Course Descriptions - Mathematics


MAFTC Calculus I, Calculus II, Calculus III - Fast Track Calculus 15R-0L-15C Pre: At least one year of high school Calculus, at least a 700 Math Score or 680 math/700 verbal or better on the SAT test (31 Math or 30 Math/31 Verbal ACT score), and approval by the Fast Track Selection Committee.

A 5-week fast paced course equivalent to Calculus I, II and III. Taught in the summer only to incoming freshmen. Review of differential calculus.


Vectors and parametric equations in three dimensions. Functions of several variables, partial derivatives, maxima and minima of functions of several variables, multiple integrals, and other coordinate systems. Applications of partial derivatives and multiple integrals. This course may be taken as Pass/Fail only.

MA 101 Introductory Calculus 5R-0L-2C F (5 weeks)
Covers approximately the first half of MA 111, including analytic geometry in the plane, algebraic and transcendental functions, limits and continuity, and an introduction to differentiation. Entering first-year students will enroll in MA 111 and transfer to MA 101 if continuation of MA 111 is not appropriate.

MA 102 Differential Calculus 5R-0L-3C W Pre: MA 101
Covers approximately the second half of MA 111, including the derivative, geometrical and physical applications of differentiation, and an introduction to integration and Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. Students who do not transfer to MA 101 in the fall quarter, but do not satisfactorily complete all of MA 111, may use their midterm grade in MA 111 for credit and grade in MA 101 and enter MA 102 at the beginning of the winter quarter.

MA 111 Calculus I 5R-0L-5C F
Calculus and analytic geometry in the plane. Algebraic and transcendental functions. Limits and continuity. Differentiation, geometric and physical interpretations of the derivative, Newton's method. Introduction to integration and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

MA 112 Calculus II 5R-0L-5C F,W,S Pre: MA 111 or 102

MA 113 Calculus III 5R-0L-5C F,W,S Pre: MA 112
Vectors and parametric equations in three dimensions. Functions of several variables, partial derivatives, maxima and minima of functions of several variables, multiple integrals, and other coordinate systems. Applications of partial derivatives and multiple integrals.

MA 190 Contemporary Mathematical Problems 2R-0L-2C S co-requisite: MA 113
A seminar-style course consisting of an overview of selected contemporary
problems and areas in the mathematical sciences. Problems to be discussed will be selected from recent publications in research and applications, famous problems, and outstanding problems of great significance.

**MA 221 Differential Equations and Matrix Algebra I 4R-0L-4C F, W, S**  
Pre: MA 113 or permission of mathematics department head

Basic matrix algebra with emphasis on understanding systems of linear equations from algebraic and geometric viewpoints, including the least squares process and eigenvalues and eigenvectors. First order differential equations including basic solution techniques and numerical methods. Second order linear, constant coefficient differential equations, including both the homogeneous and non-homogeneous cases. Introduction to complex arithmetic, as needed. Applications to problems in science and engineering.

**MA 222 Differential Equations and Matrix Algebra II 4R-0L-4C F, W, S**  
Pre: MA 221


**MA 223 Engineering Statistics I 4R-0L-4C F, W, S**  
Pre: MA 112

This is an introductory course in statistical data analysis. Topics covered include descriptive statistics, introduction to simple probability concepts, and random variables (including their linear combinations and expectations). The Central Limit Theorem will be presented. Hypothesis testing and confidence intervals for one mean, one proportion, and one standard deviation/variance will be covered as well as hypothesis testing and confidence intervals for the difference of two means. An introduction to one factor analysis of variance and simple linear regression will be presented. A computer package will be used for statistical analysis and simulation. Experimental data from a variety of fields of interest to the science and engineering majors enrolled will also be used to illustrate statistical concepts and facilitate the development of the student’s statistical thinking. A student cannot take both MA 223 and MA 382 for credit.

**MA 275 Discrete and Combinatorial Algebra I 4R-0L-4C F,W**


**MA 323 Geometric Modeling 4R-0L-4C W (even years)** Pre: MA113

Covers some of the mathematical methods for describing physical or virtual objects in computer aided geometric design (CAGD) and computer graphics. Emphasizes methods for curve and surface modeling, and discusses both the underlying geometric concepts and the practical aspects of constructing geometric models of objects. Topics covered include Bezier curves, Hermite curves, B-splines, Bezier patches, subdivision surfaces. In discussing these, ideas from analytic geometry, differential geometry, affine geometry, combinatorial geometry, and projective geometry will be introduced.

