

# Program Change Request

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[Mathematics, BS](#)

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Yes

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Effective Catalog: 2020-2021

Program Level: Undergraduate

Program Type: Bachelor's

Degree Type: Bachelor of Science

Title: Mathematics, BS

Banner Title: Mathematics, BS

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	Associated Concentrations	Registrar's Office Use Only: Concentration Code
1	Actuarial Mathematics	ACTM
2	Applied Mathematics	AMT
3	Mathematical Statistics	MTHS

**Registrar/IRR Use Only – Concentration CIP Code**

**College/School:** College of Science

**Department / Academic Unit:** Mathematical Sciences

**Jointly Owned Program?** No

**Justification** Modifying the degree requirements for the Mathematical Statistics concentration:

- Adding the requirement to choose STAT 260, 350, or 360.
- Requiring 3-4 science credits in the second year.
- Requiring 2 courses from a list of STAT courses.

**Total Credits Required:** Total credits: minimum 120

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Code

Admission  
Requirements:

## Admissions

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University-wide admissions policies can be found in the [Undergraduate Admissions Policies](#) section of this catalog.

To apply for this program, please complete the [George Mason University Admissions Application](#).

Program-Specific  
Policies:

## Policies

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Students must fulfill all [Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees](#), including the [Mason Core](#).

[MATH 290](#) Introduction to Advanced Mathematics meets the writing intensive requirement for this major.

For policies governing all undergraduate programs, see [AP.5 Undergraduate Policies](#).

Graduating seniors are required to have an exit interview.

## Language Proficiency Recommendation

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The department recommends proficiency in French, German, or Russian.

## Course Recommendations and Policies

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A maximum of 6 credits of grades below 2.00 in coursework designated MATH or STAT may be applied toward the major.

Students intending to enter graduate school in mathematics are strongly advised to take [MATH 315](#) Advanced Calculus I and [MATH 321](#) Abstract Algebra.

Students may not receive credit for both [MATH 214](#) Elementary Differential Equations and [MATH 216](#) Theory of Differential Equations; both [MATH 213](#) Analytic

Geometry and Calculus III and [MATH 215](#) Analytic Geometry and Calculus III (Honors); both [MATH 351](#) Probability and [STAT 344](#) Probability and Statistics for

Engineers and Scientists I; and both [MATH 352](#) Statistics and [STAT 354](#) Probability and Statistics for Engineers and Scientists II.

After receiving a grade of 'C' or better in one of the courses listed below on the left, students may not receive credit for the corresponding course on the right:

Course	MATH credit	May Not Receive Credit for
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Course

[MATH 113](#) or [MATH 123](#)

[MATH 351](#) or [STAT 344](#)

[MATH 441](#)

[MATH 125](#)

May Not Receive Credit for

[MATH 105](#) or [MATH 108](#)

[MATH 110](#)

[MATH 111](#)

[MATH 112](#)

### Degree Requirements:

Students should refer to the [Admissions & Policies](#) tab for specific policies related to this program.

In addition to the mathematics core, science, and computational skills requirements, students may select an optional concentration in Actuarial Mathematics (ACTM), Applied Mathematics (AMT) or Mathematical Statistics (MTHS).

## Mathematics Core

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### Course List

Code	Title	Credits
<a href="#">MATH 113</a>	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I <a href="#">(Mason Core)</a>	4
<a href="#">MATH 114</a>	Analytic Geometry and Calculus II	4
<a href="#">MATH 203</a>	Linear Algebra	3
<a href="#">MATH 213</a>	Analytic Geometry and Calculus III	3
or <a href="#">MATH 215</a>	Analytic Geometry and Calculus III (Honors)	
<a href="#">MATH 214</a>	Elementary Differential Equations	3
or <a href="#">MATH 216</a>	Theory of Differential Equations	
<a href="#">MATH 290</a>	Introduction to Advanced Mathematics 1	3
<a href="#">MATH 322</a>	Advanced Linear Algebra	3
Total Credits		23

1 Fulfills the writing intensive requirement.

## Science

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### Course List

Code	Title	Credits
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Select a one-year sequence of a laboratory science from the following courses:

8-9

Biology Sequence:

[BIOL 213](#)

Cell Structure and Function [\(Mason Core\)](#)

Choose one from the following:

Code	Title	Credits
<a href="#">BIOL 300</a>	BioDiversity	
<a href="#">BIOL 308</a>	Foundations of Ecology and Evolution	
<a href="#">BIOL 311</a>	General Genetics	
Chemistry Sequence:		
<a href="#">CHEM 211</a>	General Chemistry I ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	
& <a href="#">CHEM 213</a>	and General Chemistry Laboratory I ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	
<a href="#">CHEM 212</a>	General Chemistry II ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	
& <a href="#">CHEM 214</a>	and General Chemistry Laboratory II ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	
Geology Sequence:		
<a href="#">GEOL 101</a>	Introductory Geology I ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	
<a href="#">GEOL 102</a>	Introductory Geology II ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	
Physics Sequence:		
<a href="#">PHYS 160</a>	University Physics I ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	
& <a href="#">PHYS 161</a>	and University Physics I Laboratory ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	
<a href="#">PHYS 260</a>	University Physics II ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	
& <a href="#">PHYS 261</a>	and University Physics II Laboratory ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	
Total Credits		8-9

