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The Major

Mathematicians today are engaged in a wide variety of activities. Research mathematicians create new theories and techniques. Applied mathematicians use that theory and mathematical modeling to solve problems in economics, science, medicine, engineering, and management. Teachers of mathematics develop new ways to teach mathematical concepts to children and adults.

University-level mathematics involves more than algorithms and computational techniques. Mathematics majors also learn to construct proofs and how to approach a real life problem from a mathematical point of view.

Careers

Math majors tend to be highly satisfied with the jobs they get after college. The pay is generally good and the work is usually strongly related to mathematics. The best five jobs listed in a recent Jobs Rated Almanac - software engineer, actuary, computer systems analyst, computer programmer, and mathematician - all require a very strong background in mathematics. In fact, almost every one of the top fifty jobs involves a significant amount of mathematical reasoning and knowledge.

For more information on the program, see the 2000-2002 University Catalog.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree

It is assumed that the student has a facility in mathematics normally gained by recent completion of four years of high school mathematics through trigonometry and "Mathematical Analysis." Because of the variation in curriculum at the high school level it is necessary to obtain a satisfactory score on the Mathematics Placement Test to enter the first course in the program. Without a satisfactory score a student may have to complete additional courses.

Residency Requirement

In addition to University residence requirements for a bachelor's degree, the student must complete a minimum of 18 units of upper division mathematics in residence at Cal State Northridge with the approval of a mathematics advisor.

The student must complete the following course requirements and must have at least a 2.0 grade point average for all upper division units required in the major.

Lower Division Required Courses (31-32 Units)

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| MATH | 150A | Mathematical Analysis I (5) |
| MATH | 150B | Mathematical Analysis II (5) |
| MATH | 150AL OR 150BL | Calculus Computer Lab (1) |
| MATH | 250 | Mathematical Analysis III (3) |
| MATH | 262 | Introduction to Linear Algebra (3) |
| COMP | 106/106L OR | Computing in Engineering and Science (3) |
| COMP | 110/110L | Introduction to Algorithms and Programming (4) |
| PHYS | 220A | Mechanics (3) |
| PHYS | 220AL | Mechanics Laboratory (1) |
| PHYS | 220B | Electricity and Magnetism (3) |
| PHYS | 220BL | Electricity and Magnetism Laboratory (1) |
| PHIL | 230 | Symbolic Logic I (3) |

Upper Division Required Courses (18 Units)

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| MATH | 320 | Foundations of Higher Math (3) |
| MATH | 340 | Introductory Probability (3) |
| MATH | 350 | Advanced Calculus I (3) |
| MATH | 351 | Differential Equations (3) |
| MATH | 364 | Elementary Modern Algebra (3) |
| MATH | 462 | Advanced Linear Algebra (3) |

Upper Division Electives (12 units)

Upper division math courses (excluding Math 310, 310L, 311, 312, and 331).

Total Units in Option I (61-62 Units)

General Education (37 Units)

Subsection A.2, Critical Reasoning, is satisfied by PHIL 230. Subsection A.3, Mathematics, is satisfied by Math 150A. Section B, Natural Sciences, is partially satisfied by the lower division Physics courses required in the major. Section E, Applied Arts and Sciences, is satisfied by either Computer Science course required in the major.

Title 5 (6 Units)

Additional Units (15-16 Units)

Total Units Required for the BA Degree: 120