MATHEMATICS

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The Department of Mathematics teaches a broad range of courses in modern mathematics and statistics. This translates into developing strong ability to solve problems and to apply mathematics and statistics to other areas. The program prepares students to further their mathematical education in graduate school, to teach at the secondary school level, or to work in the government or private sector.

Programs

Major

• Mathematics Major (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/computer-mathematical-natural-sciences/mathematics/mathematics-major/)

Minors

• Actuarial Mathematics Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/computer-mathematical-natural-sciences/mathematics/actuarial-mathematics-minor/)
• Mathematics Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/computer-mathematical-natural-sciences/mathematics/mathematics-minor/)
• Statistics Minor (https://academiccatalog.umd.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/computer-mathematical-natural-sciences/mathematics/statistics-minor/)

Opportunities

Undergraduate Research Experiences

There are a variety of undergraduate research opportunities in mathematics at Maryland. For detailed information, see http://www-math.umd.edu/undergraduate/opportunities.html?id=102

Combined B.S./M.A. Program in Mathematics

The Department of Mathematics offers a combined B.S./M.A. degree program for students with exceptional ability and interest in mathematics. Students enrolled in the Combined Degree Program may count up to 9 credits of coursework taken for their undergraduate degree toward the M.A. degree as well. For further information, please see the Mathematics Department webpage: https://www-math.umd.edu/undergraduate/math-majors.html?id=165

Honors Program

The Mathematics Honors Program is designed for students showing exceptional ability and interest in mathematics. Its aim is to give a student the best possible mathematics education. A precise statement of the requirements may be found at http://www-math.umd.edu/departmental-honors.html

The department also offers a special department honors sequence, MATH340-MATH341, for promising freshmen with a strong mathematical background (including calculus). Participants in the Honors College may also enroll in special honors sections of the lower-level mathematics courses (MATH140H, MATH141H, MATH241H, MATH246H). Students in MATH340-MATH341 and the special honors sections need not be Math majors.

The Mathematics departmental honors sequence and the Honors College program are distinct, and enrollment in one does not imply acceptance in the other.

Student Societies and Professional Organizations

There are several student-run groups within the department: the Math Club, Pi Mu Epsilon, the Actuarial Club, and Women in Math.

• Math Club: http://mathclub.math.umd.edu/
• Pi Mu Epsilon: http://www-math.umd.edu/pme/index.html (http://www-math.umd.edu/pme/)
• Actuarial Math Club: http://actuarial.math.umd.edu/
• Women in Math: http://wim.math.umd.edu/

Awards and Recognition

Aaron Strauss Scholarships: One is awarded each spring to an outstanding non-graduating math major. The recipient receives full remission of (in-state) tuition for the following academic year. Applications may be obtained early in the previous spring semester from the Mathematics Undergraduate Office, 1117 Mathematics Building.

Aziz Mathematics Scholarship: The Aziz scholarship is the department’s highest award of mathematical excellence for a non-graduating math major. When eligible, the recipient receives a monetary award to cover in-state tuition in the following academic year.

Dan Shanks Award: This award is for an undergraduate student studying computational number theory and related areas, based on merit.

Dan Sweet Scholarship: A one-semester stipend awarded to a math major on the basis of merit.

Higginbotham Prize: A monetary award is made to an outstanding junior math major in the spring.

John and Sabrina Konter Endowed Scholarship: This is an award for an undergraduate math major with an interest in applications to real world problems in business and industry. Take or plan to take probability and statistics and at least 12 credits hours in one or more: economics, business, physics or computer science.

Milton Abramowitz Award: A monetary award is made to an outstanding junior or senior Math major in the spring.

Outstanding Senior Award: A monetary award is made to the outstanding graduating Math major.

Strauss Teaching Assistantship: This is an opportunity for outstanding Math majors to work as an undergraduate TA. Apply in the spring for the following year.
For further information on awards, see http://www-math.umd.edu/undergraduate/math-majors.html?id=166.

Advising

Advising for Math majors is mandatory. Students are required to sign up for an advising appointment online, beginning the week before early registration. Students who have been away more than two years may find that due to curriculum changes, the courses they have taken may no longer be adequate preparation for the courses required to complete the major. Students in this situation must meet with the Department Advisor to make appropriate plans.