

Mathematical Sciences, PhD

Except as noted, all courses are 3 credits. With the exception of Topics courses and Problem seminars, the first semester of any two-semester course will comprise a survey of the important topics in the course. The second semester, offered only upon sufficient student demand, will consist of a deeper treatment of topics covered in the first semester.

Elementary Theory of Numbers

MAT 5115

Divisibility, congruence, quadratic reciprocity, elementary results in quadratic forms, diophantine equations, and rational approximation to irrationals. Applications to cryptology and data security.

Linear Algebra

MAT 5117

Vector spaces, basis, dimension, direct sums, factor spaces; linear transformations, functionals, dual spaces, matrices, determinants; systems of linear equations; diagonalization, normal and canonical forms, elementary divisors; bilinear and quadratic forms; inner products, euclidean and unitary space, orthogonal and symmetric matrices; tensors and exterior algebra. Applications to Markov chains and linear regression.

Introduction to Analysis

MAT 5118

A survey of analytic methods which are of practical significance for applications, as well as the mathematical foundations, contexts, and limitations of those methods.

Functions of a Complex Variable

MAT 5127

Integration and differentiation in the complex domain. Cauchy's Theorem, Cauchy Integral Formula, Laurent expansion, residues. Elements of conformal mapping, special functions, series and product representations.

Problem Seminar

MAT 5200, 5201

Students are trained in applying their knowledge in various areas to the solution of specific problems arising in industrial and technological applications of mathematics: operations management, risk theory, shock wave theory, atomic force microscopy, materials science.

Ordinary Differential Equations

MAT 5209

Differential and integral equations in the real domain; existence and stability theory, Sturm-Liouville problem for linear equations, techniques of solution for special classes. Differential and integral equations in the complex domain; equations of Fuchsian type and special functions; transform methods. Transition to chaos.

Partial Differential Equations I, II, III

MAT 5210, 5211, 5215

Introduction to the theory of partial differential equations of second order. Problem of Cauchy, boundary value problems of potential theory, variational principles. Equations of mixed type. Applications to finance, geometry, plasma, and gas dynamics.

Functional Analysis I, II

MAT 5230, 5231

Banach and Hilbert spaces, linear functionals, Hahn-Banach theorem, dual spaces, linear operators, closed graph theorem, Riesz theory for compact operators, spectral theory.

Algebra

MAT 5253

Sets, Boolean algebra, cardinal numbers. Groups, rings and ideals, integral domains, fields, algebraic number fields, Galois theory, combinatorics. Diverse applications to computer science.

Topics in Probability Theory I, II

MAT 5256, 5257

Probability and risk measures. Applications to financial decision-making, operations management, and the theory of gambling. Random walks, Brownian motion, fractional Brownian motion, white noise processes, Markov chains, Markov processes, time series, convexity methods. Nonperiodic cycles and processes with memory.

Topics in Geometry

MAT 5258

Synthetic geometry. Projective spaces. Elements of algebraic geometry. Applications are chosen from computer graphics, finite-element analysis, geometrical optics, and the theory of caustics.

Differential and Riemannian Geometry I, II

MAT 5259, 5260

Classical differential geometry of curves and surfaces in space. Intrinsic geometry on a surface. Tensor calculus with applications to geometry in n dimensions. Elements of geometric analysis (harmonic maps). Applications to special and general relativity.

Topics in Modern Differential Geometry

MAT 5261

Definition and elementary properties of Lie groups and Lie algebras; vector bundles and connections. Morse theory. Elements of Hodge theory. Applications to high-energy physics and gauge-field theory.

Topology I, II

MAT 5262, 5263

A rigorous introductory treatment of point-set topology, differential topology, homotopy and homology.

Functions of a Real Variable

MAT 5265

Fundamentals of real analysis and applications. Lebesgue measure and integral. Integrals on sigma algebras. Probability measures. Introduction to Hilbert spaces and LP-spaces. Applications to Fourier series and to Fourier and more general transforms.

Mathematical Statistics

MAT 5266

Development of statistical models as corollaries of theorems in probability, and a rigorous presentation of topics related to the practice of statistics and data analysis.

Convex Optimization

MAT 5267

Convex analysis in finite dimensions; linear programming; convex optimization with constraints; vector (multi-criteria) optimization problems from theoretical and computational perspectives. Applications to finance and economics, including convex risk measures, portfolio optimization and utility maximization problems.

Data Science: Fundamentals and Applications

MAT 5270

Statistical and computational fundamentals that form the basis for contemporary data science applications in biomedical science, finance and other cognate 'big data' disciplines are introduced. Core components include data exploration, data modeling, the use of data mining technologies and application examples. Course material will be complemented by hands-on programming experience, using the iPython programming environment, to allow the class to gain a hands-on experience of data science analytics.

Applied Data Science: Contexts and Methodologies

MAT 5272

Examination of exemplar data science publications from the domains of biomedical science, quantitative finance, geoscience and the astronomical sciences.

Topics and Problems in Analysis

MAT 5301, 5302

Techniques of problem-solving and estimation, and related concepts in real and complex analysis. An introduction to working analysis in distinction to theoretical analysis. Financial and engineering applications are emphasized.

Topics in Partial Differential Equations I, II

MAT 5310, 5311

General theory of linear partial differential equations. Semilinear, quasilinear, and fully nonlinear equations. Variational theory. Cauchy and boundary value problems, Estimates and regularity of solutions. Topics will be chosen from contemporary application to geometry, finance, continuum mechanics, plasma physics, and engineering.

Mathematical Logic and Computability Theory

MAT 5312

Boolean logics, truth functions, quantification theory, Turing machines. Horn algebras, lattices, quasivarities. Applications to computer science and, in particular, artificial intelligence.

Readings in Mathematical Logic

MAT 5315

Topics to be arranged, depending on the interests and backgrounds of the students. Given only by arrangement with the instructor.

Readings in Linear/Modern Algebra

MAT 5317

Topics to be arranged, depending on the interests and backgrounds of the students. Given only by arrangement with the instructor.

Complex Systems

MAT 5320

Nonlinear and fractal time series; computational methods; applications include econophysics, fractal statistics, and neural physics.

Topics in Functional Analysis

MAT 5330, 5331

Hilbert and Banach spaces, operator theory. Applications.

Fourier Analysis

MAT 5365

Fourier integrals. Applications to signal processing, imaging science, time series analysis, and the theory of waves.

Graduate Seminar

MAT 5931. 5932

Faculty-supervised reading/research on a topic in contemporary mathematics.

Readings in Analysis

MAT 6401, 6402

Reading course for doctoral students. Variable credit.

Readings in Algebra/Geometry

MAT 6431, 6432

Reading course for doctoral students. Variable credit.

Readings in Mathematics

MAT 6451, 6452

Reading course for doctoral students. Variable credit.

Thesis Preparation

MAT 7705

Prerequisite: a grade of Pass on the Advanced Qualifying Examination. Variable credit.