Mathematics

College of Arts & Sciences

The Department of Mathematics grants the M.A., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees. There are no specific course prerequisites for admission; however, two semesters of advanced calculus, and at least one semester each of algebra and topology are suggested. Both the M.A. and M.S. degrees are 30-credit-hour programs, offered under either Plan A or Plan B.

The Master of Arts degree, featuring a core program that emphasizes mathematical structures, is designed for prospective community college teachers and for students contemplating studies at the Ph.D. level. The Master of Science degree, through an emphasis on the applications of mathematics and the acquisition of computational skills, focuses on careers in business, industry, and government.

The doctorate is a research degree granted on the basis of broad mathematical knowledge and exhibited creative ability. Course work leading to the doctorate is available in the areas of algebra, analysis applied mathematics, discrete mathematics, numerical analysis, partial differential equations, and topology. Each student must pass three comprehensive examinations in one of the six areas of algebra, analysis, discrete mathematics, numerical analysis, partial differential equations, and topology.

Admission Requirements
The graduate programs in mathematics do not have formal admission requirements other than those of the Graduate School. Admission, however, is competitive. The admissions committee reviews transcripts, letters of recommendation, the candidate's personal statement, and GRE scores seeking evidence of mastery in proof-based mathematics (such as analysis, topology, and modern algebra), the ability to craft mathematical proofs, and general mathematical maturity.

Degree Requirements
In order to be admitted to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree, a student must complete studies in a minor field (either inside or outside the department) and successfully complete three comprehensive examinations as described above. Subsequent work becomes highly specialized through seminars, independent study, and finally, work on a dissertation is an original contribution to the candidate's major field. The faculty has research expertise in algebraic topology, coding theory, ring theory, algebraic geometry, number theory, complex variables, rational approximation, operator theory, partial differential equations, mathematical physics, continuum mechanics, numerical analysis, algebraic combinatorics, and optimization.

The ability to communicate mathematics is an increasingly important professional qualification. The department requires all students to complete a teaching or research assignment during each semester of their enrollment in a graduate mathematics program. Students will be assigned to teach courses at the early undergraduate level. With the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies, a student may substitute an equivalent research effort for the teaching activity.

Course Descriptions

MA 501, 502 SEMINAR IN SELECTED TOPICS. (3 ea.)
Various topics from the basic graduate courses. Designed as a course for teachers of lower division mathematics and usually offered in connection with a summer institute. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits. Prereq: Teaching experience in the field of mathematics and consent of instructor.

MA 506 METHODS OF THEORETICAL PHYSICS I. (3)
The course and its sequel (MA/PHY 507) are designed to develop, for first-year graduate students, familiarity with the mathematical tools useful in physics. Topics include curvilinear coordinates, infinite series, integrating and solving differential equations of physics, and methods of complex variables. Work with Green's functions, eigenvalues, matrices and the calculus of variations are included as a part of MA/ PHY 506 and 507. Prereq: PHY 404G or equivalent. (Same as PHY 506.)

MA 507 METHODS OF THEORETICAL PHYSICS II. (3)
Continuation of MA/PHY 506. Fourier and Laplace Transforms, the special functions (Bessel, Elliptic, Gamma, etc.) are described. Work with Green's functions, eigenvalues, matrices and the calculus of variations are included as a part of MA/PHY 506 and 507. Prereq: MA/PHY 506. (Same as PHY 507.)

MA 514 COMBINATORIAL STRUCTURES AND TECHNIQUES. (3)
An introduction to fundamental structures and techniques in combinatorics, including such topics as graphs, trees, colorings of graphs, extremal graphs, bipartite matchings, partially ordered sets, extremal set theory, flows in networks, and the principle of inclusion/ exclusion. Prereq: MA 322 and one additional upper division math course or consent of instructor.

MA 515 LINEAR AND COMBINATORIAL OPTIMIZATION. (3)
Mathematical and computational aspects of linear programming and combinatorial optimization. Linear optimization is introduced by presenting solution techniques (primal and dual simplex) and studying geometric properties and duality for linear systems of inequalities. Asics of combinatorial optimization, including trees, paths, flows, matchings, and matroids, and the corresponding algorithms are presented. Prereq: A course in linear algebra or consent of instructor. (Same as STA 515.)

