Mathematics

In the College of Sciences

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Offered by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Master of Arts degree in mathematics.
Master of Science degree in applied mathematics.
Concentration in dynamical systems.
Concentration in mathematical theory of communication systems.
Master of Arts for teaching service with a concentration in mathematics.
Major in mathematics with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.
Major in mathematics with the B.S. degree in applied arts and sciences.
Emphasis in applied mathematics.
Emphasis in computational science.
Emphasis in mathematical finance.
Emphasis in science.
Teaching major in mathematics for the single subject teaching credential.
Minor in mathematics.
Certificate in communications systems (refer to the *Graduate Bulletin*).
Certificate in mathematics specialist (refer to the *Graduate Bulletin*).
Certificate in single subject mathematics.

The Majors

Mathematics is the language and instrument for the sciences and technology. It is concerned with a wide range of diverse problems from developing techniques to model real world applications and designing efficient methods for calculating their solutions, to creating new branches of mathematics and theories for as yet unsolved problems. Some students find mathematics stimulating because of its many and varied applications, while others are fascinated and attracted to it for the beauty of its intrinsic order, structure, and form.

Because of its broad scope, degrees in mathematics can prepare students for many different careers and the Department of Mathematics and Statistics offers a variety of such degrees and emphases to provide students with several blends and specialties according to their interests and goals.

Graduates with a mathematics major have many options for either careers in applications, for further study in graduate school, or for teaching. Mathematics majors are important because their training involves quantitative abilities and critical reasoning that many potential employers can utilize. With a minor in an area of applications, graduates are suited for further graduate study in many areas that heavily depend upon mathematical methods and techniques. Graduates with an interest in the more theoretical aspects of mathematics are sought after in many diverse graduate programs from applied and pure mathematics to computer and computational sciences and statistics. Careers in teaching include positions in secondary schools, for which a teaching credential is additionally required, teaching in two year colleges, for which a master's degree is required, and teaching at the university level, which requires a doctorate degree and involves research and creation of new mathematics.

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs Web site was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

Mathematics Major

With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 17011)

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements." No more than 48 units in mathematics courses can apply to the degree.

A minor is not required with this major.

Preparation for the Major. Mathematics 150, 151, 241, 245, 252, 254, Computer Science 107. (22 units)

Recommended: Physics 195, 195L, 196, 196L, 197, 197L.

Language Requirement. Competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language to fulfill the graduation requirement. Refer to the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 27 upper division units, selected with approval of the departmental adviser before starting upper division work, including Mathematics 337, 521A, 524, 534A, and one two-semester sequence selected from: Mathematics 521A-521B; Mathematics 337 and 531; 337 and 537; 337 and 538; 534A-534B; 541 and 542; 541 and 543; Statistics 550 and 570; Statistics 551A and 551B; and nine units of electives.

Master Plan. A master plan of the courses taken to fulfill the major must be approved by the adviser and filed with the Office of Advising and Evaluations.

Mathematics Major

With the B.S. Degree in Applied Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 17031)

All candidates for a degree in applied arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

There are four emphases offered in this major: Applied Mathematics, Computational Science, Mathematical Finance, and Science.

Emphasis in Applied Mathematics

This emphasis is designed to train the student in those areas of mathematics which may be applied to formulate and solve problems in other disciplines. The program is designed to qualify the student for employment as an applied mathematician, but the graduate would also be well prepared for graduate study in pure or applied mathematics.

Preparation for the Major. Mathematics 150, 151, 241, 245, 252, 254, Computer Science 107, Statistics 250. (25 units)

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 36 upper division units to include Mathematics 337, 521A, 524, 532, 534A, 534B, 541; Statistics 350A or 551A; and 12 units of electives in computer science, mathematics, or statistics (approved by the Applied Mathematics adviser) excluding Mathematics 302, 303, 312, 313, 342A, 342B, 414, 509, and Statistics 357.

Master Plan. A master plan of the courses taken to fulfill the major must be approved by the adviser and filed with the Office of Advising and Evaluations.

Auxiliary Area. A minimum of 12 units (lower or upper division) from an area to which mathematics may be applied. A typical program might be Physics 195, 195L, 196, 196L, 197, 197L; or Chemistry 200, 201, and a course for which these are prerequisite; or Economics 101, 102, 320, 321. The intent is to train the student in an area in some depth. Some latitude may be allowed in the choice of department and mix of courses, but all programs must be approved by the Applied Mathematics adviser. The 12 unit requirement is minimal, and a minor in an approved field is highly recommended.

Emphasis in Computational Science

Preparation for the Major. Mathematics 150, 151, 241, 245, 252, 254, Computer Science 107, 108, 205, Statistics 250. (31 units)

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 36 upper division units to include Mathematics 336, 337, 521A, 524, 534A, 541; at least nine units from Mathematics 525, 532, 537, 538, 542, 543, Computer Science 558, 575; three units of Mathematics 499 (Senior Project); and six units of electives from computer science, mathematics, or statistics (approved by the Applied Mathematics adviser) excluding Mathematics 302, 303, 312, 313, 342A, 342B, 414, 509, and Statistics 357.

