

5-year B.S. in Mathematics / M.S. in Statistics

Introduction

This is a unique program where a student can obtain both a B.S. in Mathematics and M.S. in Statistics in five years through a specialized course sequence. The program requires 12 fewer credits than if both degrees were earned separately.

General Requirements

To earn this degree, students must satisfy all requirements in each of the three areas below, in addition to their individual major requirements.

- CU Denver General Graduation Requirements
- CU Denver Core Curriculum
- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Graduation Requirements

Program Requirements for the B.S. in Mathematics

1. Students must complete a total of at least 36 upper-division MATH semester hours (typically 12 courses).
2. Students must complete at least 15 upper-division semester hours in MATH in residence at CU Denver.
3. A grade C- or better is needed in each class counted toward the MATH major.
4. A minimum GPA of 2.25 is required for all MATH courses applying to MATH requirements.

Course Requirements for the B.S. Degree in Mathematics

Students must:

Take **all** of the following Mathematics courses:

- MATH 1401 - Calculus I
- MATH 2411 - Calculus II
- MATH 2421 - Calculus III
- MATH 3000 - Introduction to Abstract Mathematics
- MATH 3191 - Applied Linear Algebra
- MATH 3382 – Statistical Theory
- MATH 4310 - Introduction to Real Analysis I
- MATH 5310 – Probability
- MATH 5320 – Introduction to Mathematical Statistics
- MATH 5387 – Applied Regression Analysis
- MATH 6330 – Workshop in Statistical Consulting

Take **one** of the following courses:

- MATH 3250 - Problem Solving Tools
- MATH 4650 - Numerical Analysis I

Take **one** of the following courses:

- MATH 4110 - Theory of Numbers
- MATH 4140 - Introduction to Modern Algebra
- MATH 4201 - Topology
- MATH 4220 - Higher Geometry II
- MATH 4320 - Introduction to Real Analysis II
- MATH 4408 - Applied Graph Theory

Take **two additional** MATH classes (and at least 6 credits) above 3000 excluding 3040, 3511, 4012, 4013, 4014, 4015. (Note: Students looking to use Math 3195 to satisfy this requirement should consult their advisor).

Program Requirements for the M.S. in Statistics

1. Students must apply for admission into the 5-year B.S./M.S. program to the Director of the Program in Statistics after completing MATH 1401, 2411, 2421, 3000, 3191, and 3382.
2. Students must present 30 hours of course work (which are broken into 4 components as detailed below) and maintain a 3.0 GPA or above for the M.S. degree.
3. At least 24 of these hours must consist of graduate level (numbered 5000 or higher) courses with the MATH prefix.
4. The remaining 6 hours must be either MATH courses numbered 5000 or above or approved courses outside the department numbered 4000 or above.
5. Students must complete a written project and pass a final oral exam.

Note that the MATH 5310, MATH 5320, MATH 5387, and MATH 6330 courses used for the B.S. portion of the degree apply to the 30 hours of course work and satisfy the core requirement discussed below.

Up to 9 semester hours of prior course work may be transferred in (subject to approval); these must be at the 5000 level or above with a *B-* or better grade. Courses already applied toward another degree (graduate or undergraduate) cannot be used toward the M.S. degree in Statistics. Additionally, the following MATH courses will NOT count toward a graduate degree: MATH 5010, 5012-5015, 5017, 5198, and 5830.

Following completion of course work, all students must complete a written project and pass a final oral exam. The project is developed as a student-centered independent research component within MATH 5960 unless the student has chosen the thesis option. For students choosing the thesis option, 4 to 6 hours (of the 30 required hours) may be devoted to the writing of a thesis through MATH 5950. By graduate school rules, Master's students, whether enrolled full-time or part-time, must complete all degree requirements within 7 years of

matriculating into the graduate program.

Course Requirements for the M.S. Degree in Statistics

The M.S. degree in Statistics consists of 4 components: 1) core courses, 2) statistics electives, 3) other electives, and 4) MATH5960 (Master's project) or MATH5950 (Master's thesis).

The **4 core courses** include:

- Math 5310 – Probability
- Math 5320 – Introduction to Mathematical Statistics
- Math 5387 – Applied Regression Analysis
- Math 6330 – Workshop in Statistical Consulting

and are satisfied during the completion of the B.S. portion of the degree.

Students must take at least **three additional statistics electives** courses from the list below:

- MATH 5394 - Experimental Designs
- MATH 6376 - Statistical Computing
- MATH 6380 - Stochastic Processes
- MATH 6384 - Spatial and Functional Data Analysis
- MATH 6388 - Advanced Statistical Methods for Research
- MATH 6393 - Introduction to Bayesian Statistics
- MATH 7384 - Mathematical Probability
- MATH 7826 - Topics in Probability and Statistics
- Additional courses given prior approval by the student's advisor and the Director of the Program in Statistics

Students must take **two Other Electives**: Any MATH prefix course that can be used for an M.S. or Ph.D. degree in Applied Mathematics can be used as another Elective. While these courses could be additional statistics-focused courses, the added flexibility allows students to direct their coursework into other areas of mathematics and/or science. The following courses will not count toward the M.S. in Statistics: MATH 5000-5010, MATH 5012-5015, MATH 5017, MATH 5198, MATH 5250 and MATH 5830.

Students must take **either** MATH 5950 or MATH 5960 as part of completing their written project.