Mathematics bridges the humanities and the sciences. Its position among the humanities is based on the study of mathematics as one of the liberal arts for more than two thousand years. The natural sciences have invariably turned to mathematics for techniques needed to explore the consequences of scientific theories. In the last few decades social scientists have increasingly found higher mathematics of value in their training and research. Still, an expanding subject, mathematics offers more new and challenging frontiers than at any time in its long history—with many new fields, requiring new techniques and ideas for exploration.

Graduating math majors have obtained employment in a variety of jobs in business, industry, and governmental agencies and also have obtained teaching positions at the secondary school level (such teaching positions normally require teaching certification). Others have continued their education at the graduate level in mathematics and other fields. Departments in a variety of fields which use mathematics, including some in the social and biological sciences as well as in engineering and the physical sciences, are interested in attracting math majors into their graduate programs. Math Ph.D.’s obtain academic positions at the college and university level and nonacademic positions entailing consulting and research. The math major requirements are flexible enough to allow preparation for various goals, interests, and careers.

Students interested in mathematics might also consider the related degree program in applied mathematics, engineering and physics (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/mathematics/applied-mathematics-engineering-physics-bs-amep/).

HOW TO GET IN

DECLARATION

To declare a major in mathematics, a student must have completed the sequence MATH 221, MATH 222, and MATH 234, or the sequence MATH 375 and MATH 376, with a 2.500 GPA or better. Major advisors may waive this requirement for students with alternative coursework and experiences (e.g., transfer students). Students should meet with a math advisor before declaring in order to discuss course selection and major plan. Advising information can be found in the Advising and Careers (https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/mathematics/mathematics-bs/#advisingandcareerstext) link.

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext) section of the Guide.

General Education

- Breadth—Humans/Literature/Arts: 6 credits
- Breadth—Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits
- Breadth—Social Studies: 3 credits
- Communication Part A & Part B *
- Ethnic Studies *
- Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE BREADTH AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum. View a comparison of the degree requirements here. (https://pubs.wisc.edu/home/archives/ug15/images/babs2009.pdf)

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics

Fulfilled with completion of University General Education requirements Quantitative Reasoning a (QR A) and Quantitative Reasoning b (QR B) coursework. Please note that some majors may require students to complete additional math coursework beyond the B.A. mathematics requirement.

Foreign Language

- Complete the fourth unit of a foreign language; OR
- Complete the third unit of a foreign language and the second unit of an additional foreign language

Note: A unit is one year of high school work or one semester/term of college work.

L&S Breadth

- Humanities, 12 credits: 6 of the 12 credits must be in literature
- Social Sciences, 12 credits
- Natural Sciences, 12 credits: must include one 3+ credit course in the biological sciences; must include one 3+ credit course in the physical sciences

 Liberal Arts and Science Coursework 108 credits
 Depth of Intermediate/ Advanced work 60 intermediate or advanced credits
 Major Declare and complete at least one (1) major
 Total Credits 120 credits
 UW-Madison Experience 30 credits in residence, overall
 Experience 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit
Minimum GPAs:
- 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison
- 2.000 in intermediate/advanced coursework at UW–Madison

**NON–L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR**

Non–L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements and do not need to complete the L&S breadth and degree requirements above. Please note that the following special degree programs are not considered majors so are not available to non–L&S degree-seeking candidates:

- Applied Mathematics, Engineering and Physics (Bachelor of Science–Applied Mathematics, Engineering and Physics)
- Journalism (Bachelor of Arts–Journalism; Bachelor of Science–Journalism)
- Music (Bachelor of Music)
- Social Work (Bachelor of Social Work)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR**

The mathematics major requirements include exposure to at least two areas of advanced mathematics. The program is ideal for any student who has a broad interest in mathematics both pure and applied and functions well as a standalone or complementary program.

