Undergraduate Admissions

Admission into the Math Major is competitive. Completion of minimum requirements described below does not guarantee admission. Each application is evaluated by a subcommittee of the Undergraduate Program Committee.

Admission Criteria

A minimum 2.0 grade in each of the courses and an overall minimum 2.50 GPA in all mathematics courses. The courses must be completed, not in progress, at the time of application.

- MATH 124
- MATH 134
- MATH 125
- or
- MATH 135
- MATH 126
- MATH 136

All applicants are evaluated using the following criteria:

- **Performance in all mathematics courses as measured by GPA**
  TIP: Typically more recent MATH coursework will be weighted heavier.

- **Difficulty of all mathematics courses completed**
  TIP: More conceptual math courses (like Math 308) are some of the most important for your application to Math. Do your best work!

- **Frequency of incompletes or withdrawal grades**

- **Number of repeated courses**
  TIP: Check with Math Student Services before you retake a course. We can advise you on the best option for your situation.

- **Amount and type of AP credit (i.e., AB vs. BC)**

- **Relevant work and life experience**

- **Record of honors**
  TIP: Let us know if you have done something interesting with math recently!

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**Suggested winter 2020 course: MATH 380 - A Second Course in Linear Algebra**

Prospective MATH majors who have or will complete MATH 308 with a 3.0 or higher grade are encouraged to take MATH 380. For a full course description and to register, go to [https://math.washington.edu/special-offerings](https://math.washington.edu/special-offerings).

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**How to apply**

Applications are accepted twice each year. To complete the application you will need to select a degree option and write a brief
Personal Statement:
A statement about your interest in the Undergraduate Program in Mathematics at UW will help us evaluate your application. Please take this seriously and use it to help us get a deeper picture of you beyond your grades.

- We would like to know about your educational and/or career goals, and how you expect to further them by studying mathematics.
- The Undergraduate Program in Mathematics actively seeks and welcomes students with diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives. You may describe how your personal history (family, educational, cultural, and economic background) has influenced your intellectual development, interests, career plans, and goals. This can also include mathematical experiences outside the classroom or memorable classroom experiences at the UW, in a math course or not.
- You may also use this statement to address elements of your record that might misrepresent your potential as a math major.

Statements should be no longer than 2,000 characters.

**SUBMIT ADMISSIONS APPLICATION HERE (Opens January 1st at 8:00am)**

Click [here](#) if you are having trouble accessing the application form.

If you would like to learn more about the major and application process, please plan to attend a [math major information session](#).

Admissions Decisions

Decisions are made approximately within a month of the application deadline. Students are notified of the decision via UW email. The date admissions decisions are emailed will be posted on the top of this webpage. If admitted, follow the directions in the email. If admitted and you do not accept the offer by the deadline stated in the email, you will not be admitted to the major and will need to reapply.

Applicants who apply to the Math Major and are admitted need to be registered and enrolled for the quarter immediately following the application decision. Students who are not enrolled for the quarter following the application decision will forfeit their admissions offer and will need to reapply in a future application cycle.

All applicants have the right to petition and appeal the department's admission decision.

If you are denied admission to the Math department, there is an appeals procedure if you feel that important facts were overlooked by the committee. You must submit the Math Admission Decision Appeal Form within two weeks of the date of the notification email to the Math Student Services office in Padelford C-36. Only relevant information that was not submitted with your original application will be considered in your case for an appeal. Students who appeal will be notified one week after the appeal deadline.

The University of Washington reaffirms its policy of equal opportunity regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, or status as a protected veteran in accordance with University policy and applicable federal and state statutes and regulations.
The University of Washington is committed to providing access and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, activities, education and employment for individuals with disabilities. To request disability accommodation in the application process contact the department at 206-543-6830 or the Disability Services Office at least ten days in advance at: 206.543.6450/V, 206.543.6452/TTY, 206.685.7264 (FAX), or e-mail at dso@u.washington.edu.

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