Graduate Admissions

The Department of Mathematics offers a Ph.D. and several Master's degrees. We have about 90 graduate students, and we typically have 15-20 new students each year. Almost all of our students are supported through Teaching Assistantships. Our focus is the Ph.D. program. In contrast, the Master's program is very small – one or two students entering per year – and mainly serves the following groups of people:

- Students who want a Ph.D. and have mathematical talent, but whose background needs strengthening. These students are usually supported with Teaching Assistantships, and the goal is for them to transfer to the Ph.D. program after one or two years in the Master's program.
- Students who are enrolled in other graduate programs at the University of Washington and who also want training in mathematics. The department typically provides no financial support for these students.
- Students living in the Seattle area who want to explore graduate mathematics. The department typically provides no financial support for these students.

We do not accept applications for Master of Arts in mathematics, only the Master of Science.

If you are not sure whether to apply for the Ph.D. or the Master's program, read our admission requirements, and be aware that most people should apply for the Ph.D. program: if you apply for the Ph.D. program, the admissions committee will also consider you for the Master's program. If you are still unsure, email us.

Follow the links below to read about admission requirements, required tests, and application procedures. All application materials can be obtained here.

Since all entry-level graduate courses are yearlong sequences beginning in the autumn, applications for admission are normally accepted only for Autumn Quarter. Applications for admission with financial support (Teaching Assistantships or Fellowships) must be complete by January 1 for admission the following autumn.

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