

MATHEMATICS, B.S. (SCIENCE)

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	0-1
Requirements for the Major	80-84

6 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes 6 credits of GQ courses.

Requirements for the Major

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
MATH 140	Calculus With Analytic Geometry I	4
MATH 141	Calculus with Analytic Geometry II	4
MATH 220	Matrices	2-3
MATH 230	Calculus and Vector Analysis	4
MATH 311W	Concepts of Discrete Mathematics	3-4
MATH 312	Concepts of Real Analysis	3
STAT 200	Elementary Statistics	4
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
MATH 250	Ordinary Differential Equations	3-4
or MATH 251	Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations	
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
CMPSC 101	Introduction to Programming	
CMPSC 121	Introduction to Programming Techniques	
CMPSC 131	Programming and Computation I: Fundamentals	
CMPSC 200	Programming for Engineers with MATLAB	
CMPSC 201	Programming for Engineers with C++	
Requirements for the Option		
Select an option		50-51

Requirements for the Option Actuarial Mathematics Option (50-51 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
MATH 414	Introduction to Probability Theory	3
MATH 415	Introduction to Mathematical Statistics	3
MATH 416	Stochastic Modeling	3
MATH 484	Linear Programs and Related Problems	3
RM 302	Risk and Insurance	3
RM 410	Financial Mathematics for Actuaries	3
RM 411	Long Term Actuarial Mathematics - Fundamentals	3
RM 421	Short Term Actuarial Mathematics - Fundamentals	3
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
MATH 451	Numerical Computations	3
or MATH 486	Mathematical Theory of Games	
Select 9 credits from the following:		9
IE 425	Stochastic Models in Operations Research	
or IE 468	Optimization Modeling and Methods	
RM 412	Long Term Actuarial Mathematics - Advanced Topics	
RM 422	Short Term Actuarial Mathematics - Advanced Topics	
STAT 380	Data Science Through Statistical Reasoning and Computation	
STAT 462	Applied Regression Analysis	
STAT 463	Applied Time Series Analysis	
Supporting Courses and Related Areas		
Select 14-15 credits from department list		14-15

Applied and Industrial Mathematics Option (50-51 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
MATH 403	Classical Analysis I	3
MATH 412	Fourier Series and Partial Differential Equations	3
MATH 414	Introduction to Probability Theory	3
MATH 415	Introduction to Mathematical Statistics	3
MATH 436	Linear Algebra	3
MATH 450	Mathematical Modeling	3
MATH 455	Introduction to Numerical Analysis I	3
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 12 credits from the following:		12
MATH 411	Ordinary Differential Equations	
MATH 416	Stochastic Modeling	
MATH 417	Qualitative Theory of Differential Equations	
MATH 419	Theoretical Mechanics	
MATH 421	Complex Analysis	
MATH 456	Introduction to Numerical Analysis II	
MATH 467	Factorization and Primality Testing	
MATH 468	Mathematical Coding Theory	
MATH 479	Special and General Relativity	

MATH 484	Linear Programs and Related Problems	
MATH 485	Graph Theory	
MATH 486	Mathematical Theory of Games	

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 17-18 credits from department list 17-18

Computational Mathematics Option (50-51 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		

Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better

CMPSC 465	Data Structures and Algorithms	3
MATH 414	Introduction to Probability Theory	3
MATH 415	Introduction to Mathematical Statistics	3
MATH 455	Introduction to Numerical Analysis I	3
MATH 456	Introduction to Numerical Analysis II	3

Additional Courses

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

CMPSC 122	Intermediate Programming	3
or CMPSC 132	Programming and Computation II: Data Structures	
MATH 467	Factorization and Primality Testing	3
or MATH 465	Number Theory	

Select 3 credits from the following: 3

MATH 411	Ordinary Differential Equations	
MATH 412	Fourier Series and Partial Differential Equations	
MATH 417	Qualitative Theory of Differential Equations	

Select 9 credits from the following: 9

CMPSC 442	Artificial Intelligence	
MATH 310	Elementary Combinatorics	
MATH 452	Deep Learning Algorithms and Analysis	
MATH 457	Introduction to Mathematical Logic	
MATH 468	Mathematical Coding Theory	
MATH 484	Linear Programs and Related Problems	
MATH 485	Graph Theory	

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 17-18 credits from department list 17-18

General Mathematics Option (50-51 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		

Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better

MATH 403	Classical Analysis I	3
MATH 414	Introduction to Probability Theory	3
MATH 415	Introduction to Mathematical Statistics	3

Additional Courses

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

MATH 435	Basic Abstract Algebra	3
or MATH 436	Linear Algebra	

Select 3 credits from the following: 3

MATH 411	Ordinary Differential Equations	
MATH 412	Fourier Series and Partial Differential Equations	
MATH 417	Qualitative Theory of Differential Equations	
MATH 419	Theoretical Mechanics	
MATH 421	Complex Analysis	

Select 6 credits of 400-level MATH courses except MATH 401, MATH 405, MATH 406, MATH 410, MATH 418, MATH 441, MATH 470, MATH 471. No more than 2 credits of MATH 400 may be used. 6

Select an approved sequence of 12 credits in MATH or a related area or an area of application 12

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 17-18 credits from department list 17-18

Graduate Study Option (50-51 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		

Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better

MATH 403	Classical Analysis I	3
MATH 404	Classical Analysis II	3
MATH 414	Introduction to Probability Theory	3
MATH 415	Introduction to Mathematical Statistics	3
MATH 421	Complex Analysis	3
MATH 429	Introduction to Topology	3
MATH 435	Basic Abstract Algebra	3
MATH 436	Linear Algebra	3

Additional Courses

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

Select 9 credits of 400-level MATH courses except MATH 401, MATH 405, MATH 406, MATH 418, MATH 441, MATH 470, MATH 471. No more than 2 credits of MATH 400 may be used. 9

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 17-18 credits from department list 17-18

Systems Analysis Option (50-51 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		

Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better

MATH 414	Introduction to Probability Theory	3
MATH 415	Introduction to Mathematical Statistics	3
MATH 436	Linear Algebra	3
MATH 484	Linear Programs and Related Problems	3

Additional Courses

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better

Select 9 credits from the following: 9

MATH 310	Elementary Combinatorics	
MATH 412	Fourier Series and Partial Differential Equations	
MATH 448	Mathematics of Finance	
MATH 451	Numerical Computations	
or MATH 455	Introduction to Numerical Analysis I	
MATH 485	Graph Theory	
MATH 486	Mathematical Theory of Games	

Select an approved sequence of 12 credits in an area of application; possible areas include business, economics, industrial engineering, social sciences 12

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Select 17-18 credits from department list 17-18

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills

necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- **United States Cultures:** 3 credits
- **International Cultures:** 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.