Mathematics or Applied Mathematics

A degree in mathematics is useful for those seeking careers in fields in which analytical skills are a requirement such as teaching, business, and data science.

The traditional mathematics major is appropriate if students plan to teach or continue their education after graduation, or if they seek an interesting major within the liberal arts.

The applied mathematics major is suggested if a student plans a career in actuarial work, industrial mathematics, or applied statistics.

The minor in mathematics consists of 21 units of required course work. Please refer to the Degree Requirements section for more information.

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Degree Requirements

BS in Mathematics or Applied Mathematics

All University College undergraduate students must satisfy the same general-education requirements (http://bulletin.wustl.edu/prior/2016-17/undergrad/ucollege/bachelors/#degreerequirements).

Required for all mathematics majors:

Math 155  Calculus I  3
Math 156  Calculus II  3
Math 255  Calculus III  3
Math 256  Calculus IV  3

In addition to the required courses, students should select relevant courses in the social and physical sciences to complement and augment their major.

Traditional Mathematics Major Requirements

Mathematics majors should take Math 3101 Foundations for Higher Mathematics as one of these courses. In addition to the calculus sequence and Math 3101, 15 units of 300- and 400-level courses must be completed successfully.

A sample of 300- and 400-level courses available:

Math 305  Probability and Statistics I  3
Math 309  Linear Algebra I  3
Math 429  Linear Algebra  3
Math 493  Probability  3
Math 494  Mathematical Statistics  3

Applied Mathematics Major Requirements

Applied mathematics majors should take Math 133 Programming with Python. In addition to the calculus sequence and Math 133, 15 units of 300- and 400-level courses must be completed successfully.

A sample of 300- and 400-level courses available:

Math 305  Probability and Statistics I  3
Math 309  Linear Algebra I  3
Math 322  Biostatistics  3
Math 429  Linear Algebra  3
Math 439  Linear Statistical Methods  3
Math 475  Statistical Computation  3
Math 493  Probability  3
Math 494  Mathematical Statistics  3

The Minor in Mathematics

To earn a minor in mathematics, 21 credits of mathematics courses must be completed, of which at least 9 units must be advanced course work (300-level or above). Suggested course work:

Math 133  Programming with Python  3
Math 155  Calculus I  3
Math 156  Calculus II  3
Math 255  Calculus III  3
Math 256  Calculus IV  3
Math 301  Differential Equations I or Math 309  Linear Algebra I
Math 305  or Math 205  Probability and Statistics I 3
or Math 305  Applied Statistics

Total units 21

Courses


U20 Math 101
Credit 3 units.
U20 Math 1011 Introduction to Statistics
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 123
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 125
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 126
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 131 Calculus I
Derivatives of algebraic, trigonometric, and transcendental functions, techniques of differentiation, Mean Value Theorem, applications of the derivative. The definite integral and Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. Areas. Simpler integration techniques. Prerequisites: high school algebra and precalculus, including trigonometry.
Same as L24 Math 131
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS, QA A&S IQ: NSM, AN Art: NSM

U20 Math 133 Programming with Python
An introductory course for students with little or no programming experience. Topics include the software development process, documentation, debugging, and testing within the commonly used Python environment. At the end of the course students should be able to write and debug basic programs to display and interpret data using accepted programming conventions and styles.
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 140 Algebra
The basic rules for operation within the real number system, polynomials, linear and quadratic equations, and inequalities. Prerequisite: one year of high school algebra or equivalent.
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 141 Topics in Precalculus
Topics in algebra, functions, graphs, and logarithmic and exponential functions. U20-141 and 142 serve as preparation for the calculus sequence. Prerequisite: U20-140 or familiarity with elementary algebra through quadratic equations.
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 142
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 145
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 149
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 154
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 155 Calculus I
First course in differential calculus covering functions, limits, continuity, derivatives, techniques of differentiation, and applications including maxima and minima of functions, curve sketching, related rates and rectilinear motion, mean value theorem. Prerequisite: U20-142 or equivalent, including trigonometry.
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 156 Calculus II
Continuation of U20-155, starting with a brief review of definitions and formulas. The concept of the integral; the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus; techniques of integration; application of the integral including areas, volume, and work; differential and integral calculus with elementary transcendental functions. Prerequisite: U20-155 or equivalent.
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 205 Applied Statistics
This is a first course in statistics with examples and applications from a variety of disciplines, and emphasis on the social, behavioral and natural sciences. Students will learn about key topics and statistical methods that may be applied to areas such as economics, mathematics, psychology, business, and health sciences, to name a few. The course will provide a foundation in descriptive and inferential statistics, and in probability. Students will learn numerical and graphical methods of describing data and will study some of the more common distributions. Topics to be covered include hypothesis testing, confidence-interval estimation, correlation, regression, analysis of variance, contingency tables, quality control, and nonparametric statistics. This course may be applied to University College majors in economics, managerial economics, mathematics, and political science. This course is entirely web-based, with all course components online. Students must have access to the internet, have an email account, and have some familiarity with Microsoft Excel to take the course. Prerequisite: College Algebra. The instructor will contact students after they register to provide technical details about getting started online.
Credit 3 units. UColl: OLI

