

Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Programs in Mathematics

Curriculum for Master of Philosophy (MPhil) Program in Mathematics

The Master of Philosophy (MPhil) program aims to strengthen students' general background in mathematics, and mathematical sciences, and to expose students to the environment and scope of mathematical research. It can be a terminal degree or a preliminary degree leading to the PhD, and requires research leading to a thesis as well as a course program. Students with a first degree in an area other than mathematics may be required to take additional courses. In the final stage of the program, students must submit their thesis to the Department and, subsequently, to present and defend it.

Specific program requirements are:

- 24 credits in mathematics or related fields, normally at least 18 credits of which are mathematics courses at PG level;
- Completion and passing LANG 5010 Postgraduate English for Science Studies, which should be taken in the first year of study. The 1 credit earned from LANG 5010 cannot be counted towards the credit requirements;
- All full-time students are required to take and pass MATH 6900 Mathematics Seminar in their first four regular terms of studies. Maximum number of credits to be earned from this course is 4;
- Registration in MATH 6990 MPhil Thesis Research; and
- Presentation and oral defense of the MPhil thesis.

Scientific Computation Concentration

In addition to the existing program requirements, students who opt for the Scientific Computation concentration are required to:

- Complete MATH 6915 (1-credit), which cannot be counted toward the credit requirements;
- Complete one computation related course from the list below as a part of the 24 credits of required coursework:

MATH 5311	Advanced Numerical Methods I
MATH 5312	Advanced Numerical Methods II
MATH 5350	Computational Fluid Dynamics for Inviscid Flows
MATH 5360	Weather, Climate and Pollution
CHEM 5210	Computational Chemistry
PHYS 5410	Numerical Modeling in Physics
- Conduct research in the area of scientific computation; and

- Give a one-hour seminar on the related research within their first four regular terms of study.

Curriculum for Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Program in Mathematics

The aim of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree program aims to prepare students to become research scholars in an academic or industrial environment. The program provides a broad background in mathematics and mathematical sciences, and aims to enable students to do independent and original research. Students can choose to focus their research in one of the three areas: Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Probability and Statistics. The doctoral thesis must be an original contribution to the field. Students with a first degree in an area other than mathematics may be required to take additional courses.

To fulfill the degree requirements, students are expected to attend and present seminars, undertake coursework and conduct thesis research. Students must pass a qualifying examination and, in the final stage of the program, present and defend their theses.

Specific program requirements are:

- 36 credits in mathematics or related fields, of which at least 24 credits are mathematics courses at PG level;
- Students obtained an MSc or MPhil degree from other institutions may be granted credit transfer of up to 18 credits, subject to departmental approval;
- Completion and passing LANG 5010 Postgraduate English for Science Studies, which should be taken in the first year of study. The 1 credit earned from LANG 5010 cannot be counted towards the credit requirements;
- All full-time students are required to take and pass MATH 6900 Mathematics Seminar in their first four regular terms of studies. Maximum number of credits to be earned from this course is 4;
- Passing the qualifying examination:
 - i) Pure Mathematics
To become PhD candidates, students must first pass a written qualifying examination (normally at the end of the first year of study) on two of the three subject areas: analysis, algebra, and geometry. At a later date (normally no later than the end of the second year of study) an oral examination on a major area excluding the two areas covered in the written examination.
 - ii) Applied Mathematics
To become PhD candidates, students must first pass a written

preliminary examination (normally before the end of the first year of study) on two subjects: advanced calculus and linear algebra. Students must also submit a thesis proposal, and pass an oral examination on the thesis proposal and two minor subjects. The oral examination should normally take place before the end of the second year of study.

iii) Probability and Statistics

To become PhD candidates, students must pass an oral qualifying examination on one major subject and two minor subjects (normally no later than the end of the second year of study). For Probability students, the major subject is Probability while the two minor subjects would be Statistics and an area in Mathematics or an appropriate area outside Mathematics. For Statistics students, the major subject is Statistics while the two minor subjects would be Probability and an area in Mathematics or an appropriate area outside Mathematics.

- Registration in MATH 7990 Doctoral Thesis Research; and
- Presentation and oral defense of the PhD thesis.

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