MA 522 MATRIX THEORY AND NUMERICAL LINEAR ALGEBRA I. (3)
Review of basic linear algebra from a constructive and geometric point of view. Factorizations of Gauss, Cholesky and Gram-Schmidt. Determinants. Linear least squares problems. Rounding error analysis. Stable methods for updating matrix factorizations and for linear programming. Introduction to Hermitian eigenvalue problems and the singular value decomposition via the QR algorithm and the Lanczos process. Method of conjugate gradients. Prereq: MA 322. (Same as CS 522.)
MA 527 APPLIED MATHEMATICS IN THE NATURAL SCIENCES I. (3)
Construction, analysis and interpretation of mathematical models applied to problems in the natural sciences. Physical problems whose solutions involve special topics in applied mathematics are formulated, various solution techniques are introduced, and the mathematical results are interpreted. Fourier analysis, dimensional analysis and scaling rules, regular and singular perturbation theory, random processes and diffusion are samples of selected topics studied in the applications. Intended for students in applied mathematics, science and engineering. Prereq: MA 432G or three hours in an equivalent junior/senior level mathematics course, or consent of instructor. This course is open only to graduate students or undergraduates with engineering standing. (Same as ME 527.)

MA 533 PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS. (3)
Elementary existence theorems, equations of first order, classification of linear second order equations, the Cauchy and Dirichlet problems, potential theory, the heat and wave equations, Green's and Riemann functions, separation of variables, systems of equations. Prereq: MA 532 and MA 472G or equivalent.

MA 537 NUMERICAL ANALYSIS. (3)
Floating point arithmetic. Direct methods for the solution of systems of linear algebraic equations. Polynomial and piecewise polynomial approximation, orthogonal polynomials. Numerical integration: Newton Cotes formulas and Gaussian quadrature. Basic methods for initial value problems for ordinary

differential equations. The emphasis throughout is on the understanding and use of software packages for the solution of commonly occurring problems in science and engineering. Prereq: CS/MA 321 or equivalent or graduate standing or consent of instructor. Knowledge of a procedural computer language is required. (Same as CS/EGR 537.)

MA 551 TOPOLOGY I. (3)
Topological spaces, products, quotients, subspaces, connectedness, compactness, local compactness, separation axioms, convergence.

MA 561 MODERN ALGEBRA I. (3)
Algebraic structures, quotient structures, substructures, product structures, groups, permutation groups, groups with operators, and the Jordan-Holder theorem. Prereq: Consent of instructor.

MA 565 LINEAR ALGEBRA. (3)
Review of finite dimensional linear algebra, the rank of a matrix, systems of linear equations, determinants, characteristic and minimal polynomials of a matrix, canonical forms for matrices, the simplicity of the ring of linear mappings of a finite dimensional vector space, the decomposition of a vector space relative to a group of linear mappings and selected topics of a more advanced nature. Prereq: MA 322 or consent of instructor.

MA 570 MULTIVARIATE CALCULUS. (3)
A self-contained course in n-dimensional analysis, including the general form of Stokes' theorem. Prereq: MA 432G or equivalent.

MA 575 PRINCIPLES OF ANALYSIS. (3)
Real and complex numbers, sequences and series, continuity, differentiation, integration, and uniform convergence. Prereq: MA 471G or equivalent or consent of instructor.

MA 601 TEACHING COLLEGE MATHEMATICS. (1)
A seminar for teaching assistants on the basics of teaching mathematics at the college level as well as use of appropriate technology. Includes topics such as syllabus construction, lesson planning, grading assignments, web pages, typesetting mathematics with LaTeX. Required of all new graduate teaching assistants in mathematics. Prereq: Must hold teaching assistantship in mathematics or consent of the instructor.

MA 611 INDEPENDENT WORK IN MATHEMATICS. (3-9)
Reading course for graduate students in mathematics. May be repeated to a maximum of nine credits. Prereq: Major in mathematics, a standing of at least 3.0 and consent of instructor.

