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.

- MATH 124
- MATH 125
- MATH 126

OR

- MATH 134
- MATH 135
- MATH 136

Courses must be completed and not in progress at the time of application.

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!

How to apply

Applications are accepted via catalyst twice each year. The deadline is the end of the day (5:00pm Pacific Time) on January 15 and September 15. To complete the application you will need to select a degree option and write a brief personal statement.

Notice:

The Math Department has received approval for or is in the process of receiving approval to update degree requirements. All degree requirements, including those pending are found on our website: https://math.washington.edu/undergraduate-degree-options

**Bachelor of Science: Comprehensive Option** - The Department of Mathematics is seeking University approval to suspend this degree option. If approval is received from the University, those offered admissions will instead be placed into the Bachelor of Science Standard option.

**Bachelor of Science: Standard Option** - The Department of Mathematics is seeking University approval to change the degree requirements for this degree option. If approval is received from the University, those offered admissions will instead be under these revised degree requirements. The proposed new requirements can be found at this link, however the final approved degree may differ.
Bachelor of Arts: Standard Option - The Department of Mathematics has received approval to change the degree requirements for this degree option. The new degree requirements can be found at this link. Those admitted to this option will be under these revised degree requirements.

Bachelor of Arts: Teacher Preparation or Philosophy Option- no changes have been made to these degree options. Degree requirements can be found at this link.

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 3,000 characters.

Submit Admissions Application Here (Opens January 1 AT 8:00 AM)

If you’d like to meet with an Advisor, visit the Student Services Office, Padelford C-36. Advising drop-in hours are generally Monday - Friday, 9:30-11:30am and 1:30 - 3:30pm during Autumn, Winter and Spring Quarters. Summer hours will vary, it’s a good idea to check on summer hours, 206-543-6830.

Admissions Decisions

Decisions are made approximately within a month of the application deadline. Students are notified of the decision via email. If admitted and math is your only major you have 1 week to accept our offer of admission. If admitted and math is a double major/degree, you will have 2 weeks to accept our offer of admission and must complete a graduation plan with your current major first. Non-responses by the deadline are considered a decline of the offer of admissions.

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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