

Master of Arts (MA) Mathematics

Program Requirements:

A minimum of 30 credit hours are required for the degree program.

- The program requires at least 15 hours numbered 5000 and above.
- Program plans are individualized based on students' previous mathematics courses.

Degree Completion Options:

- **Non-thesis option:** Students complete the 30 hours in coursework.
- **Thesis option:** Students writing a thesis enroll in six hours of Math 6900 M.A. Thesis and defend

Application Requirements:

1. [Online Graduate Application](#)
2. Statement of Purpose: Please submit a sentence or two about what you plan to do (e.g., I plan to earn an M.A. degree...)
3. Letters of Recommendation: 2 letters of recommendation are required from individuals who can evaluate your recent academic performance.
 - a. A third is required to apply for an assistantship.
4. Official transcripts from all universities attended. A Bachelor's degree is required.
 - a. Applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree in mathematics or a field with significant mathematical content before beginning the master's program.
5. Entrance examinations:
 - a. The GRE General Test is not required but may enhance your application. **The GRE is required for assistantship applications.**
 - b. International Students must document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination. See [International Admissions](#) for more information.
6. **Minimum GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale**
 - a. Students whose overall GPA is 2.75 to 2.99 may be admitted under some circumstances. An applicant's record should demonstrate superior achievement in undergraduate mathematics.

Application Deadlines:

Domestic Applicants: Fall - July 1 ♦ Spring - December 1 ♦ Summer - May 1

International Applicants: Fall - June 1 ♦ Spring - October 1

Assistantships:

Applicants may also apply for a teaching or Research Assistantship by submitting three letters of recommendation with an assistantship application ([Assistantship Application](#)) to the graduate program in Mathematics. Applications for financial assistance should be submitted before **February 1** prior to the academic year in which the student expects to begin graduate study. Please note that you must apply for admission before we can consider an application for an Assistantship.

Application Fees:

\$50 for domestic applicants

\$40 for international applicants

Graduate Program Director:

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