U20 Math 209
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 210 The Art of Mathematical Thinking
Mathematics plays an important role in society, from engineering to architecture to the social and behavioral sciences. This course will expose non-math majors to fascinating sides of mathematics that are typically not discussed in standard math courses. Students will learn effective thinking techniques with applications beyond standard mathematics, and discover exciting ideas and new perspectives about the world. We will look at questions like: What do rabbits, piano keyboards, and pine cones have to do with the Parthenon? What do secret codes and bar codes have to do with number systems and prime numbers? What are some
uses and misuses of mathematics in everyday life? Why are coincidences not so amazing after all? Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 210J
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 211
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 212
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 217
Same as L24 Math 217
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS, QA A&S IQ: NSM, AN

U20 Math 233
Same as L24 Math 233
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS, QA A&S IQ: NSM, AN Art: NSM

U20 Math 255 Calculus III
Continuation of U20-156. Vectors in the plane and in space, lines and planes in space, calculus of vector-valued functions, parametric equations, arc length, polar coordinates, infinite series, Taylor's theorem. Prerequisite: U20-156 or equivalent. This is a fully online course. Only University College students may receive credit for online courses.
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 256 Calculus IV
Continuation of U20-255. Functions of several variables, partial derivatives, tangent planes, directional derivatives, total differential, multiple integrals, line integrals, and an introduction to elementary differential equations. Prerequisite: U20 255 or equivalent.
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 2XX
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 301 Differential Equations I
First course in differential equations with emphasis on linear equations and their applications. Prerequisite: U20 256 or equivalent.
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 303
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 305 Probability and Statistics I
Discrete and continuous random variables, mean and variance, hypothesis testing and confidence limits, nonparametric methods. Students’ t-methods, regression, correlation. Prerequisite: U20 156 or consent of department.
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 308 Mathematics for the Physical Sciences
Continuation of Math 233 emphasizing topics of interest in the physical sciences. Topics in multivariable and vector calculus (div, grad, curl); line, surface integrals and connections to electromagnetism; Fourier series and integrals; boundary value problems (diffusion and wave equations); additional topics if time permits. Students may not receive credit toward a math major or minor for both Math 308 and Math 318. Prerequisites: Math 233 and 217, or permission of instructor.
Same as L24 Math 308
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS A&S IQ: NSM Arch: NSM Art: NSM BU: SCI

U20 Math 309 Linear Algebra I
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 3091 Matrix Algebra
An introductory course in linear algebra that focuses on Euclidean n-space, matrices and related computations. Topics include: systems of linear equations, row reduction, matrix operations, determinants, linear independence, dimension, rank, change of basis, diagonalization, eigenvalues, eigenvectors, orthogonality, symmetric matrices, least square approximation, quadratic forms. Introduction to abstract vector spaces. Prerequisite: Math 132.
Same as L24 Math 309
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS, QA A&S IQ: NSM, AN Arch: NSM Art: NSM

U20 Math 3101 Foundations for Higher Mathematics
Introduction to the rigorous techniques used in more advanced mathematics. Topics include propositional logic, use of quantifiers, set theory, methods of proof and disproof (counterexamples), foundations of mathematics. Use of these tools in the construction of number systems, and in other areas such as elementary number theory, combinatorial arguments, and elementary proofs in analysis. Prerequisite: Math 233.
Same as L24 Math 310
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS A&S IQ: NSM

U20 Math 320
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 3200
Same as L24 Math 3200
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS, QA A&S IQ: NSM, AN

U20 Math 322
Same as L24 Math 322
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS A&S IQ: NSM Art: NSM

U20 Math 3311
Same as L24 Math 331
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS A&S IQ: NSM
U20 Math 400 Independent Study
Credit variable, maximum 3 units.

