MAJOR IN STATISTICS

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

The table below includes only the discipline-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/policies-regulations/academic-regulations/b-2-program-studies/) for information on the Honours bachelor's with double major and the Honours bachelor's with major and minor.

Co-operative education is available when taken as part of an honours degree.

The French Immersion Stream is available when taken as part of an honours degree.

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 2371	Introduction to Probability	3 Units
STA 2100	Introduction to Statistics	3 Units
Compulsory Courses at the 3000 level		
STA 3300	Regression Analysis	3 Units
STA 3301	Analysis of Experimental Designs	3 Units
Compulsory Courses at the 4000 level		
STA 4305	Survey Sampling	3 Units
3 course units from:		3 Units
MAT 2141	Honours Linear Algebra	
MAT 2342	Introduction to Applied Linear Algebra	
12 course units from: [2]		12 Units
MAT 3172	Foundations of Probability	
MAT 4371	Applied Probability	
MAT 4377	Topics in Applied Probability	
STA 3100	Introduction to Mathematical Statistics	
STA 3302	Introduction to Time Series Analysis	
STA 4301	Bayesian Inference	
STA 4302	Advanced Regression	
STA 4303	Categorical Data Analysis	
STA 4304	Generalized Linear Models	
STA 4306	Computational Statistics	
STA 4307	Multivariate Statistical Methods	
STA 4320	Topics in Statistics	
6 optional course units in mathematics (MAT) or statistics (STA) at the 3000 or 4000 level [3, 4, 5]		6 Units
Total:		**60 Units**

Note(s)

1. This is a required course for A.Stat. accreditation.
2. Courses accredited by the Statistical Society of Canada (SSC) and which may be used to satisfy the requirements for the professional title of A.Stat. from the SSC. Consult the Department of Mathematics and Statistics for more details.
3. The following courses are recommended for students interested in pursuing graduate studies in probability or statistics: MAT 3120, MAT 3121, MAT 3172, MAT 3341, STA 3100.
4. Other courses in probability and statistics which may be of interest include: MAT 4170, MAT 4171, MAT 4372.
5. 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.