

HONOURS BSC MATHEMATICS

Mathematics and statistics are not only powerful problem-solving tools, but also highly creative fields of studies that combine imagination with logic, and precision with intuition.

Mathematics is much more than numbers! Its basic goal is to reveal and model general patterns to help explain our world, whether they be found in electrical impulses in the human nervous system, the evolution of animal populations in their habitats, fluctuations in stock-market prices, or electronic communications. Mathematics reaches far beyond science and engineering into medicine, business and the social sciences.

Advances in mathematics and statistics lie behind many discoveries that are now part of our daily lives, such as MRI scanners, digital compression of music and video, secure electronic communications, data mining, genomic algorithms, futures pricing, and many other innovations.

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics offers Honours, majors and minors both in mathematics and in statistics. Our Honours program in statistics is accredited by the Statistical Society of Canada, allowing graduates to earn the A.Stat. professional designation. Moreover, the Department offers a joint honours program in mathematics and economics, a joint honours program in mathematics and computer science, as well as a multidisciplinary program in financial mathematics and economics. All our honours programs also include the co-operative education option.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Program Requirements

Co-operative education is available with this program.

The French immersion stream is available with this program.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2025-2026 calendars (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

Basic Skills

3 optional course units in English (ENG) at the 1000 or 2000 level 3 Units

Compulsory Courses at the 1000 level

ITI 1120	Introduction to Computing I	3 Units
MAT 1320	Calculus I	3 Units
MAT 1322	Calculus II	3 Units
MAT 1341	Introduction to Linear Algebra	3 Units
MAT 1362	Mathematical Reasoning and Proofs	3 Units

Compulsory Courses at the 2000 level

MAT 2122	Multivariable Calculus	3 Units
MAT 2125	Elementary Real Analysis	3 Units
MAT 2141	Honours Linear Algebra	3 Units
MAT 2143	Introduction to Group Theory	3 Units
MAT 2324	Ordinary Differential Equations and the Laplace Transform	3 Units
MAT 2371	Introduction to Probability	3 Units

Compulsory Courses at the 3000 level

MAT 3120	Real Analysis	3 Units
MAT 3121	Complex Analysis	3 Units

MAT 3143	Rings and Modules	3 Units
MAT 3341	Applied Linear Algebra	3 Units

Optional Courses

6 course units from: 6 Units

MAT 2335	Introduction to Numerical Methods	
MAT 2348	Discrete Mathematics ¹	
MAT 2355	Introduction to Geometry	
MAT 2362	Foundations of Mathematics	
STA 2100	Introduction to Statistics	

18 optional course units in mathematics (MAT) or statistics (STA) at the 3000 or 4000 level² 18 Units

6 optional course units in mathematics (MAT) at the 4000 level² 6 Units

Elective Courses

9 elective course units offered by the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Social Sciences or the Telfer School of Management 9 Units

33 elective course units² 33 Units

Total: 120 Units

Note(s)

¹ Students interested in discrete mathematics should take MAT 2348.

² The course MAT 3153 cannot be counted for units if you have previously passed MAT 4153. You may however take MAT 3153 and then subsequently take MAT 4153, and count both for units.