MA 613 PROBLEMS SEMINAR IN OPERATIONS RESEARCH. (3)
In this course the student is exposed to the art of applying the tools of operations research to "real world" problems. The seminar is generally conducted by a group of faculty members from the various disciplines to which operations research is applicable. Prereq: MA 617 and STA 525 or consent of instructor. (Same as EE/STA 619).

MA 614 ENUMERATIVE COMBINATORICS. (3)
An introduction to the basic notions and techniques in enumerative combinatorics. The material has applications to polytopal theory, hyperplane arrangements, computational commutative algebra, representation theory and symrnetric functions. Topics include generating functions, the principle of inclusion and exclusion, bijections, recurrence relations, partially ordered sets, the Mobius function

and Mobius algebra, the Lagrange inversion formula, the exponential formula and tree enumeration. Prereq: A graduate course in linear algebra or consent of instructor.

MA 622 MATRIX THEORY AND NUMERICAL LINEAR ALGEBRA II. (3)
Numerical solution of matrix eigenvalue problems and applications of eigenvalues. Normal forms of Jordan and Schur. Vector and matrix norms. Perturbation theory and bounds for eigenvalues. Stable matrices and Lyapunov theorems. Nonnegative matrices. Iterative methods for solving large sparse linear systems. (Same as CS 622.)

MA 625 NUMERICAL METHODS FOR DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS. (3)
Numerical solution techniques for boundary value problems for ordinary differential equations, and for parabolic and elliptic partial differential equations. Prereq: CS/MA/EGR 537 or consent of instructor.

MA 628 APPLIED MATHEMATICS IN THE NATURAL SCIENCES II. (3)
Continuation of MA/EM 527 with emphasis on special topics and techniques applied to partial differential equations that occur in various physical field theories. Field equations of continuum mechanics of solids and fluids are reviewed. The method of characteristics, elliptic functions and integrals, Legendre polynomials, Mathieu functions, integral equations and transforms, and the methods of potential theory are examples of selected topics studied in introductory applications. Intended for students in applied mathematics,science and engineering. Prereq: MA/EM 527.

MA 630 MATHEMATICAL FOUNDATIONS OF STOCHASTIC PROCESSES AND CONTROL THEORY I. (3)
A modern treatment of stochastic processes from the measure theoretic point of view with applications to control theory; the basic notions of probability theory, independence, conditional expectations, separable stochastic processes, martingales, Markov processes, second order stochastic processes. Prereq: MA 432G and 670.

MA 633 THEORY OF PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS. (3)
A continuation of MA 533. Topics may include hypoelliptic operators and interior regularity of solutions; P(D)-convexity and existence theorems; regularity up to the boundary; applications of the maximum principle; semi-group theory for evolution equations; perturbation methods; well-posed and improperly posed problems; equations with analytic coefficients; a symptotic behavior of solutions; nonlinear problems. Prereq: MA 533.

MA 641 DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY. (3)
Tensor products, exterior algebra, differentiable maps, manifolds, geodesics, metric properties of curves in Euclidean fundamental forms, surfaces. Prereq: Consent of instructor.

MA 651 TOPOLOGY II. (3)
Embedding and metrization, compact spaces, uniform spaces and function spaces. Prereq: MA 551.

MA 654 ALGEBRAIC TOPOLOGY I. (3)
Homotopy and homology theories, complexes and applications. Prereq: MA 551, 561, 651 or equivalent.

MA 655 ALGEBRAIC TOPOLOGY II. (3)
Singular homology theory and applications, homology of products, singular and Cech cohomology with applications. Prereq: MA 654.

MA 661 MODERN ALGEBRA II. (3)

Rings, fields of quotients, rings of polynomials, formal power series, modules, exact sequences, groups of homomorphisms, natural isomorphisms, algebras and tensor algebras. Prereq: MA 561 or consent of instructor.

MA 665 RINGS AND MODULES. (3)
This graduate course is a continuation of MA 661. Topics include modules over principal ideal domains, localization, primary decomposition, associated prime ideals, classes of rings and modules such as Noetherian rings and Dedekind domains, tensor and exterior products, exact sequences and resolutions, ideals and varieties, Hilbert's Nullstellensatz. Prereq: MA 561 and MA 661 or consent from instructor.

