**Mathematics**

College of Natural Science and Mathematics  
Department of Mathematics and Statistics  
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**B.A., B.S. Degrees**

Minimum Requirements for Degrees: 120 credits

The number of new fields in which professional mathematicians find employment grows continually. This department prepares students for careers in industry, government and education.

In addition to the major programs, the department offers a number of service courses in support of other programs within the university. Current and detailed information on mathematics degrees and course offerings is available from the department.

The department maintains a math lab which is available for assistance to all students studying mathematics at the baccalaureate level.

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics also offers a minor in statistics (see separate listings).

**Major — B.A. or B.S. Degree**

1. Complete the following pre-major requirement:  
   Students must be ready to matriculate into MATH F251X before they will be allowed to declare mathematics as their major.

2. Complete the general university requirements (page 177) to include a total of 39 upper-division credits, in any field, to satisfy the general university requirements for baccalaureate degrees.

3. Complete the B.A. or B.S. degree requirements. (See page 177-177. As part of the B.S. degree requirements, complete PHYS F103X and PHYS F104X, or PHYS F211X and PHYS F212X.)

4. Complete the following program (major) requirements:*  
   - MATH F251X—Calculus I** ........................................4
   - MATH F252X—Calculus II* ......................................4
   - MATH F253X—Calculus III .....................................4
   - MATH F265—Introduction to Mathematical Proofs ..........3
   - MATH F314—Linear Algebra ...................................3

5. Complete one of the following options:*  
   **Mathematics Option**
   
   a. Complete the following:  
      - MATH F401W—Introduction to Real Analysis ............3
      - MATH F405W—Abstract Algebra ..........................3
      - MATH F490D—Senior Seminar ............................2

   b. Complete at least 21 additional credits of electives.* Acceptable elective courses include any math or statistics course at the F300 level or above, and CS F201. At least 15 credits must be math courses (for exceptions see below**). Following are some suggested elective packages:
   i. Pure math:  
      - MATH F305—Geometry .....................................3
      - MATH F320—Topics in Combinatorics (3)  
      - or MATH F321—Number Theory (3)  
      - MATH F404—Topology .....................................3
      - MATH F422—Complex Analysis ..........................3
      - Additional elective credits ..............................9

   ii. Applied math:  
      - MATH F402—Differential Equations .....................3
      - MATH F421—Applied Analysis ............................4
      - MATH F422—Introduction to Complex Analysis ..........3
      - MATH F460—Mathematical Modeling ...................3
      - Complete two of the following:  
        - MATH F307—Discrete Mathematics ........................3
        - MATH F310—Numerical Analysis ........................3
        - STAT F300—Statistics ....................................3

6. Minimum credits required ........................................120

* Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course.

** Satisfies core or B.A. or B.S. degree requirements.

*** In some cases, courses with strong mathematical content from other disciplines may be used as electives. Such an elective package must be approved by an advisor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. The requirement that at least 15 credits be math courses still applies.

**** We strongly recommend that prospective secondary school teachers seek advising from the UA School of Education early in your undergraduate degree program, so that you can be appropriately advised of the State of Alaska requirements for teacher licensure. You will apply for admission to the UA School of Education’s postbaccalaureate teacher preparation program, a one-year intensive program, during your senior year.

Note: All mathematics majors — including double majors — must have an advisor from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Note: In addition to meeting all the general requirements for the specific degree, certain mathematics courses are required of all mathematics majors. At least 12 approved mathematics credits at the F300 level or above must be taken while in residence on the Fairbanks campus. All electives must be approved by the department.

**Requirements for mathematics teachers (grades 7-12):****

1. Complete the following:  
   - CS F201—Computer Science ...............................3
   - MATH F305—Geometry .....................................3
   - MATH F306—Introduction to the History and  
     Philosophy of Mathematics ................................3
   - MATH F320—Topics in Combinatorics (3)  
   - or MATH F321—Number Theory (3)  
   - or MATH F307—Discrete Mathematics (3) ............3
   - STAT F300—Statistics (3)  
   - or MATH F371—Probability (3)  
   - and MATH F408—Mathematical Statistics (3) ..........3-6

2. Complete two of the following:  
   - MATH F302—Differential Equations .....................3
   - MATH F310—Numerical Analysis ........................3
   - MATH F421—Applied Analysis ............................4
   - MATH F422—Introduction to Complex Analysis ..........3
   - MATH F460—Mathematical Modeling ...................3

**Minor**

1. Complete the following:  
   - MATH F251X—Calculus I ....................................4
   - MATH F252X—Calculus II ..................................4
   - MATH F253X—Calculus III ................................4
   - Complete at least 9 additional credits from MATH F265, STAT F300, any F300- or F400-level MATH course; or electives approved by a mathematics advisor ......................................................9

2. Minimum credits required ......................................21

Note: Courses completed to satisfy this minor can be used to simultaneously satisfy other major or general distribution requirements.
Baccalaureate Core Requirements

