

MATHEMATICS

Associate in Science Degree | Transfer Degree | Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

Program Description

The Mathematics curriculum provides a broad background in science and the humanities as well as a thorough grounding in higher mathematics, particularly calculus and its applications. In addition to computational techniques, students learn the rudiments of rigorous mathematical argument and proof. Problem-solving and reasoning skills learned in the course of studying mathematics not only provide a solid base for transfer to a senior college, but also assist in a wide variety of career options and disciplines such as physical and biological sciences, computer science, education, economics, business, finance, health, human services and social science.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Mathematics program requirements, students will be able to:

1. Perform numerical, symbolic and algebraic computations
2. Demonstrate understanding of the relationship between the graphical and the algebraic presentations of functions.
3. Correctly manipulate abstract concepts to construct and reproduce proofs in calculus and in more advanced mathematics courses.
4. Construct and present clear and rigorous mathematical arguments in calculus and linear algebra using mathematically appropriate language and notation.
5. Demonstrate a progression of critical thinking and problem solving skills within the sequence of mathematics courses.
6. Demonstrate the ability to appropriately apply mathematical techniques to model and address problems in a variety of scientific and other fields.

MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM (PATHWAYS)

60 Credits required for AS Degree

Curriculum Coordinator: Dr. Maria Psarelli

Required Core

- A. English Composition (6 Credits)
- B. Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning
 - MTH 31¹ Calculus and Analytic Geometry I (4 Credits)
- C. Life and Physical Sciences
 - SCIENCE I² BIO 11, OR CHM 11, OR PHY 11, OR PHY 31 (4 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 14

Flexible Core

- A. World Cultures and Global Issues (3 Credits)
- B. U.S. Experience in its Diversity (3 Credits)
- C. Creative Expression (3 Credits)
- D. Individual and Society (3 Credits)
- E. Scientific World
 - SCIENCE II² BIO 12, OR CHM 12, OR PHY 12, OR PHY 32 (4 Credits)

Restricted Elective Select one course from Area A-E. (3 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 19

Major Requirements

- MTH 32 Analytic Geometry and Calculus II (5 Credits)
- MTH 33 Analytic Geometry and Calculus III (5 Credits)
- MTH 42 Linear Algebra (4 Credits)
- MTH OR CSI (Two chosen from MTH 34, 35, 44, 46, 48, CSI 35)³ (7-8 Credits)

Free Electives

- MTH 30³ and/or Free Elective (5-6 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 27

¹ Students requiring MTH 30 must use free elective credits for this purpose.

² SCI I and II must form a sequence, e.g., BIO 11 and 12.

³ CSI 35 has as prerequisite CSI 30, for which a student will need to use free elective credits or sixth Flexible Core course (Area E). If a student chooses to take a different course for his/her sixth Flexible Core course, then this option is only available if the student does not need to take MTH 30 (Pre-calculus).

NOTES: The program has been given a waiver to require its students to take MTH 31 to fulfill Required Area B, BIO 11 or CHM 11 or PHY 11 or PHY 31 to fulfill Required Area C and BIO 12 or CHM 12 or PHY 12 or PHY 32 to fulfill Flexible Area E. If students transferring into this program complete different courses in these areas, they will be certified as having completed the Common Core requirements, but it may not be possible for them to finish their degree within the regular number (60) of credits. Students who plan to transfer from this program should consult the requirements of the senior college of their choice, including any language requirements. All BCC associate degree students must take two courses designated as "writing intensive."