Master Plan. A master plan of the courses taken to fulfill the major must be approved by the adviser and filed with the Office of Advising and Evaluations.

Emphasis in Mathematical Finance

This emphasis is designed to train students for work in the field of financial mathematics, focusing on derivative instruments and risk management. The graduate would also be highly qualified for graduate study.

Preparation for the Major. Mathematics 150,151, 241, 245, 252, 254, Computer Science 107, Statistics 119 or 250, Accountancy 201, Economics 101, 102. (34 units) The student must complete these courses before being allowed to register for the upper division finance courses.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 39 upper division units to include Mathematics 337, 524, 531, 544, 562, 580, 581, Statistics 550 or 551A, Statistics 551B or 570 or 575, Finance 323, 326 or Economics 490, Finance 327, 329 or 421.

Master Plan. A master plan of the courses taken to fulfill the major must be approved by the adviser and filed with the Office of Advising and Evaluations.

Emphasis in Science

This purpose of this emphasis is to allow students with a strong interest in the mathematical aspects of a particular science to apply courses in that science to their major. This will provide a good background for employment or graduate work in applied mathematics or in that science.

Preparation for the Major. Mathematics 150,151, 241, 245, 252, 254, Computer Science 107, Statistics 250. (25 units) Some lower division courses will probably be prerequisite to science courses applied to the major.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 36 upper division units to include Mathematics 337, 524, 534A, 534B; at least six units selected from Mathematics 521A, 525, 531, 532, 537; 12 units from a science to which mathematics may be applied (these should be from a single science and must be approved by the B.S. adviser); and six units of electives in computer science, mathematics, or statistics excluding Mathematics 302, 303, 312, 313, 342A, 342B, 414, 509, and Statistics 357.

Master Plan. A master plan of the courses taken to fulfill the major must be approved by the adviser and filed with the Office of Advising and Evaluations.

Mathematics Major

In preparation for the Single Subject Teaching Credential With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences (Major Code: 17011)

All candidates for a teaching credential must complete all requirements as outlined in this section of the catalog under Policy Studies or Teacher Education. For students completing the single subject teaching credential program, no more than 48 units in mathematics courses can apply to the degree.

This major may be used by students preparing to be high school teachers as an undergraduate major for the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Preparation for the Major. Mathematics 150, 151, 241, 245, 252, 254, Statistics 250. (22 units)

Recommended: Computer Science 107, Physics 195, 195L, 196, 196L, 197, 197L.

Language Requirement. Competency (successfully completing the third college semester or fifth college quarter) is required in one foreign language as part of the preparation for the major. Refer to the section of the catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above or completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 24 upper division units in mathematics to include Mathematics 302, 303, 414, 521A, 534A, Statistics 550; an upper division course in geometry; and three units of electives in mathematics approved by the credential adviser.

Master Plan. A master plan of the courses taken to fulfill the major must be approved by the adviser and filed with the Office of Advising and Evaluations.

Mathematics Minor

The minor in mathematics consists of a minimum of 20-22 units in mathematics to include 12 upper division units, at least six of which have as prerequisite Mathematics 151; or Mathematics 252 and nine upper division units in mathematics, at least six of which have as prerequisite Mathematics 151. The courses selected will be subject to the approval of the minor adviser.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

Single Subject Mathematics Certificate

The purpose of the Single Subject Mathematics Certificate program is to provide individuals appropriate mathematics coursework to establish their subject matter competency in accordance with California State requirements for high school mathematics teachers. Admission is open to individuals who are majoring or have majored in an area other than mathematics and who have the equivalent of two years of high school mathematics and satisfy the Entry-Level Mathematics Examination. In order to enroll in the program, individuals should contact the single subject mathematics credential adviser in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

The program consists of 46 units to include Mathematics 150, 151; and 241, 245, 252, 254, 302, 303, 414, 510 (or 511 or 512), 521A, 534A, Statistics 250, 550, and three units of upper division electives selected from mathematical or physical sciences.

Individuals must complete at least nine upper division units at San Diego State University and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 in the required courses to qualify for the certificate.

Mathematics Specialist Certificate Program

The Mathematics Specialist Certificate Program for Grades 4-6 is open only to credentialed teachers. The certificate program is described in the *Graduate Bulletin* in the Mathematics and Science Education section. Undergraduate mathematics courses for the certificate program are listed below.

Mathematics Departmental Placement Examination

All students who expect to enroll in Computer Science 106, 107, 108, Mathematics 118, 120, 121, 141, 150, 210, 211, 312, Statistics 119, 250 must satisfy the Entry-Level Mathematics Examination requirement and pass the required part of the Mathematics Departmental Placement Examination. For Mathematics 150, certain prerequisite courses taken at San Diego State University may be used to satisfy the Mathematics Departmental Placement Examination requirement.

COMPUTER SCIENCE
(See this section of catalog under Computer Science)

STATISTICS
(See this section of catalog under Statistics)