**MA 325 Fractals and Chaotic Dynamical Systems 4R-0L-4C S Pre: CSSE 220 and MA 222**

MA 327 Low Dimensional Topology 4R-0L-4C W Pre: MA 113 or consent of instructor
An introduction to the topology of one-, two-, and three-dimensional manifolds and its application to other areas of mathematics and science. Topics may include, but are not restricted to, classification of curves and surfaces, Euler characteristic, tiling and coloring theorems, graph embeddings, vector fields, knots and links, and elementary algebraic topology. Intended for science and engineering majors as well as mathematics majors.

MA 330 Vector Calculus 4R-0L-4C F Pre: MA 113
Calculus of vector-valued functions of one and several variables. Topics include differentiation (divergence, gradient and curl of a vector field) and integration (line integrals and surface integrals). Applications of Green’s theorem, Stokes’ theorem and the divergence theorem to potential theory and/or fluid mechanics will be provided.

MA 336 Boundary Value Problems 4R-0L-4C S Pre: MA 222
Introduction to boundary value problems and partial differential equations. Emphasis on boundary values problems that arise from the wave equation, diffusion equation, and Laplace’s equation in one, two and three dimensions. Solutions to such boundary value problems will be discussed using Fourier series, numerical techniques, and integral transforms.

MA 341 Topics in Mathematical Modeling 4R-0L-4C W Pre: MA 222 or consent of instructor
An introduction to techniques of mathematical modeling involved in the analysis of meaningful and practical problems arising in many disciplines including mathematical sciences, operations research, engineering, and the management and life sciences. Topics include creative and empirical model construction, model fitting, models requiring optimization, and modeling dynamic behavior. Student participation in significant individual and group projects will be emphasized.

MA 348 Continuous Optimization 4R-0L-4C S (even years) Pre: MA 222
Optimization of nonlinear functions of real variables: algorithms for univariate optimization; Golden section, parabolic interpolation, hybrid methods; Newton’s Method and variations for multivariate functions; conjugate gradients and quasi-Newton methods; line search strategies; penalty functions for constrained optimization; modeling and applications of optimization.

MA 351-6 Problem Solving Seminar 1R-0L-1C F, W, S Pre: Consent of instructor
An exposure to mathematical problems varying widely in both difficulty and content. Students will be expected to participate actively, not only in the solution process itself but also in the presentation of finished work, both orally and in writing. A student may earn a maximum of six credits in MA 351-6. Cannot count toward mathematics major core hours or the math minor.

MA 366 Functions of a Real Variable 4R-0L-4C W Pre: MA 275
Calculus of functions of a single variable. A more careful development of the basic concepts of analysis, including sequences, limits, continuity, differentiability, integration, infinite series, power series, Taylor’s Theorem, and uniform convergence.

MA 367 Functions of a Complex Variable 4R-0L-4C S Pre: MA 113
Elementary properties of analytic functions including Cauchy’s theorem and its consequences, Laurent series, the Residue Theorem, and mapping properties of analytic functions.

MA 371 Linear Algebra I 4R-0L-4C F, S Pre: MA 221 or consent of instructor
Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a matrix. The diagonalization theorem. The singular value decomposition of a matrix. Introduction to vector spaces. A student cannot take both MA 371 and MA 373 for credit.

**MA 373 Applied Linear Algebra for Engineers 4R-0L-4C**  
*Pre: MA 221 or consent of instructor*  

**MA 375 Discrete and Combinatorial Algebra II 4R-0L-4C**  
*Pre: MA 275*  
A continuation of MA 275. Relations. An introduction to finite state machines. More advanced enumeration techniques including recurrence relations, generating functions and the principle of inclusion and exclusion.

**MA 376 Abstract Algebra 4R-0L-4C**  
*Pre: MA 275*  
An introduction to modern abstract algebra and algebraic structures. Topics include congruence and modular arithmetic; rings, ideals, and quotient rings; fields, finite fields, and subfields; groups and subgroups; homomorphisms and isomorphisms. Other topics may also be introduced according to time and student interest.

**MA 381 Introduction to Probability with Applications to Statistics 4R-0L-4C**  
*Pre: MA 113*  
Introduction to probability theory; axioms of probability, sample spaces, and probability laws (including conditional probabilities). Univariate random variables (discrete and continuous) and their expectations including these distributions: binomial, Poisson, geometric, uniform, exponential, and normal. Introduction to moment generating functions. Introduction to jointly distributed random variables. Univariate and joint transformations of random variables. The distribution of linear combinations of random variables and an introduction to the Central Limit Theorem. Applications of probability to statistics.