**MATHEMATICS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

Seven MATH courses totaling at least 21 credits are required for the major as follows:

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**Analysis, Topology, Algebra (complete two):**

- MATH 521 Analysis I
- MATH 541 Modern Algebra
- MATH 551 Elementary Topology

**Advanced MATH Elective (complete one):**

- MATH/COMP SCI 513 Numerical Linear Algebra
- MATH/COMP SCI 514 Numerical Analysis
- MATH 519 Ordinary Differential Equations
- MATH 521 Analysis I
- MATH 522 Analysis II
- MATH/COMP SCI/ I SY E/STAT 525 Linear Optimization
- MATH 531 Probability Theory
- MATH 535 Mathematical Methods in Data Science
- MATH 540 Linear Algebra II
- MATH 541 Modern Algebra
- MATH 542 Modern Algebra

**Additional MATH Elective to achieve 7 courses and 21 credits in the major:**

- MATH 309 Introduction to Probability and Mathematical Statistics I
- or MATH 331 An Introduction to Probability and Markov Chain Models
- or MATH/STAT 431 Introduction to the Theory of Probability
- MATH/STAT 310 Introduction to Probability and Mathematical Statistics II
- MATH 319 Techniques in Ordinary Differential Equations
- or MATH 320 Linear Algebra and Differential Equations
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**Total Credits**: 21

**RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK**

- 2.000 GPA in all MATH and major courses.
- 2.000 GPA on 15 upper-level major credits, taken in residence.
- 15 credits in MATH, taken on the UW–Madison campus.

**NAMED OPTIONS**

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• MATHEMATICS: MATHEMATICS FOR DATA AND RISK ANALYSIS (HTTP://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/LETTERS-SCIENCE/MATHEMATICS/MATHEMATICS-BA/MATHEMATICS-MATHEMATICS-DATA-RISK-ANALYSIS-BA/)
• MATHEMATICS: MATHEMATICS FOR ECONOMICS AND FINANCE (HTTP://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/LETTERS-SCIENCE/MATHEMATICS/MATHEMATICS-BA/MATHEMATICS-MATHEMATICS-ECONOMICS-FINANCE-BA/)
• MATHEMATICS: MATHEMATICS FOR PROGRAMMING AND COMPUTING (HTTP://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/LETTERS-SCIENCE/MATHEMATICS/MATHEMATICS-BA/MATHEMATICS-MATHEMATICS-PROGRAMMING-COMPUTING-BA/)
• MATHEMATICS: MATHEMATICS FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION (HTTP://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/LETTERS-SCIENCE/MATHEMATICS/MATHEMATICS-BA/MATHEMATICS-MATHEMATICS-SECONDARY-EDUCATION-BA/)
• MATHEMATICS: MATHEMATICS FOR THE PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (HTTP://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/LETTERS-SCIENCE/MATHEMATICS/MATHEMATICS-BA/MATHEMATICS-MATHEMATICS-PHYSICAL-BIOLOGICAL-SCIENCES-BA/)

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Major in consultation with the Mathematics Honors advisor (https://www.math.wisc.edu/undergraduate/advising/); this should be done by the start of the junior year. Honors in the major is not available in any Named Option program.

HONORS IN THE MATHEMATICS MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major, students must satisfy both the requirements for the mathematics major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.300 GPA for all MATH courses, and all courses accepted in the major
- Complete the following courses, with individual grades of B or better:

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Select at least two more courses from MATH 500 through MATH/ECE 641. These course must be taken for honors.

The following will usually be one of the courses:

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Select one of these Capstone projects:

- MATH 681 & MATH 682
  - Senior Honors Thesis
  - and Senior Honors Thesis (For a total of 6 credits)

  or

- A sequence of two upper-level mathematics courses deemed acceptable by the Mathematics Honors advisor

FOOTNOTES

1 A course may only apply once toward the courses/credits required for the major. Thus, a course used to meet the Analysis, Topology and Algebra requirement may not also be used to meet the requirement for MATH 500-699 requirement and a course used to meet the MATH 500-699 requirement may not also be used in the Additional Math requirement.

2 Only one of these courses will be used to fulfill minimum course/credit requirements for the major: MATH 320, MATH 340, MATH 341, MATH 375

3 Only one course in Introductory Probability will be used to fulfill the course/credit requirements for the major: MATH/STAT 309 and MATH/STAT 431.

