Applied Mathematics major requires the completion of 37 credits in mathematics distributed as follows.

Calculus courses

MATH 0220 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 1

MATH 0230 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 2

MATH 0240 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 3

Introductory theoretical courses

MATH 0413 Introduction to Theoretical Mathematics

MATH 0420 Introduction to Theory 1-Variable Calculus

Upper-level required courses

MATH 1180 Linear Algebra 1 or 1185 Honors Linear Algebra

MATH 1270 Ordinary Differential Equations 1

One (1) of the following

MATH 1110 Industrial Mathematics

MATH 1360 Modeling in Applied Math 1

One (1) of the following numerical math courses

MATH 1070 Numerical Mathematical Analysis

MATH 1080 Numerical Linear Algebra

MATH 1100 Linear Programming

MATH 1110 Industrial Mathematics

One (1) of the following applied analysis courses

MATH 1550 Vector Analysis and Applications

MATH 1560 Complex Variables and Applications

MATH 1570 Transform Methods in Applied Math

One (1) of the following differential equations courses or

an additional Numerical Math or Applied Analysis course

MATH 1280 Ordinary Differential Equations 2

MATH 1470 Partial Differential Equations 1

MATH 1480 Partial Differential Equations 2

Physics courses

PHYS 0174 Basic Physics for Science and Engineering 1

PHYS 0175 Basic Physics for Science and Engineering 2

One (1) Computer Science course

CS 0007 Introduction to Computer Programming

CS 0132 Programming in C/Guide to Unix Operating Sys

CS 0401 Intermediate Programming using Java

One (1) Statistics course

STAT 1000 Introduction to Applied Statistics

STAT 1151 Introduction to Probability

Recommended courses: Students interested in graduate study are strongly advised to take MATH 1530 and MATH 1540. These courses may be substituted for the Applied Analysis course and the Differential Equations course respectively. Students interested in pursuing secondary education certification in mathematics are required to take MATH 0430, MATH 1020, MATH 1230, and MATH 1290 in addition to the courses required for the major.

Grade requirements: A grade of 'C' or better is required in each course that is to count toward the major. A minimum GPA of 2.0 in departmental courses is required for graduation.

Satisfactory/No Credit option: No course that counts toward the major can be taken on an S/NC basis.

Writing (W) requirement: Students must complete at least one (1) W-course in the major.

Related area: A minimum of 12 credits is required in any one (1) of the Arts and Sciences departments listed on the back of this sheet chosen in consultation with the major advisor.

Honors major requirements

Honors in Applied Mathematics is granted if the student:

1. Completes the following courses with a grade of 'B' or better:
 - a. MATH 1470
 - b. MATH 1530
 - c. MATH 1540
 - d. a 2000 level course in lieu of a 1000 level elective
2. Completes an honors thesis under the direction of a member of the mathematics faculty or completes a 2000 level course in lieu of the honors thesis; and
3. Completes all other requirements for the major.

Note: The statistics requirement is waived for students seeking honors in Applied Mathematics.

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Checklist for the Applied Mathematics major

Calculus courses

_____ MATH 0220
_____ MATH 0230 / MATH 0235
_____ MATH 0240

Introductory theoretical courses

_____ MATH 0413 / MATH 0450 *
_____ MATH 0420

* Students who successfully complete MATH 0450 are exempted from taking MATH 0420.

Upper level required courses

_____ MATH 1110 / MATH 1360
_____ MATH 1180 / MATH 1185
_____ MATH 1270

One (1) numerical math course

_____ MATH 1070
_____ MATH 1080
_____ MATH 1100
_____ MATH 1110

One (1) applied analysis course

_____ MATH 1550
_____ MATH 1560
_____ MATH 1570
_____ MATH 1530

One (1) differential equations course

_____ MATH 1280
_____ MATH 1470
_____ MATH 1480
_____ MATH 1540
_____ an additional Numerical Math or Applied Analysis course

Physics courses

_____ PHYS 0174 / PHYS 0475
_____ PHYS 0175 / PHYS 0476

One (1) Computer Science course

_____ CS 0007
_____ CS 0132
_____ CS 0401

One (1) Statistics course

_____ STAT 1000
_____ STAT 1151

Approved Related Area departments and courses

Biological Sciences

_____ BIOSC 0150 / BIOSC 0715
_____ BIOSC 0050
_____ BIOSC 0160 / BIOSC 0716
_____ BIOSC 0060
_____ BIOSC 0370
_____ BIOSC 0390

Chemistry*

_____ CHEM 0110 / CHEM 0710 / CHEM 0760 / CHEM 0960
_____ CHEM 0120 / CHEM 0720 / CHEM 0770 / CHEM 0970
_____ CHEM 0310 / CHEM 0730
_____ CHEM 0330
_____ CHEM 1410
_____ CHEM 1430
_____ CHEM 1450

Computer Science

_____ CS 0007
_____ CS 0132
_____ CS 0401
_____ CS 0441
_____ CS 0445
_____ CS 1501
_____ CS 1510
_____ CS 1515

Economics*

_____ ECON 0100
_____ ECON 0110
_____ ECON 0120 (in lieu of 0100 and 0110)
_____ ECON 1100
_____ ECON 1110
_____ ECON 1150
_____ ECON 1180
_____ ECON 1200

Physics*

_____ PHYS 0174 or 0475
_____ PHYS 0175 or 0476
_____ PHYS 0219 or 0577
_____ PHYS 0368
_____ PHYS 1119
_____ PHYS 1120

* Note: These departments offer official minors.