Communication ............................................. 9 Credits
• ENGL F111X—Introduction to Academic Writing ..........(3)
Complete one of the following:
• ENGL F211X—Academic Writing about Literature ..........(3)
• ENGL F213X—Academic Writing about the Social and Natural Sciences ......(3)
Complete one of the following:
• COMM F121X—Introduction to Interpersonal Communication ....(3)
• COMM F131X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Group Context ......(3)
• COMM F141X—Fundamentals of Oral Communication: Public Context......(3)

Perspectives on the Human Condition ............... 18 Credits
Complete all of the following four courses:
• ANTH F100X/SOC F100X—Individual, Society and Culture ..........(3)
• ECON F100X or PS F100X—Political Economy ....................(3)
• HIST F100X—Modern World History ...............................(3)
• ENGL/FL F200X—World Literature ...................................(3)

Total 12

Complete one of the following three courses:
• ART/MUS/THR F200X—Aesthetic Appreciation: Interrelationship of Art, Drama and Music .........................................................(3)
• HUM F201X—Unity in the Arts ............................................(3)
• ANS F202X—Aesthetic Appreciation of Alaska Native Performance ......(3)

Total 3

Complete one of the following six courses:
• BA F323X—Business Ethics ..............................................(3)
• COMM F300X—Communicating Ethics ..............................(3)
• JUST F300X—Ethics and Justice ..........................................(3)
• NRM F303X—Environmental Ethics and Actions ...................(3)
• PS F300X—Ethics and Society ..........................................(3)
• PHIL F322X—Ethics .........................................................(3)

Total 3

Or complete 12 credits from the above courses plus one of the following:
• Two semester-length courses in a single Alaska Native language or other non-English language
• Three semester-length courses (9 credits) in American Sign Language taken at the university level.

Total 6-9

Mathematics .................................................. 3 Credits
Complete one of the following:
• MATH F113X—Concepts and Contemporary Applications of Mathematics .................................................................(3)
• MATH F151X—College Algebra for Calculus* .............................(4)
• MATH F152X—Trigonometry ...............................................(3)
• MATH F156X—Precalculus ...................................................(4)
• MATH F122X—Algebra for Business and Economics** ............(3)
• STAT F200X—Elementary Probability and Statistics .................(3)

* No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH F151X or F122X.

Or complete one of the following:
• MATH F251X—Calculus I** ...............................................(4)
• MATH F252X—Calculus II ...................................................(4)
• MATH F253X—Calculus III ...................................................(4)
• MATH F222X—Calculus for Business and Economics ..............(4)
• MATH F232X—Calculus for Life Sciences ..............................(4)

* Or any math course having one of these as a prerequisite
** No credit may be earned for more than one of MATH F251X, F222X or F232X.

Total credits required 38-39

Natural Sciences ............................................. 8 Credits
Complete any two (4-credit) courses.
• ATM F101X—Weather and Climate of Alaska .......................(4)
• BIOL F100X—Human Biology ............................................(4)
• BIOL F101X—Introduction to Animal Behavior ......................(4)
• BIOL F103X—Biological and Society ..................................(4)
• BIOL F104X—Natural History ............................................(4)
• BIOL F115X—Fundamentals of Biology I ..............................(4)
• BIOL F116X—Fundamentals of Biology II ...........................(4)
• BIOL F210X—Introduction to Human Nutrition ....................(4)
• BIOL F211X—Human Anatomy and Physiology I ...................(4)
• BIOL F214X—Human Anatomy and Physiology II ...............(4)
• CHEM F100X—Chemistry in Complex Systems ...................(4)
• CHEM F214X—Basic General Chemistry ..............................(4)
• CHEM F214X—Beginnings in Biochemistry ...........................(4)
• CHEM F105X—General Chemistry ......................................(4)
• CHEM F106X—General Chemistry ......................................(4)
• GEOG F111X—Earth and Environment: Elements of Physical Geography ....(4)
• GEOS F100X—Introduction to Earth Science ..............................(4)
• GEOS F101X—The Dynamic Earth ......................................(4)
• GEOS F106X—Life and the Age of Dinosaurs ............................(4)
• GEOS F112X—History of Earth and Life .................................(4)
• GEOS F210X—Glaciers, Earthquakes and Volcanoes ..............(4)
• GEOS F212X—Humans, Earth and Environment ...........................(4)
• PHYS F102X—Energy and Society ......................................(4)
• PHYS F103X—College Physics ..........................................(4)
• PHYS F104X—College Physics ..........................................(4)
• PHYS F115X—Physical Science I ........................................(4)
• PHYS F175X—Astronomy ..................................................(4)
• PHYS F211X—General Physics ..........................................(4)
• PHYS F212X—General Physics ..........................................(4)
• PHYS F221X—General Physics ..........................................(4)

Total 8

Library and Information Research ..................... 0–1 Credit
• Successful completion of library skills competency test or LS F100X or LS F101X prior to junior standing

Total 0–1

Upper-Division Writing and Oral Communication
Complete the following at the upper-division level:
• Two writing intensive courses designated (W) and one oral communication intensive course designated (O), or two oral communication intensive courses designated (O/2) (see degree and/or major requirements)

Total credits required 38-39

All degrees (e.g. B.A., B.S., etc.) require additional courses.
Refer to specific degree and program requirements.
Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course used toward the baccalaureate core.