U20 Math 405
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 4061
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 408
Same as L24 Math 408
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS A&S IQ: NSM

U20 Math 415
Same as L24 Math 415
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS A&S IQ: NSM

U20 Math 416
Same as L24 Math 416
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS A&S IQ: NSM Art: NSM

U20 Math 420 Experimental Design
A first course in the design and analysis of experiments, from the point of view of regression. Factorial, randomized block, split-plot, Latin square, and similar design. Prerequisite: CSE 131 or 200, Math 3200, or permission of instructor.
Same as L24 Math 420
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS A&S IQ: NSM Art: NSM

U20 Math 421
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 429 Linear Algebra
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 430
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 434 Survival Analysis
Life table analysis and testing, mortality and failure rates, Kaplan-Meier or product-limit estimators, hypothesis testing and estimation in the presence of random arrivals and departures, and the Cox proportional hazards model. Techniques of survival analysis are used in medical research, industrial planning and the insurance industry. Prerequisites: CSE 131 or 200, Math 309 and 3200, or permission of the instructor.
Same as L24 Math 434
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS A&S IQ: NSM

U20 Math 439 Linear Statistical Methods
Theory and practice of linear regression, analysis of variance (ANOVA) and their extensions, including testing, estimation, confidence interval procedures, modeling, regression diagnostics and plots, polynomial regression, colinearity and confounding, model selection, geometry of least squares, etc. The theory will be approached mainly from the frequentist perspective, and use of the computer (mostly R) to analyze data will be emphasized. Prerequisites: CSE 131 or 200, Math 3200 and a course in linear algebra (such as Math 309 or 429), or permission of instructor.

Same as L24 Math 439
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS A&S IQ: NSM

U20 Math 450
Same as L24 Math 450
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS A&S IQ: NSM Art: NSM

U20 Math 456
Same as L24 Math 456
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS A&S IQ: NSM

U20 Math 475 Statistical Computation
An introduction to programming in SAS (Statistical Analysis System) and applied statistics using SAS: contingency tables and Mantel-Haenszel tests; general linear models and matrix operations; simple, multilinear, and stepwise regressions; ANOVAs with nested and crossed interactions; ANOVAs and regressions with vector-valued data (MANOVAs). Topics chosen from discriminant analysis, principal components analysis, logistic regression, survival analysis, and generalized linear models. Prior acquaintance with SAS at the level introduced in Math 3200 is assumed. Prerequisites: CSE 131 or 200, Math 3200 and 493 (or 493 concurrently), or permission of instructor.
Same as L24 Math 475
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS A&S IQ: NSM

U20 Math 4931
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 494 Mathematical Statistics
Theory of estimation, minimum variance and unbiased estimators, maximum likelihood theory, Bayesian estimation, prior and posterior distributions, confidence intervals for general estimators, standard estimators and distributions such as the Student-t and F-distribution from a more advanced viewpoint, hypothesis testing, the Neymann-Pearson Lemma (about best possible tests), linear models, and other topics as time permits. Prerequisite: CSE 131 or 200, Math 3200 and 493, or permission of the instructor.
Same as U20 Math 594
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS A&S IQ: NSM

U20 Math 4941
Credit 3 units.

U20 Math 495 Stochastic Processes
Content varies with each offering of the course. Past offerings have included such topics as random walks, Markov chains, Gaussian processes, empirical processes, Markov jump processes, and a short introduction to martingales, Brownian motion and stochastic integrals. Prerequisites: Math 318 and 493, or permission of instructor.
Same as L24 Math 495
Credit 3 units. A&S: NS A&S IQ: NSM