MA 667 GROUP THEORY. (3)
A study of homomorphisms for groups, finite groups, solvable groups, nilpotent groups, free groups, and abelian groups. Prereq: MA 661.

MA 671 FUNCTIONS OF A COMPLEX VARIABLE I. (3)
Differentiation and integration, contour integration, poles and residues. Taylor and Laurent series, and conformal mapping. Prereq: MA 575 or consent of instructor.

MA 672 FUNCTIONS OF A COMPLEX VARIABLE II. (3)
A continuation of MA 671 to include the Riemann Mapping theorem, Dirichlet problem, multiple valued functions, Riemann surfaces and applications. Prereq: MA 671.

MA 676 ANALYSIS I. (3)
Sequences and series of real and complex numbers, sequences of functions. Riemann-Stieltjes integration, Lebesque measure and integration. Prereq: MA 575 or consent of instructor.

MA 677 ANALYSIS II. (3)
Continuation of MA 676. Absolutely continuous functions on the real line, Lebesque spaces, beginning theory of Banach spaces including the Hahn-Banach, closed graph, and open mapping theorems. Prereq: MA 676 or consent of instructor.

MA 681 FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS I. (3)
General theory of normed linear spaces including the Hahn-Banach separation theorems, principle of uniform boundedness and closed graph theorem. Dual spaces and representation theorems for linear functionals. Abstract measure theory and Riesz representation theorem for C(X). Prereq: MA 677 or consent of instructor.

MA 714 TOPICS IN DISCRETE MATHEMATICS (Subtitle Required). (3)
Review of recent research in discrete mathematics. May be repeated to a maximum of nine credits. Prereq: Consent of the instructor.

MA 721 SELECTED TOPICS IN NUMERICAL ANALYSIS. (3)
Review of current research in numerical analysis. May be repeated to a maximum of nine credits. Prereq: Consent of instructor.

MA 732 SELECTED TOPICS IN DIFFERENTIAL AND INTEGRAL EQUATIONS. (3)
Advanced topics in theory of differential (ordinary of partial) and integral equations such as topological dynamics, almost periodic solutions, stochastic differential equations, integro-differential and differential-difference equations, generalized functions as solutions, non-linear partial differential equations, singular integral equations.

MA 748 MASTER'S THESIS RESEARCH. (0)
Half-time to full-time work on thesis. May be repeated to a maximum of six semesters. Prereq: All course work toward the degree must be completed.

MA 749 DISSERTATION RESEARCH. (0)
Half-time to full-time work on dissertation. May be repeated to a maximum of six semesters. Prereq: Registration for two full-time semesters of 769 residence credit following the successful completion of the qualifying exams.

MA 751, 752 SELECTED TOPICS IN TOPOLOGY. (3 ea.)
Prereq: MA 651.

MA 764, 765 SELECTED TOPICS IN ALGEBRA. (3 ea.)
Reports and discussion on recent advances in group theory, ring theory, and homological algebra. Prereq: MA 661 and consent of instructor.

MA 767 DISSERTATION RESIDENCY CREDIT. (2)
Residency credit for dissertation research after the qualifying examination. Students may register for this course in the semester of the qualifying examination. A minimum of two semesters are required as well as continuous enrollment (Fall and Spring) until the dissertation is completed and defended.

MA 768 RESIDENCE CREDIT FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE. (1-6)
May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours.

MA 769 RESIDENCE CREDIT FOR THE DOCTOR'S DEGREE. (0-12)
May be repeated indefinitely.

MA 773 SELECTED TOPICS IN ANALYSIS. (3)
May be repeated to a maximum of six credits. Prereq: Consent of instructor.

MA 777 MATHEMATICAL SEMINAR. (3)
May be repeated once to a total of six credits. Prereq: Consent of instructor.

MA 778 MATHEMATICAL SEMINAR. (3)
May be repeated once to a total of six credits. Prereq: Consent of instructor.