

Mathematics and Statistics

College of Natural Science and Mathematics

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Department Overview

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Accelerated B.S./M.S., Mathematics

The combined Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Master of Science in Mathematics program allows dedicated mathematics students to complete two degrees in a compressed time frame (typically, five years instead of six), while still maintaining the rigor and content of both degrees.

Minimum Requirements for Accelerated Mathematics B.S./M.S. Degrees: 138 credits

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Learn more about the master's degree in mathematics (<https://www.uaf.edu/academics/programs/masters/mathematics.php>), including an overview of the program, career opportunities and more.

Accelerated B.S., Mathematics/M.S., Statistics and Data Science

The combined Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with a concentration in Statistics and Master of Science in Statistics and Data Science program allows dedicated statistics students to complete two degrees in a compressed time frame (typically, five years instead of six), while still maintaining the rigor and content of both degrees. Students will receive a B.S. in Mathematics with a concentration in Statistics, and an M.S. in Statistics and Data Science.

Minimum Requirements for Accelerated Math B.S./Statistics and Data Science M.S. Degrees: 138 credits

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Learn more about the master's degree in statistics and data science (<https://uaf.edu/academics/programs/masters/statistics.php>), including an overview of the program, career opportunities and more.

Accelerated B.S., Mathematics/M.Ed., Secondary Education

The accelerated Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Master of Secondary Education degree allows mathematics students interested in becoming secondary (high school) mathematics teachers to complete a baccalaureate degree in Mathematics and a master's degree in Secondary Education in a way that integrates the content of the degrees together (typically over 5 years), while still maintaining the rigor and content of both degrees.

Minimum Requirements for the Accelerated Mathematics B.S./Secondary Education M.Ed.: 138 credits

M.S., Ph.D., Mathematics

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The Master of Science in Mathematics prepares students for Ph.D. work, in addition to providing a terminal degree for those planning to enter industry or education. The aim of the Ph.D. program is to provide the student with the expertise to accomplish significant research in applied or pure mathematics, as well as to provide a broad and deep professional education.

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Minimum Requirements for Mathematics Degrees: M.S.: 30 credits; Ph.D.: 36 credits

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M.S., Statistics and Data Science

Statistics is a collection of methods and theories used to make decisions or estimate unknown quantities from incomplete information. Statistical techniques are useful, for example, in estimating plant, animal and mineral abundances; forecasting social, political and economic trends; planning field plot experiments in agriculture; performing clinical trials in medical research; and maintaining quality control in industry. Employment opportunities are excellent for statisticians in many of these areas.

The Master of Science in Statistics and Data Science builds upon UAF's strength in the sciences and our setting in Alaska by introducing a strong quantitative alternative or supplement to existing programs. The curriculum is built around four statistics core courses and flexibility in the selection of elective courses. The core courses are designed to blend mathematical statistics coursework typical of most M.S. programs in statistics with real applications. We believe this blending provides a substantial improvement in the graduate's skills.

Graduates of this program could be labeled quantitative biologists, biometricians, quantitative geologists, geostatisticians, or mathematical statisticians depending upon their specific course work. In addition, this program prepares individuals for Ph.D.-level work in statistics or their area of application.

Minimum Requirements for Statistics and Data Science M.S.: 30 credits

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Graduate Certificate, Applied and Computational Mathematics

The graduate certificate in applied and computational mathematics is equivalent to most of a year of coursework done by graduate students in this area. The certificate encourages a more in-depth study of mathematics beyond the undergraduate level. The focus is on mathematics that is useful in the sciences and engineering, especially on techniques that can be applied in computer programs. Furthermore, it provides students with a credential recognizing their additional mathematical expertise.

The certificate is ideal for current graduate students in disciplines other than mathematics who seek greater exposure to mathematical ideas and techniques. It is most suitable for students in the sciences and engineering. It is not suitable for students already enrolled in the M.S. in mathematics or Ph.D. in mathematics programs.

Minimum Requirements for Applied and Computational Mathematics Graduate Certificate: 12 credits

Graduate Certificate, Statistics

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As a postbaccalaureate program, the certificate in statistics is equivalent to a full year of graduate statistics courses and is ideal for current graduate students in disciplines other than statistics (especially the sciences). The graduate certificate in statistics encourages a more in-depth study of statistics and provides students a credential recognizing their quantitative expertise.

Minimum Requirements for Statistics Graduate Certificate: 12 credits.

Programs

Degrees

- B.A., Mathematics (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/mathematics-ba/>)
- B.S., Mathematics (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/mathematics-bs/>)
- Accelerated B.S./M.S., Mathematics (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/accelerated-programs/mathematics-bs-ms/>)
- Accelerated B.S., Mathematics/M.S., Statistics and Data Science (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/accelerated-programs/statistics-bs-ms/>)
- Accelerated B.S. Mathematics/M.Ed., Secondary Education (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/accelerated-programs/math-secondary-education-bs-med/>)
- M.S., Mathematics (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/mathematics/>)
- M.S., Statistics and Data Science (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/statistics-data-science/>)
- Ph.D., Mathematics (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/phd/mathematics/>)

Graduate Certificates

- Graduate Certificate, Applied and Computational Mathematics (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/graduate-certificates/mathematics/>)
- Graduate Certificate, Statistics (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/graduate-certificates/statistics/>)

Minors

- Minor, Applied Statistics (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/minors/applied-statistics/>)
- Minor, Mathematics (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/minors/mathematics/>)
- Minor, Statistics (<https://catalog.uaf.edu/minors/statistics/>)