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-physics (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 40 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
- MATH 1270 Ordinary Differential Equations 1 or 1275 Honors

**One of the following numerical math courses**
- MATH 1070 Numerical Mathematical Analysis
- MATH 1080 Numerical Linear Algebra
- MATH 1100 Linear Programming
- MATH 1101 Introduction to Optimization
- MATH 1110 Industrial Mathematics

**One 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 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

**One of the following**
- MATH 1110 Industrial Mathematics
- MATH 1360 Modeling in Applied Math 1
- MATH 1370 Computational Neuroscience
- MATH 1380 Mathematical Biology

**Physics courses**
- PHYS 0174 Basic Physics for Science and Engineering 1
- PHYS 0175 Basic Physics for Science and Engineering 2

**One Computer Science course**
- CS 0007 Introduction to Computer Programming
- CS 0008 Introduction to Computer Programming in Python
- CS 0132 Programming in C
- CS 0401 Intermediate Programming using Java

**One Statistics course**
- MATH 1360 Modeling in Applied Math 1
- STAT 1000 Introduction to Applied Statistics
- STAT 1100 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 should take MATH 0430, MATH 1020, MATH 1230, and MATH 1290 in addition to the courses required for the major. These courses are required for secondary education certification in Pennsylvania and by the School of Education for admission to the MAT program in Mathematics Secondary Education.

**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 W-course in the major.

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

Honors major requirements
Honors in Applied Mathematics is granted if the student:
1. Completes all other requirements for the major.
2. 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
3. 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

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 1180 / MATH 1185
_____ MATH 1270 / MATH 1275

One numerical math course
_____ MATH 1070
_____ MATH 1080
_____ MATH 1100
_____ MATH 1101
_____ MATH 1110

One applied analysis course
_____ MATH 1550
_____ MATH 1560
_____ MATH 1570
_____ MATH 1530

One differential equations course
_____ MATH 1280
_____ MATH 1470
_____ MATH 1480

One of the following
_____ MATH 1110
_____ MATH 1360
_____ MATH 1370
_____ MATH 1380

Physics courses
_____ PHYS 0174 / PHYS 0475
_____ PHYS 0175 / PHYS 0476

One Computer Science course
_____ CS 0007
_____ CS 0008
_____ CS 0132
_____ CS 0401

One Statistics course
_____ MATH 1510
_____ STAT 1000
_____ STAT 1100
_____ STAT 1151

Approved Related Area departments and courses
Requests to use course sequences not included in these lists can be made by petition to the Undergraduate Director.

Chemistry*
_____ CHEM 0110 or CHEM 0710
_____ CHEM 0120 or CHEM 0720
_____ CHEM 0310 or CHEM 0730
_____ CHEM 0320 or CHEM 0740
_____ CHEM 0330
_____ CHEM 0345
_____ CHEM 1130
_____ CHEM 1410
_____ CHEM 1420
_____ CHEM 1430
_____ CHEM 1440
_____ CHEM 1450

Physics*
_____ PHYS 0174 or PHYS 0475
_____ PHYS 0175 or PHYS 0476
_____ PHYS 0477
_____ PHYS 0481
_____ PHYS 1321
_____ PHYS 1351
_____ PHYS 1372
_____ PHYS 1331
_____ PHYS 1341
_____ PHYS 1361
_____ PHYS 1370
_____ PHYS 1371
_____ PHYS 1373

Statistics*
_____ STAT 1151 +
_____ STAT 1152
_____ STAT 1000-level
_____ STAT 1000-level

Computer Science*
_____ CS 0008
_____ CS 0132
_____ CS 0401
_____ CS 0441
_____ CS 0445
_____ CS 0447
_____ CS 1501
_____ CS 1510
_____ CS 1515

Economics*
_____ ECON 0100
_____ ECON 0110
_____ ECON 0280
_____ ECON 1100
_____ ECON 1110
_____ ECON 1150
_____ ECON 1180
_____ ECON 1200

* These departments offer official minors.
+ This course cannot be used for both the statistics course for the major and for the related area requirement.