Mathematics, B.S.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Science with a major in mathematics requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 44-56 s.h. (13-14 courses) of work for the major. Total credit for the major depends on a student's choice of Program A, B, or C. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

All students complete the post-calculus mathematics requirement, the upper-level mathematics requirement, and the requirements for Program A, B, or C.

For policies concerning transfer credit, correspondence credit, credit by examination, cumulative grade-point average, general rules relating to regression and duplication, and so forth, see For Undergraduate Students on the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences website.

For information about duplication, regression, and use of the second-grade-only option for mathematics courses, contact the Department of Mathematics or the University of Iowa website.

The B.S. with a major in mathematics (Program A, B, or C) requires the following coursework.

Post-Calculus Mathematics Requirement

Students majoring in mathematics must earn at least 15 s.h. in post-calculus mathematical sciences courses offered by the University of Iowa; students may not count transfer courses or credit by exam toward this requirement. At least 12 s.h. of the required 15 s.h. in post-calculus courses must be earned in Department of Mathematics courses (prefix MATH) or in courses cross-listed with the department.

Post-calculus courses in the Department of Mathematics are numbered 2000 or above, excluding these:

Post-calculus courses offered by the Department of Computer Science, and the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science must have a calculus prerequisite.

Upper-Level Mathematics Requirement

Mathematics majors must take at least two upper-level mathematics courses (three in Program A) for the B.S. degree. Upper-level mathematics courses include MATH:3900 Introduction to Mathematics Research and courses numbered 4000 or above, excluding these:

Program A

Program A is primarily for students who plan to work in business or government or to pursue graduate study in mathematics.

Program A: Core Courses

Students must complete a two-semester sequence of calculus I-II. Advanced placement credit, CLEP credit, and credit granted through the Mathematics Incentive Program are accepted for all or part of the calculus requirement.

Students complete the following core courses.

Program A: Electives

Students complete six electives (18-24 s.h.), including at least three upper-level mathematics courses.

Mathematics

Students may choose from mathematics courses numbered MATH:2150 Foundations of Geometry, MATH:3800 Introduction to Numerical Methods or courses above MATH:3800, excluding MATH:4010 Basic Analysis and MATH:4020 Basic Abstract Algebra.

Computer Science

Students may choose computer science courses numbered CS:1210 through CS:4740, excluding CS:3210 Programming Languages and Tools, CS:3910 Informatics Project, CS:3980
Topics in Computer Science I, and CS:3990 Honors in Computer Science or Informatics.

**Statistics and Actuarial Science**

Among the courses listed above, only one of the following three courses, STAT:2020, STAT:3100, or STAT:3120 can be counted; although none of these courses can be counted if taken after STAT:4100.

Students may choose actuarial science courses numbered ACTS:3080 Mathematics of Finance I and ACTS:4130 through ACTS:4380.

Consult the Department of Mathematics website for a complete list of electives in computer science, and statistics and actuarial science.

**Program B**
Program B is intended for students seeking secondary school teaching licensure. Students who wish to earn teaching licensure in addition to earning a Bachelor of Science with a major in mathematics also must complete the Teacher Education Program (TEP); see "Teacher Licensure" below.

**Program B: Core Courses**
Students must complete a two-semester sequence of calculus I-II. Advanced placement credit, CLEP credit, and credit earned through the Mathematics Incentive Program are accepted for part or all of the calculus requirement. Students complete the following core courses.

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More advanced courses may be substituted for the core courses with Department of Mathematics approval.

**Program B: Electives**
Students in Program B must take at least three additional Department of Mathematics post-calculus courses (9-12 s.h.), including two chosen from MATH:3900 Introduction to Mathematics Research and courses numbered 4000 or above, excluding MATH:4010 Basic Analysis and MATH:4020 Basic Abstract Algebra. The post-calculus courses must be chosen avoiding duplication and regression with the core math courses, particularly when engineering mathematics courses are considered. With the department's approval, capable students are encouraged to substitute more advanced courses in the same subject area for any of the electives. The Department of Mathematics website offers advice on course selection.

**Teacher Licensure**
Students interested in teaching in elementary and/or secondary schools should seek admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in the College of Education.

To qualify for licensure in secondary teaching, students in the TEP complete a degree in education as well as a related College of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree. See Apply on the College of Education website for details on requirements and deadlines for applying to the College of Education and about TEP choices of majors leading to licensure.

Students who wish to earn teacher licensure should choose Program B; see "Program B" above.

**Program C**
Program C enables students to specialize in a mathematics-related subtrack, such as the mathematics of making optimal business decisions, risk management and insurance, economics, finance, physics, chemistry, biostatistics, biomathematics, computer science, statistics and actuarial science, or all departments within the College of Engineering. In consultation with the faculty advisor, students build on the Program C core to prepare a subtrack plan of study tailored to their interests and academic or career goals. The proposed study plan must be approved by the Department of Mathematics.

Students must file their subtrack plan of study before they begin their senior year; they use the Program C Plan of Study form, available at the Department of Mathematics website. The website has templates for choosing electives in several areas; students may use these or propose other plans.

**Program C: Core Courses**
Students must complete a two-semester sequence of calculus I-II. Advanced placement credit, CLEP credit, and credit earned through the Mathematics Incentive Program are accepted for part or all of the calculus requirement. Students complete the following core math courses.

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Some subtracks require additional courses beyond the five core mathematics courses; consult the Department of Mathematics website. These additional required courses count toward electives; some may be from other departments (see "Program C: Electives" below). Students who specialize in engineering should consult the Department of Mathematics website.

More advanced courses may be substituted for the core courses with Department of Mathematics approval.
**Program C: Electives**

Students choose eight or nine approved electives. All electives must be offered for 3-4 s.h. of credit. At least three of the electives must be post-calculus mathematics courses (prefix MATH). All B.S. mathematics majors must take 15 s.h. of post-calculus mathematics courses at the University of Iowa and at least two upper-level mathematics courses; see "Post-Calculus Mathematics Requirement" and "Upper-Level Mathematics Requirement" above.

Some subtracks require additional required courses beyond the five core mathematics courses (see "Program C: Core Courses" above). These additional courses count toward electives; some may be from other departments. For a list of suggested subtracks and restrictions on electives as well as the additional required courses (if any) in each subtrack, consult the Department of Mathematics website.