MATHEMATICS, B.A.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Degree Requirements

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

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

3 of the 24 credits for Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements are included in the Requirements for the Major, General Education, or Electives and 0-12 credits are included in Electives if foreign language proficiency is demonstrated by examination.

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/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

Code    Title                              Credits
Prescribed Courses
STAT 200 Elementary Statistics           4

Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better
MATH 140 Calculus With Analytic Geometry I 4
MATH 141 Calculus with Analytic Geometry II 4
MATH 220 Matrices                         4
MATH 230 Calculus and Vector Analysis     2-3
MATH 311W Concepts of Discrete Mathematics 3-4
MATH 312 Concepts of Real Analysis        3
MATH 403 Classical Analysis I             3

Additional Courses

Select one of the following: 3
CMPSC 101 Introduction to Programming
CMPSC 121 Introduction to Programming Techniques
CMPSC 201 Programming for Engineers with C++

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better
MATH 250 Ordin ary Differential Equations 3-4
or MATH 251 Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations
MATH 435 Basic Abstract Algebra            3
or MATH 436 Linear Algebra                3

Select 3 credits of 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  6

Supporting Courses and Related Areas
Select 8-11 credits from department list  8-11

1 Select 6 credits of 400-level MATH courses except:
   • MATH 401
   • MATH 405
   • MATH 406
   • MATH 441
   • MATH 470
   • MATH 471

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/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

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Foreign Language (0-12 credits): Student must attain 12th credit level of proficiency in one foreign language. See the Placement Policy for Penn State Foreign Language Courses (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/advising-planning-degree-program/course-placements/placement-policy-world-language-courses/).

B.A. Fields (9 credits): Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arts, Foreign Languages, Natural Sciences, Quantification (may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major; foreign language credits in this category must be in a second foreign language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the first language)

Other Cultures (0-3 credits): Select 3 credits from approved list. Students may count courses in this category in order to meet other major, minor, elective, or General Education requirements, except for the General Education US/IL requirement.