**MA 382 Introduction to Statistics with Probability 4R-0L-4C**  
*Pre: MA 381*  
This is an introductory course in statistical data analysis and mathematical statistics. Topics covered include descriptive statistics, Sampling distributions (including the central limit theorem), point estimation, Hypothesis testing and confidence intervals for both one and two populations, linear regression, and analysis of variance. Emphasis will be placed on both data analysis and mathematical derivations of statistical techniques. A computer package will be used for statistical analysis and simulation. Experimental data from a variety of fields of interest will also be used to illustrate statistical concepts and facilitate the development of the student's statistical thinking. A student cannot take both MA 223 and MA 382 for credit.

**MA 383 Engineering Statistics II 4R-0L-4C**  
*Pre: MA 223 or MA 382*  
Hypothesis testing, confidence intervals, sample size determination, and power calculations for means and proportions; two factor analysis of variance (with and without interactions); analysis of several proportions; confidence and prediction intervals for estimated values using simple linear regression;
Pearson (linear) correlation coefficient; introduction to multiple regression to include polynomial regression; review of fundamental prerequisite statistics will be included as necessary.

MA 385 Quality Methods 4R-0L-4C S Pre: MA 223, or MA 381 and consent of instructor

Introduction to various aspects of statistical quality control and statistical process control to include the following topics: importance of variance reduction and probability concepts influencing product quality and reliability; development and application of control charts (P-charts, NP-charts, C-charts, U-charts, individual\'s charts, moving range charts, X-bar and R as well as X-bar and S charts); process capability indices (their use and misuse); introduction to acceptance sampling. Other topics to be included as time allows: 6 sigma thinking, gauge reproducibility and repeatability, and total quality management with the philosophies of Deming, Juran, and Crosby. Review of fundamental prerequisite statistics will be included as necessary. Same as CHE 385.

MA 423 Topics in Geometry 4R-0L-4C (odd years) Pre: MA371 or MA373 or consent of instructor

An advanced course in geometry. Topics could include from projective geometry, computational geometry, differential geometry, Riemannian geometry, algebraic geometry, Euclidean geometry and non-Euclidean geometry.

MA 431 Calculus of Variations 4R-0L-4C (arranged) Pre: MA 330

Euler-Lagrange and Hamiltonian equations, with possible applications in mechanics, electrostatics, optics, quantum mechanics and elasticity theory. An introduction to direct methods. Applications will be chosen in accordance with the interest of the students. Both classical and numerical methods have their place in this course.

MA 433 Numerical Analysis 4R-0L-4C W Pre: MA 222

Root-finding, computational matrix algebra, nonlinear optimization, polynomial interpolation, splines, numerical integration, numerical solution of ordinary differential equations. Principles of error analysis and scientific computation. Selection of appropriate algorithms based on the numerical problem and on the software and hardware (such as parallel machines) available.

MA 434 Topics in Numerical Analysis 4R-0L-4C (arranged) Pre: MA 433

An extension of the material presented in MA 433. Topics might include numerical eigenproblems, numerical solution of partial differential equations (finite differences, finite elements, spectral methods), sparse matrices, global optimization, approximation theory.

MA 436 Introduction to Partial Differential Equations 4R-0L-4C F (even years) Pre: MA 330


MA 439 Mathematical Methods of Image Processing 4R-0L-4C F (odd years) Pre: MA222

Mathematical formulation and development of methods used in image processing, especially compression. Vector space models of signals and images, one- and two-dimensional discrete Fourier transforms, the discrete cosine transform, and block transforms. Frequency domain, basis waveforms, and frequency domain representation of signals and images. Convolution and filtering. Filter banks, wavelets and the discrete wavelet transform. Application to Fourier based and wavelet based compression such as the JPEG compression standard. Compression concepts such as scalar quantization and measures of performance.
MA 444 Deterministic Models in Operations Research 4R-0L-4C W Pre: MA 221 or MA 371/373
Formulation of various deterministic problems as mathematical optimization models and the derivation of algorithms to solve them. Optimization models studied include linear programs, integer programs, and various network models. Emphasis on model formulation and algorithm development from the ground up.

