Mathematics Education, BA

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in mathematics education requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including the general education requirements for the degree, 46 s.h. in mathematics professional education courses, and a minimum of 41–42 s.h. in mathematics education content courses for students earning the BA in mathematics or a minimum of 47–50 s.h. in mathematics education content courses for students earning the BS in mathematics. General education requirements to earn a bachelor of arts degree from the College of Education are the GE CLAS Core of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS). The major requires admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP), and students must maintain TEP academic and professional standards. Application information can be obtained through the Office of Student Services.

Students must earn a BA in mathematics (Program B) or a BS in mathematics (Program B) at the University of Iowa in order to earn the BA in mathematics education; both degrees may be earned at the same time. Graduates who have earned one of these degrees at another institution and wish to earn the BA in mathematics education should consult the Department of Teaching and Learning; additional coursework may be required. Students also complete coursework in teacher licensure including student teaching.

For initial licensure, student teaching must be an all-day, full-semester experience. Most students are placed in a district within a 60-mile radius of Iowa City. Placements outside this area require special approval and are considered on an individual basis. Special site programs provide experience in districts with diverse populations and students also may apply to student teach at international sites for the second half of the semester.

Additional information about options for student teaching and application procedures is available from the Office of Student Services. Applications for student teaching must be submitted during the calendar year before the student teaching semester. The deadline for students planning to student teach the following fall semester is Nov. 15 and April 15 for the following spring semester.

The BA with a major in mathematics education requires the following work.

Professional Education Course Requirements

Students complete 46 s.h. from the following.

Foundation Courses

Foundation courses may be completed before or after admission to the major.

Course # Title Hours
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All of these: 
EDTL:4900 Foundations of Special Education 3
EPLS:3000 Foundations of Education 3

Additional Licensure Courses

Course # Title Hours
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All of these: 
EDTL:3002 Teaching and Learning Technologies 2
EDTL:3091 Secondary Education Program Orientation and Classroom Management 3
EDTL:3095 Teaching Reading in Secondary Content Areas 1
EDTL:3532 Introduction and Practicum: Mathematics 3
EDTL:3534 Methods: Middle School Mathematics 3
EDTL:4535 Methods: High School Mathematics 3
EDTL:4750 Assessment in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) 2
EDTL:4751 Learning in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Classroom 2
EPLS:4180 Human Relations for the Classroom Teacher 3

Student Teaching

Transfer students should consult their advisor since they must complete certain courses before they student teach.

Course # Title Hours
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All of these: 
EDTL:4087 Seminar: Curriculum and Student Teaching 3
EDTL:4091 Observation and Laboratory Practice in the Secondary School 6
EDTL:4092 Observation and Laboratory Practice in the Secondary School 6

Mathematics Education Content Courses

Students earning a BA in mathematics complete at least 41–42 s.h. from the following; students earning a BS in mathematics complete at least 47–50 s.h. from the following.

Course # Title Hours
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All of these: 
CS:1210 Computer Science I: Fundamentals 4
MATH:1850 Calculus I 4
MATH:1860 Calculus II 4
MATH:2150 Foundations of Geometry 3
MATH:2700 Introduction to Linear Algebra 4
MATH:2850 Calculus III 4
MATH:3720 Introduction to Abstract Algebra I 4
PSQF:1075 Educational Psychology and Measurement 3
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Endorsements

The mathematics education TEP is approved by the state of Iowa as preparation for teaching licensure with endorsement for grades 5–12 mathematics. Added endorsement programs for additional teaching areas are available.

Teacher Education Program

Academic and Professional Standards

State of Iowa teacher preparation standards require that teacher candidates demonstrate the content, pedagogical, and professional knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to help all students learn. Because of this, the College of Education and the Teacher Education Program have established academic and professional standards that students must maintain. For undergraduate teacher candidates and Bachelor of Arts candidates in mathematics education, these standards include:

- a UI minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00;
- an overall minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00;
- a minimum TEP major GPA of 2.00 (2.70 for good standing);
- a grade of C-minus or higher in TEP major courses;
- no notices of concern in professional dispositional qualities;
- academic good standing in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences;
- a minimum major GPA of 2.00 in the TEP CLAS content major; and
- a minimum UI major GPA of 2.00 in the TEP CLAS content major.

For additional information about these standards, contact the Office of Student Services.

Liberal Arts Core

State of Iowa teacher preparation standards require a core of liberal arts knowledge including but not limited to English composition, mathematics, natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. The GE CLAS Core together with the mathematics education content courses satisfy these requirements. For additional information about these standards, contact the Office of Student Services.