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Learning Objectives for Mathematics Majors

By the time of graduation, students majoring in mathematics should have acquired the following knowledge and skills:

1. Computational skills

- a) Proficiency in basic computational methods in calculus, algebra, and differential equations.
- b) Facility with computer-aided computations.

2. Analytical skills

- a) An understanding of the basic rules of logic and proficiency in using them.
- b) The ability to distinguish a coherent argument from a fallacious one.
- c) The ability to derive general principles from examples.
- d) The ability to formulate mathematical conjectures and to test them.
- e) The ability to complete mathematical proofs.

3. Practical problem solving and mathematical modeling skills

- a) The ability to relate mathematical concepts to problems arising in other disciplines.
- b) The ability to represent problems and ideas precisely in mathematical terms.
- c) The ability to identify facts and techniques relevant to a given problem, and proficiency in using them to solve the problem.

4. Research Skills

- a) Comprehension of the general framework of mathematical research; an understanding of the role of axioms, assumptions, theorems, proofs, and conjectures.
- b) A basic understanding of methods and the subject matter of various mathematical disciplines (analysis, algebra, applied mathematics, geometry and topology).
- c) The ability to read mathematical texts independently.

5. Communication skills

- a) The ability to present clearly mathematical concepts, statements, and arguments both in written and oral form.
- b) Knowledge of standard mathematical terminology and notation and the ability to use them properly.

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Undergraduate Curriculum Mapping

The table below lists all courses offered to Mathematics Majors. Ratings assigned to a course indicate the extent to which its content reflects each of the learning objectives on the following scale:

1	little or not at all	2	moderately	3	extensively
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Outcomes	1. Computational skills	2. Analytical skills	3. Practical problem solving and mathematical modeling skills	4. Research Skills	5. Communication skills
MTH 141 Calculus I	3	1	2	1	1
MTH 142 Calculus II	3	1	2	1	1
MTH 153 Hon Calculus I	3	2	2	2	2
MTH 154 Hon Calculus II	3	2	2	2	2
MTH 172 Princip. Math Comp	3	2	3	1	2
MTH 191 Intro Disc Math I	3	2	3	1	1
MTH 192 Intro Disc Math II	3	2	3	1	1
MTH 241 Calculus III	3	1	2	1	1
MTH 251 Hon Calculus III	3	2	2	2	2
MTH 272 Math of Data Manip	3	2	2	1	1
MTH 306 Intro Diff Equations	3	1	3	1	2
MTH 309 Intro Lin Algebra	3	2	2	1	2
MTH 310 App Lin Algebra	3	2	3	2	2
MTH 311 Intro Higher Math	1	3	1	3	3
MTH 313 Elements of Set Theory	1	3	1	3	3
MTH 314 Logic for Comp Sci	1	3	2	2	2
MTH 335 Elements of Geometry	1	3	1	2	3

Outcomes	1.Computational skills	2. Analytical skills	3. Practical problem solving and mathematical modeling skills	4. Research Skills	5.Communication skills
MTH 336 Projective Geometry	1	3	1	2	3
MTH 337 Intro Sci Computing	2	2	2	2	1
MTH 343 Codes	2	2	3	2	2
MTH 353 Intro Combinatorics I	3	3	2	2	2
MTH 354 Intro Combinatorics II	3	3	2	2	2
MTH 411 Probability Theory	2	2	3	2	2
MTH 412 Intro Stat Inference	2	2	3	2	2
MTH 413 Intro Math Logic I	1	3	1	3	3
MTH 414 Intro Math Logic II	1	3	1	3	3
MTH 417 Surv Multivar Calculus	2	3	2	2	2
MTH 418 Surv Partial Diff Eq	3	2	2	2	2
MTH 419 Intro Abstract Algebra	2	3	1	3	3
MTH 420 Advanced Lin Algebra	2	3	1	3	3
MTH 424 Surv Fourier Series	3	2	2	2	2
MTH 425 Intro Complex Var I	2	3	2	2	2
MTH 426 Intro Complex Var II	2	3	2	2	2
MTH 427 Intro Topology I	1	3	1	3	3
MTH 428 Intro Topology II	1	3	1	3	3
MTH 429 Intro Number Th I	1	3	1	3	3
MTH 430 Intro Number Th II	1	3	1	3	3
"MTH 431 Intro Real Variables I	2	3	1	3	3
MTH 432 Intro Real Variables II	2	3	1	3	3
MTH 434 Basic Measure Theory	1	3	1	3	3
MTH 435 Intro Cryptography	2	2	3	2	2
MTH 437 Intro Num Analysis I	3	2	3	2	2
MTH 437 Intro Num Analysis II	3	2	3	2	2

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MTH 443 Fund App Math I	3	2	3	2	2
MTH 444 Fund App Math II	3	2	3	2	2
MTH 445 Ordinary Diff Eq	3	2	2	3	2
MTH 449 Intro Partial Diff Eq	3	2	2	3	2
MTH 455 Math Modeling	2	2	3	2	3
MTH 456 Math of Voting	1	3	3	2	2
MTH 457 Problem Solving Sem	2	3	1	3	3
MTH 458 Math Finance I	2	2	3	2	1
MTH 459 Math Finance II	2	2	3	2	1
MTH 460 Theory of Games	2	3	3	2	2