MA 445 Stochastic Models in Operations Research 4R-0L-4C S (even years) Pre: MA 223 or MA 381
Introduction to stochastic mathematical models and techniques that aid in the decision-making process. Topics covered include a review of conditional probability, discrete and continuous Markov chains, Poisson processes, queueing theory (waiting line problems), and reliability.

MA 446 Combinatorial Optimization 4R-0L-4C (even years) Pre: MA 375
An introduction to graph- and network-based optimization models, including spanning trees, network flow, and matching problems. Focus is on the development of both models for real-world applications and algorithms for their solution.

MA 450 Mathematics Seminar 1R-0L-1C F, W, S Pre: consent of instructor
A student must attend at least 10 mathematics seminars or colloquia and present at one of the seminars, based on material mutually agreed upon by the instructor and the student. A successful presentation is required for a passing grade. As seminars may not be offered every week during the quarter a student may extend the course over more than one quarter, but it must be completed within two consecutive quarters. A student may take this course a maximum of four times.

MA 461 Topics in Topology 4R-0L-4C (arranged) Pre: MA 366 or consent of instructor
Introduction to selected topics from point-set topology or algebraic topology from a rigorous point of view. Possible topics include metric spaces, general topological spaces, compactness, connectedness, separation axioms, compactification and metrization theorems, homotopy and homology, and covering spaces. Intended for mathematics majors planning to pursue graduate study in mathematics.

MA 466 Introduction to Functional Analysis 4R-0L-4C (arranged) Pre: MA 366
An introduction to the theory of Banach spaces emphasizing properties of Hilbert spaces and linear operators. Special attention will be given to compact operators and integral equations.

MA 471 Linear Algebra II 4R-0L-4C S (even years) Pre: MA 371 or MA 373
Continuation of Linear Algebra I. Properties of Hermitian and positive definite matrices and factorization theorems (LU, QR, spectral theorem, SVD). Linear transformations and vector spaces.

MA 473 Design and Analysis of Algorithms 4R-0L-4C F Pre: CSSE 230 and MA 375
Students study techniques for designing algorithms and for analyzing the time and space efficiency of algorithms. The algorithm design techniques include divide-and-conquer, greedy algorithms, dynamic programming, randomized algorithms and parallel algorithms. The algorithm analysis includes computational models, best/average/worst case analysis, and computational complexity (including lower bounds and NP-completeness). Same as CSSE 473.
MA 474 Theory of Computation 4R-0L-4C W Pre: CSSE 230 and MA 375
Students study mathematical models by which to answer three questions: What is a computer? What limits exist on what problems computers can solve? What does it mean for a problem to be hard? Topics include models of computation (including Turing machines), undecidability (including the Halting Problem) and computational complexity (including NP-completeness). Same as CSSE 474.

MA 475 Topics in Discrete Mathematics 4R-0L-4C S Pre: MA 375
An extension of the material presented in MA 275 and 375. Topics may include combinatorial design, Fibonacci numbers, or the Probabilistic Method, among others.

MA 476 Algebraic Codes 4R-0L-4C S (odd years) Pre: MA 375 or consent of instructor
Construction and theory of linear and nonlinear error correcting codes. Generator matrices, parity check matrices, and the dual code. Cyclic codes, quadratic residue codes, BCH codes, Reed-Solomon codes, and derived codes. Weight enumeration and information rate of optimum codes.

MA 477 Graph Theory 4R-0L-4C S (even years) Pre: MA 375 or consent of instructor
An introduction to the theory and applications of directed and undirected graphs. Possible topics include the following: Connectivity, subgraphs, graph isomorphism, Euler trails and circuits, planarity and the theorems of Kuratowski and Euler, Hamilton paths and cycles, graph coloring and chromatic polynomials, matchings, trees with applications to searching and coding, and algorithms dealing with minimal spanning trees, articulation points, and transport networks.

MA 479 Cryptography 4R-0L-4C S Pre: CSSE 220 and MA 275
Introduction to basic ideas of modern cryptography with emphasis on mathematical background and practical implementation. Topics include: the history of cryptography and cryptanalysis, public and private key cryptography, digital signatures, and limitations of modern cryptography. Touches upon some of the societal issues of cryptography (same as CSSE 479).

MA 481 Mathematical Statistics 4R-0L-4C W (even years) Pre: MA 382, or MA 381 and consent of instructor

MA 482 Bioengineering Statistics 4R-0L-4C S Pre: MA 223 or MA 382
Hypothesis testing and confidence intervals for two means, two proportions, and two variances. Introduction to analysis of variance to include one factor and two factors (with interaction) designs. Presentation of simple linear and multiple linear regression modeling; development of analysis of contingency table to include logistic regression. Presentation of Log odds ratio as well as several non-parametric techniques of hypothesis testing and construction of non-parametric confidence intervals and correlation coefficients. Review of fundamental prerequisite statistics will be included as necessary. Same as BE 482.