4 Only one course in Elementary Differential Equations will be used to fulfill the course/credit requirements for the major: MATH 319, MATH 320, MATH 376.

5 MATH courses numbered 307–699 are considered upper level in the major.

6 At least one of the two sequences (MATH 521—MATH 522 or MATH 541—MATH 542) must be completed prior to enrolling in the Capstone project.

7 Chosen in consultation with the Mathematics Honors advisor.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree

To receive a bachelor’s degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency

Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. ‘In residence’ means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. “In residence” credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work

Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.
LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. State, explain, and apply the principal results, definitions, and theorems of a wide collection of mathematical areas including at least one area of advanced undergraduate mathematics.
2. Construct and evaluate mathematical proofs and arguments.
3. Acquire a diverse set of skills and strategies in mathematical reasoning/problem solving.
4. Use mathematics to model and analyze phenomena in other disciplines.
5. Write, explain, and present mathematics to both experts and non-experts.

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

This Sample Four-Year Plan is a tool to assist students and their advisor(s). Students should use it—along with their DARS report, the Degree Planner, and Course Search & Enroll tools—to make their own four-year plan based on their placement scores, credit for transferred courses and approved examinations, and individual interests. As students become involved in athletics, honors, research, student organizations, study abroad, volunteer experiences, and/or work, they might adjust the order of their courses to accommodate these experiences. Students will likely revise their own four-year plan several times during college.

Mathematics Major - Bachelor of Arts/Science Degree

Freshman
Fall  Credits  Spring  Credits
MATH 221  4  MATH 222  4
Communication A  3  Ethnic Studies  3
Foreign Language (if needed)  4  Foreign Language (if needed)  4
Literature Breadth  3  Literature Breadth  3
  15  14

Sophomore
Fall  Credits  Spring  Credits
MATH 234  3  MATH 341  3
Communication B  3  Intermediate MATH  3
Humanities Breadth  3  Humanities Breadth  3
Physical Science Breadth  3  Physical Sciences Breadth  3
Elective  3  Elective  3
  16  12

Junior
Fall  Credits  Spring  Credits
Intermediate MATH  3  Intermediate MATH  3
Social Sciences Breadth  3  Advanced MATH  3
Biological Sciences Breadth  3  Social Sciences Breadth  3
Elective  3  Biological Sciences Breadth  3

Senior
Fall  Credits  Spring  Credits
Advanced MATH  3  Advanced MATH  3
Social Science Breadth  3  Social Science Breadth  3
Elective  3  Elective  3
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Total Credits 117

1. Math majors will naturally complete Quantitative Reasoning requirements with the introductory calculus courses required to declare the major.
2. Declaration of the Mathematics major requires a 2.500 cumulative GPA across the introductory calculus sequence. Students that are unable to establish a GPA for any courses in the introductory calculus sequence are encouraged to speak with a math major advisor as soon as possible.
3. An intermediate level math course is any numbered above 306 excluding MATH 320, MATH 340, or MATH 341, or MATH/CURRIC 471.
4. An advanced level MATH course is any numbered above 500.

THREE-YEAR PLAN

SAMPLE THREE-YEAR PLAN

This Sample Three-Year Plan is a tool to assist students and their advisor(s). Students should use it—along with their DARS report, the Degree Planner, and Course Search & Enroll tools—to make their own three-year plan based on their placement scores, credit for transferred courses and approved examinations, and individual interests.

Three-year plans may vary considerably from student to student, depending on their individual preparation and circumstances. Students interested in graduating in three years should meet with an advisor as early as possible to discuss feasibility, appropriate course sequencing, post-graduation plans (careers, graduate school, etc.), and opportunities they might forgo in pursuit of a three-year graduation plan.

DEPARTMENTAL EXPECTATIONS

Historically, students who have successfully complete a three year undergraduate degree with a major in Mathematics have the following qualifications: a minimum of 29 advanced standing credits, which include completion of the following with either course credit or via placement examination:

- MATH 221 and MATH 222
- Communication Part A
- 3-4 units of foreign language

Therefore the plan below assumes these requirements, but none other. When considering the plan below, students should note the following:

- Advanced standing credits may satisfy Ethnic Studies, Communication Part B, and/or Letters & Science Breadth degree requirements which are listed in the plan. In this case, students
should adjust their plan by reorganizing the remaining degree requirements using the following priorities: 1) Ethnic Studies and Communication Part B (obligatory in the first year); 2) Physical, Biological, and Social Science Breadth (which may be prerequisites for more advanced electives); 3) Humanities and Literature. Remaining schedule space should be considered electives.