## Computational Skills

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Course List		
Code	Title	Credits
<a href="#">CS 112</a>	Introduction to Computer Programming ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	4
Total Credits		4

## BS without Concentration

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In addition to the mathematics core, science, and computational skills requirements listed above, students who are not choosing a concentration must complete the following coursework:

Course List		
Code	Title	Credits
Traditional Mathematics		
<a href="#">MATH 125</a>	Discrete Mathematics I ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	3
<a href="#">MATH 315</a>	Advanced Calculus I	3

Code	Title	Credits
<a href="#">MATH 316</a>	Advanced Calculus II	3
<a href="#">MATH 321</a>	Abstract Algebra	3
or <a href="#">MATH 431</a>	Topology	

[Select 12 additional credits of MATH courses numbered above 300](#) 1 12

Additional Science

Select additional science credits from one of the following three options: 4-9

A second sequence from the choices under "Science" above

6 credits from more advanced courses in biology, chemistry, geology, or physics 2

The 4-credit option of [PHYS 262](#) and [PHYS 263](#)

Total Credits 28-33

1 Excluding [MATH 400](#) History of Math (Topic Varies) ([Mason Core](#)).

2 Only refers to courses acceptable for credit toward a natural science major. Suggested courses include: [CHEM 313](#) Organic Chemistry I through [CHEM 332](#) Physical Chemistry II; [CHEM 463](#) General Biochemistry I; [GEOL 302](#) Mineralogy through [GEOL 364](#) Marine Geology; and [PHYS 266](#) Introduction to Thermodynamics.

## Concentration in Actuarial Mathematics (ACTM)

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This concentration provides exciting opportunities for students interested in studying actuarial mathematics. Expertise in this field leads directly into a career as a practicing actuary with an insurance company, consulting firm, or in government employment.

### Course List

Code	Title	Credits
ACTM Courses		
<a href="#">MATH 125</a>	Discrete Mathematics I ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	3
<a href="#">MATH 351</a>	Probability	3
<a href="#">MATH 352</a>	Statistics	3
<a href="#">MATH 551</a>	Regression and Time Series	3
<a href="#">MATH 554</a>	Financial Mathematics	3
<a href="#">MATH 555</a>	Actuarial Modeling I	3
<a href="#">MATH 557</a>	Financial Derivatives	3
<a href="#">ACCT 203</a>	Survey of Accounting	3
<a href="#">ECON 103</a>	Contemporary Microeconomic Principles ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	3
<a href="#">ECON 306</a>	Intermediate Microeconomics 1	3
or <a href="#">ECON 310</a>	Money and Banking	
or <a href="#">FNAN 321</a>	Financial Institutions	

Code	Title	Credits
<a href="#">STAT 362</a>	Introduction to Computer Statistical Packages	3
Select two from the following:		6
<a href="#">MATH 441</a>	Deterministic Operations Research	
<a href="#">MATH 442</a>	Stochastic Operations Research	
<a href="#">MATH 446</a>	Numerical Analysis I	
<a href="#">MATH 453</a>	Advanced Mathematical Statistics	
Total Credits		39

<sup>1</sup>For mathematics majors, the Department of Economics has agreed to waive the [ECON 104](#) Contemporary Macroeconomic Principles ([Mason Core](#)) prerequisite.

## Concentration in Applied Mathematics (AMT)

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This concentration provides exciting opportunities for students interested in taking additional classes on applied mathematics. The concentration prepares numerical analysts able to deal with real world applications in science and engineering.

### Course List

Code	Title	Credits
AMT Courses		
<a href="#">MATH 125</a>	Discrete Mathematics I ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	3
<a href="#">MATH 315</a>	Advanced Calculus I	3
<a href="#">MATH 351</a>	Probability	3
<a href="#">MATH 413</a>	Modern Applied Mathematics I	3
<a href="#">MATH 414</a>	Modern Applied Mathematics II	3
<a href="#">MATH 446</a>	Numerical Analysis I	3
<a href="#">Select 6 credits of MATH courses numbered above 300</a> <sup>1</sup>		6

### Additional Science Courses

Select additional science credits from one of the following three options: 4-9

A second sequence from the choices under "Science" above

6 credits from more advanced courses in biology, chemistry, geology, or physics <sup>2</sup>

The 4-credit option of [PHYS 262](#) and [PHYS 263](#)

Total Credits 28-33

<sup>1</sup>Excluding [MATH 400](#) History of Math (Topic Varies) ([Mason Core](#)).

<sup>2</sup>Only refers to courses acceptable for credit toward a natural science major). Suggested courses include: [CHEM 313](#) Organic Chemistry I through [CHEM 332](#) Physical Chemistry II; [CHEM 463](#) General Biochemistry I; [GEOL 302](#) Mineralogy through [GEOL 364](#) Marine Geology; and [PHYS 266](#) Introduction to Thermodynamics.