MA 485 Applied Regression Analysis and Introduction to Time Series 4R-0L-4C F (odd years) Pre: MA 223 or MA 382
Review of simple linear regression; confidence and prediction intervals for estimated values using simple linear regression; introduction to such concepts as model fit, misspecification, multi-collinearity, heterogeneous variances and transformation of both independent and dependent variables; introduction to multiple regression to include polynomial regression; use of dummy variables and diagnostics based on residuals; sequential variable selection to include forward inclusion and backward exclusion of variables; best subset regression;
introduction to time series; autocorrelation; moving averages and exponential smoothing.

MA 487 Design of Experiments 4R-0L-4C F (even years) Pre: MA 223 or MA 382
Review of one factor analysis of variance; tests for homogeneity of variance and model assumptions; multiple comparisons, post hoc comparisons, and orthogonal contrasts; two factor analysis of variance (with and without interactions); three factor and higher full factorial designs; analysis of covariance and repeated measures designs; screening designs to include 2 to the k and 3 to the k design; fractional factorial designs; introduction to General Linear Models. Other topics that may be included as time allows: fixed, random, and mixed designs as well as nested designs. Review of fundamental prerequisite statistics will be included as necessary.

MA 490 Topics in Mathematics, variable credit Pre: consent of instructor
This course will cover advanced topics in mathematics not offered in listed courses.

MA 491 Introduction to Mathematical Modeling 2C F Pre: Senior Standing or permission of the instructor
An introduction to the process of mathematically modeling a problem, including data collection, defining the appropriate mathematical model and interpreting the results of the proposed model. Emphasis placed on the modeling process, using examples from both continuous and discrete mathematics.

MA 492 Senior Project I 2C F Pre: Senior Standing or permission of the instructor
MA 493 Senior Project II 2C F, W Pre: MA 492 or permission of the instructor
MA 494 Senior Project III 2C W, S Pre: MA 493
Participation in sponsored projects or problems with a substantial mathematical and/or computational content. Students typically work in teams of at most 3, with appropriate faculty supervision. Problems vary considerably, depending upon student interest, but normally require computer implementation and documentation. All work required for completion of Senior Project must be completed in a form acceptable to the sponsor and the advisor.

MA 495 Research Project in Mathematics Variable credit Pre: consent of instructor
An undergraduate research project in mathematics or the application of mathematics to other areas. Students may work independently or in teams as determined by the instructor. Though the instructor will offer appropriate guidance in the conduct of the research, students will be expected to perform independent work and collaborative work if on a team. A satisfactory written report and oral presentation are required for a passing grade. The course may be taken more than once provided that the research or project is different.

MA 496 Senior Thesis I 4C F Pre: Senior Standing or permission of the instructor
MA 497 Senior Thesis II 2C F, W Pre: MA 496 or permission of instructor
MA 498 Senior Thesis III 2C W, S Pre: MA 497
Individual study and research of a topic in mathematics. Topic is expected to be at an advanced level. Research paper and presentation to department seminar are required.

Graduate Level Courses

MA 534 Management Science 4R-OL-4C F (even years) Pre: Senior or graduate standing
A study of the development and analysis of various mathematical models useful in managerial decision-making. This includes discussions of what
models are, how to create them, how they are used, and what insights they provide. Spreadsheets will be used to do much of the computational work.

Topics considered include linear, integer, and nonlinear programming, network models, inventory management, project management, and simulation models. Examples from all areas of business and industry will be investigated. We will also investigate how companies are using these techniques to solve current problems. Same as EMGT 534.

**MA 580 Topics in Advanced Probability Theory and Its Applications 4R-0L-4C (arranged) Pre: MA 381**

Advanced topics in probability theory as well as applications that are not offered in the listed courses.

**MA 581 Topics in Advanced Statistics 4R-0L-4C (arranged) Pre: MA 223 or MA 381 and consent of instructor**

This course will cover advanced topics in mathematical statistics as well as applied statistics that are not offered in the listed courses.

**MA 590 Graduate Topics in Mathematics Variable credit Pre: consent of instructor**

This course will cover graduate-level topics in mathematics not offered in listed courses.