- At least 26 of the non-MATH credits must be at the Intermediate or Advanced level.
- Consider using the elective space in the plan as follows: additional major or certificate, career readiness, graduate school preparation, and other personal interests.

### ADVISING AND CAREERS

#### ADVISING

Students who are interested in the math major should visit a faculty advisor. During the fall and spring semesters faculty advisors have regular office hours. Students are encouraged to make appointments, but drop in advising is also welcome. During the winter break and the summer semester there are no fixed advising hours. Students should contact one of the advisors directly to set up an appointment. The current list of advisors, their schedule of office hours, and available appointments can be found at the Math advising page ([https://www.math.wisc.edu/undergraduate/advising/](https://www.math.wisc.edu/undergraduate/advising/)).

For advice on college algebra, pre-calculus, and calculus, see the placement advising pages ([https://www.math.wisc.edu/undergraduate/placement/](https://www.math.wisc.edu/undergraduate/placement/)) of the department.

### TRANSITION COURSES

All majors are required to complete at least one of the following. It is suggested that majors (and those interested in the major) complete such a course as soon in their academic career as possible.

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Students who plan to enter a mathematics Ph.D. program should acquire a reading knowledge of at least one foreign language as early as possible. For mathematics study, the most useful languages are French, German, and Russian.

### CAREERS

In recent years graduating math majors have obtained employment in a variety of jobs in business, industry, and governmental agencies and also have obtained teaching positions at the secondary school level (such teaching positions normally require teaching certification). Others have continued their education at the graduate level in mathematics and other fields. Departments in a variety of fields which use mathematics, including the social and biological sciences as well as in engineering and the physical sciences, are interested in attracting math majors into their graduate programs. Math Ph.D.’s obtain academic positions at the college and university level and nonacademic positions entailing consulting and research. The math major requirements are flexible enough to allow preparation for various goals.

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Select at least two other courses at the 500 level or higher

Students who plan to enter a mathematics Ph.D. program should acquire a reading knowledge of at least one foreign language as early as possible. For mathematics study, the most useful languages are French, German, and Russian.

### CAREERS

In recent years graduating math majors have obtained employment in a variety of jobs in business, industry, and governmental agencies and also have obtained teaching positions at the secondary school level (such teaching positions normally require teaching certification). Others have continued their education at the graduate level in mathematics and other fields. Departments in a variety of fields which use mathematics, including the social and biological sciences as well as in engineering and the physical sciences, are interested in attracting math majors into their graduate programs. Math Ph.D.’s obtain academic positions at the college and university level and nonacademic positions entailing consulting and research. The math major requirements are flexible enough to allow preparation for various goals.
L&S CAREER RESOURCES

SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science helps students leverage the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and liberal arts degree; explore and try out different career paths; participate in internships; prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications; and network with professionals in the field (alumni and employers). In short, SuccessWorks helps students in the College of Letters & Science discover themselves, find opportunities, and develop the skills they need for success after graduation.

SuccessWorks can also assist students in career advising, résumé and cover letter writing, networking opportunities, and interview skills, as well as course offerings for undergraduates to begin their career exploration early in their undergraduate career.

Students should set up their profiles in Handshake (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake/) to take care of everything they need to explore career events, manage their campus interviews, and apply to jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers around the country.

• SuccessWorks (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/)
• Set up a career advising appointment (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/)
• INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit, targeted to first- and second-year students)—for more information, see INTER-LS 210: Career Development, Taking Initiative (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/inter-ls-210-career-development-taking-initiative/)
• INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Com B General Education Requirement)
• Handshake (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake/)
• Learn how we’re transforming career preparation: L&S Career Initiative (http://ls.wisc.edu/lsci/)

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