Admission

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the Graduate College website. Applicants to the Ph.D. program have preference for admission and funding.

Admission to Programs I, II, and III is competitive and based on a combination of undergraduate coursework and grades, letters of recommendation, and test scores. Numerical standards change every year or so; exceptions may be made to the following guidelines.

Applicants must have completed work in an undergraduate program equivalent to the major in mathematics offered by the University of Iowa Department of Mathematics with an undergraduate g.p.a. of at least 3.20. Relevance and difficulty of courses are considered when evaluating grades; grades of C or lower in mathematics courses must be balanced by grades of A. Individuals whose preparation does not meet this requirement may be admitted conditionally and are asked to take specific courses that cover deficiencies.

All applicants must submit three letters of recommendation.

Applicants whose first language is not English must submit official test scores to verify English proficiency. Applicants can verify English proficiency by submitting official test scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). English proficiency demonstrated by a score of at least 100 (internet-based) on TOEFL is expected. The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with an overall score of 7 with no subscore less than 6 or the Duolingo English Test (DET) with a score of 105 or above also are accepted.