The department offers the doctor of philosophy degree with a major in mathematics and a master of arts degree in mathematics.

The PhD degree requires proficiency in basic and advanced graduate mathematics and the completion of a dissertation containing a significant piece of original research in some area of mathematics. The scope of the research program in mathematics is broad. The PhD specialty and dissertation may be in any area of mathematics, including but not limited to algebra, algebraic geometry, applied mathematics, combinatorics, computational mathematics, complex analysis, differential equations, differential geometry, dynamical systems, harmonic analysis, logic, mathematical biology, number theory, probability, and topology. A complete list of faculty and their areas of expertise is available through the department website (https://www.math.wisc.edu/graduate/).

Students in the PhD program also have the option to earn a master of arts degree (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/mathematics/mathematics-ma/).