# Concentration in Mathematical Statistics (MTHS)

This concentration provides exciting opportunities for students interested in taking additional classes on statistics and data analysis. The concentration prepares data analysts able to deal with real world applications in science and engineering.

## Course List

Code	Title	Credits
MTHS Courses		
<a href="#">MATH 125</a>	Discrete Mathematics I ( <a href="#">Mason Core</a> )	3
<a href="#">MATH 315</a>	Advanced Calculus I	3
<a href="#">MATH 351</a>	Probability	3
<a href="#">MATH 352</a>	Statistics	3
<a href="#">MATH 453</a>	Advanced Mathematical Statistics	3
<a href="#">MATH 551</a>	Regression and Time Series	3
<a href="#">STAT 362</a>	Introduction to Computer Statistical Packages	3
<b>Select one from:</b>		<b>3</b>
<a href="#">STAT 260</a>	<b>Introduction to Statistical Practice I</b>	
<a href="#">STAT 350</a>	<b>Introductory Statistics II</b>	
<a href="#">STAT 360</a>	<b>Introduction to Statistical Practice II</b>	
Select two from the following:		6
<a href="#">STAT 455</a>	Experimental Design	
<a href="#">STAT 460</a>	<b>Introduction to Biostatistics</b>	
<a href="#">STAT 462</a>	<b>Applied Multivariate Statistics</b>	
<a href="#">STAT 463</a>	Introduction to Exploratory Data Analysis	
<a href="#">STAT 465</a>	<b>Nonparametric Statistics and Categorical Data Analysis</b>	
<a href="#">STAT 472</a>	<b>Introduction to Statistical Learning</b>	
<a href="#">STAT 474</a>	Introduction to Survey Sampling	
Additional Science Courses		
Select additional science credits from one of the following options:		3-4
Choose 3 credits from more advanced courses in biology, chemistry, geology, or physics 1		
<del>The 4 credit option of <a href="#">PHYS 262</a> and <a href="#">PHYS 263</a></del>		
Choose the 4 credit option of <a href="#">PHYS 262</a> and <a href="#">PHYS 263</a>		
Total Credits		33-34

**1** Only refers to courses acceptable for credit toward a natural science major. Suggested courses include: [CHEM 313](#) Organic Chemistry



I through [CHEM 332 Physical Chemistry II](#); [GEOL 302 Mineralogy through GEOL 364 Marine Geology](#); and [PHYS 266 Introduction to Thermodynamics](#).

~~1 Only refers to courses acceptable for credit toward a natural science major). Suggested courses include: CHEM 313%7C through CHEM 332%7C, CHEM 463%7C, GEOL 302%7C through GEOL 364%7C, and PHYS 266%7C~~

Retroactive  
Requirements  
Updates:

Plan of Study:

Honors  
Information:

## Honors in the Major

### Eligibility

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Mathematics majors who have maintained a GPA of at least 3.50 in mathematics courses and a GPA of 3.50 in all courses taken at George Mason University may apply to the departmental honors program upon completion of two MATH courses at the 300+ level (excluding [MATH 400](#) History of Math (Topic Varies) ([Mason Core](#))), at least one of which has [MATH 290](#) Introduction to Advanced Mathematics as a prerequisite. Admission to the program will be monitored by the undergraduate committee.

### Honors Requirements

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To graduate with honors in mathematics, a student is required to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.50 in mathematics courses and successfully complete [MATH 405](#) Honors Thesis in Mathematics I and [MATH 406](#) RS: Honors Thesis in Mathematics II with an average GPA of at least 3.50 in these two courses.

### Additional Program Information

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*This information is required by the Office of Accreditation and Program Integrity.*

Courses offered via  
distance (if  
applicable):

What is the  
primary delivery  
format for the  
program?

Face-to-Face Only

**Does any portion of this program occur off-campus?**

No

**Are you working with a vendor / other collaborators to offer your program?**

No

**Related  
Departments**

**Could this program prepare students for any type of professional licensure, in Virginia or elsewhere?**

No

**Are you adding or removing a licensure component?**

No

**Additional SCHEV & SACSCOC Information**

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**Are you changing the total number of credits required for this program?**

**Are you changing the delivery format in any way (e.g adding an online option)?**

**Are you adding/removing a licensure option which was approved by SCHEV?**

**Will any portion of this program be offered at an off-campus location?**

**Are you adding significant new content areas to the program?**

**Will this program change affect any specialized accreditation?**

**Green Leaf Program Designation**

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**Is this a Green Leaf program?** No

**Does this program cover material which crosses into another department?**

No

**Additional Attachments**

- [UGC-COS-Program Mod BS Math.pdf](#)
- [UGC-COS-Program-Mod-bsmath\\_001.pdf](#)
- [BS\\_in\\_math\\_modification\\_ProgramApprovalForm\\_COSCC-2\\_ACTUARIAL.pdf](#)

**SCHEV Proposal**

**Executive Summary**

**Reviewer Comments**

**Additional Comments**

**Is this course required of all students in this degree program?**

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