

MATHEMATICS MAJOR: CONCENTRATION IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

Admission Requirements for the Mathematics Major

Rigorous high school coursework and strong SAT scores with above average grades in mathematics and computer science courses.

Requirements for a Major in Mathematics

Students must complete a core of six mathematics courses and one computer science class and in addition select one of three concentrations.

| Code | Title | Credits |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| MA-200 | Calculus I | 4 |
| MA-201 | Calculus II | 4 |
| MA-240 | Theory of Proof | 4 |
| MA-260 | Linear Algebra | 3 |
| MA-310 | Calculus III | 4 |
| MA-470 | Capstone Experience | 3 |
| <i>Ancillary Course</i> | | |
| CS-135 | Programming for Non-CS Majors | 3 |
| Total Credits | | 25 |

MA-200, MA-201 and MA-240 must be completed with grades of at least C- by the end of the sophomore year. A student may only retake any of these courses at most once to increase a grade below C-; and may retake at most two of these courses to increase a grade below C-.

Requirements for the Concentration in Secondary Education

| Code | Title | Credits |
|----------------------|---|-----------|
| MA-302 | Probability and Statistics | 3 |
| MA-309 | Topics in Mathematics for Middle and Secondary Teachers | 3 |
| MA-340 | Modern Geometry | 3 |
| MA-405 or MA-410 | Abstract Algebra Real Analysis | 3 |
| MA-360 | Number Theory | 3 |
| MA-303 | Mathematical Modeling | 3 |
| Total Credits | | 18 |

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Students are required to meet with their department advisor to review their upcoming semester academic choices. A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation.

Department of Mathematics: Mathematics Major Concentration in Secondary Education Sample Timeline for Completion of Degree

| Year One | | |
|----------------|---|--------------|
| Semester One | | Credits |
| LASC | First-Year Seminar (FYS) | 3 |
| EN-101 | College Writing I | 3 |
| MA-200 | Calculus I | 4 |
| CS-135 | Programming for Non-CS Majors (QR) | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (GP) | 3 |
| Credits | | 16 |
| Semester Two | | Credits |
| EN-102 | College Writing II | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (CON) | 3 |
| MA-201 | Calculus II | 4 |
| MA-240 | Theory of Proof ¹ | 4 |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| Credits | | 17 |
| Year Two | | |
| Semester Three | | Credits |
| MA-310 | Calculus III | 4 |
| MA-260 | Linear Algebra | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (NSP) | 3-4 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (CA) | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (NSP) | 3 |
| Credits | | 16-17 |
| Semester Four | | Credits |
| MA-360 | Number Theory | 3 |
| MA-303 | Mathematical Modeling (or MA Elective) | 3 |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (NSP LAB) | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (USW) | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |
| Year Three | | |
| Semester Five | | Credits |
| MA-302 | Probability and Statistics | 3 |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| MA-340 | Modern Geometry | 3 |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (HBS) | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |
| Semester Six | | Credits |
| MA-405 | Abstract Algebra ⁴ | 3 |
| MA-303 | Mathematical Modeling ⁵ | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (ICW) | 3 |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective (TLC) | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |
| Year Four | | |
| Semester Seven | | Credits |
| MA-309 | Topics in Mathematics for Middle and Secondary Teachers | 3 |
| MA-410 | Real Analysis ⁴ | 3 |
| MA-470 | Capstone Experience (WAC) | 3 |

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| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective | 3 |
| Credits | | 15 |
| Semester Eight | | |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| LASC | LASC Elective | 3 |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| SELECT | General Elective | 3 |
| Credits | | 12 |
| Total Credits | | 121-122 |

¹ DualMath/CS majors may substitute Discrete Math I with permission of department.

⁴ Only one of MA-405 or MA-410 is required.

⁵ If not taken in semester 4.

Once LASC requirements are satisfied, students may select general requirements. Students are required to meet with their department advisor to review their upcoming semester academic choices. A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation.

Students should consult with their advisors about minoring in secondary education.