



Southeastern Louisiana University

Department of Mathematics

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Department of Mathematics

The mission of the Department of Mathematics is to provide an appropriate mathematical course of study for all students enrolled in Southeastern Louisiana University. In addition to contributing to the broad cultural background of the general education student, the Department of Mathematics offers courses that lead to the mathematical proficiency of students desiring to continue in mathematics as graduate students, as competent users of mathematics in business, industry or government, or as teachers of mathematics at either the elementary or secondary level.

All students are required to take at least six hours of mathematics. Students should consult their major to determine the proper track to follow.

The Department of Mathematics offers credit examinations for Math 160, Math 161, Math 162, Math 165, and Math 241. Students may take a credit exam for a particular course only once. For more information on credit exams, students should contact the Department of Mathematics.

In order to graduate with a major in mathematics, a student must have a grade of "C" or better in all mathematics courses taken and must have a minimum adjusted or degree GPA of 2.0 or better in all mathematics courses.

Placement in Mathematics

Placement of entering freshmen in mathematics courses is based on the mathematics score on the Enhanced ACT Assessment. Students are not permitted to register for mathematics courses until those scores are on file in the Office of Testing.

The Enhanced ACT Assessment is not used as an entrance examination. Rather, it is used as a means of determining the degree of preparation in mathematics. The placement procedure, outlined below, ensures that each entering freshman will begin the study of mathematics at a level for which he or she is prepared.

1. A student whose Enhanced ACT mathematics score is 17 or below is required to take a mathematics placement test during the orientation program to determine whether placement in Transitional Mathematics TRMA 92 or one of Math 160 or Math 161 should occur. Students who are placed in TRMA 92 must pass the course before enrolling in either Math 160 or Math 161.

2. Placement of beginning freshman according to Enhanced ACT mathematics scores:

TRMA 92:

Enhanced ACT mathematics score of 17 or below and appropriate score on the mathematics placement test.

Math 160 or Math 161:

Enhanced ACT mathematics score of 18 or higher or appropriate score on the mathematics placement test. Additionally, for direct placement into Math 160 or Math 161, students should have had at least two years of college preparatory mathematics in high school. The selection of Math 160 or Math 161 is dependent on the student's major.

Math 165:

Enhanced ACT mathematics score of 22 or higher. Additionally, for direct placement into Math 165, students should have had at least three to three and one-half years of college preparatory mathematics in high school.

Math 200:

Enhanced ACT mathematics score of 27 or higher. Additionally, for direct placement into Math 200, students should have had at least four years of college preparatory mathematics in high school.

Students with Enhanced ACT mathematics score of at least 24 and who plan to take Math 200 are encouraged to take the Calculus Readiness Test given by the Department of Mathematics. Satisfactory scores on this test can result in the student directly entering Math 200 instead of entering Math 165. Interested students should contact the Department of Mathematics.

Placement in a mathematics course beyond Math 160 or Math 161 does not automatically give credit for either Math 160 or Math 161. Students may take a credit exam for either Math 160 or Math 161 by contacting the Department of Mathematics.

Honors Diploma in the Discipline

The department also offers an upper-division honors curriculum allowing its students to earn an honors diploma in the major at graduation. For information about requirements and honors courses in this department, please contact the Department Head.

Major in Mathematics

Majors in Mathematics in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete a minimum of thirty-seven (37) semester hours in Mathematics. These hours are:

Math 200 - 5 hours
Math 201 - 5 hours
Math 223 - 3 hours
Math 312 - 3 hours
Math 350 - 3 hours
Math 360 - 3 hours
Math 370 - 3 hours
Math 417 - 3 hours
Math 441 - 3 hours
Math Electives (400 level) 1 - 6 hours

1 Math 460 may not be used to satisfy this requirement

Minors

In order to minor in Mathematics, the student must complete a minimum of twenty-two semester hours. These hours are:

Math 200 - 5 hours
Math 201 - 5 hours
Math 223 - 3 hours
Math 312 - 3 hours
Math 350, 360, 370 or 400 level Math courses (Choose 2) 1 - 6 hours

1 Math 460 may not be used to satisfy this requirement

Curriculum in Mathematics

Leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Science

FIRST YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
†Mathematics 200	5	†Mathematics 201	5
Chemistry 121	3	English 102	3
Chemistry 123 Laboratory	1	Communication 211	3
English 101	3	Biological Science	4
Computer Science 161	3		
Orientation 101	0-1		
	15-16		15

SECOND YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
†Mathematics 223	3	†Mathematics 350	3
†Mathematics 312	3	Foreign Language 102	3
History 1	3	History 1	3
Foreign Language 101	3	Computer Science 280	3
English 230, 231 or 232	3	Art, Literature, Music, or Philosophy 2	3
	15		15

THIRD YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
†Mathematics 360	3	†Mathematics 370	3
Physics 221	3	Economics 102, 201, or 202	3
Physics Laboratory 223	1	Technical Elective 5, 6	3
Computer Science 390	3	Science 7	4
Social Science Elective 3	3	Kinesiology Laboratory	1
Art 4	3		
	16		14

FOURTH YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	S.H.	SECOND SEMESTER	S.H.
†Mathematics 417	3	†Mathematics 441	3
†Mathematics Elective (400 level) 8	3	†Mathematics Elective (400 level) 8	3
Technical Elective 5, 6	4-5	Electives	9
Kinesiology Laboratory	1		
Electives	3		
	14-15		15

Total semester hours required 120

Orientation 101 is not required of transfer or readmitted Southeastern students with 30 hours or more.

1 Must complete either History 101 and 102 or History 201 and 202.

2 To be selected from the following four areas: Art (survey, sketching, or history), Literature (any 300 or 400 level courses), Music (appreciation, history, or theory), or Philosophy.

3 To be selected from the disciplines of Geography, Anthropology, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology.

4 To be taken from Art, Music, Dance, or Theatre.

5 If no credit is received for Orientation, then the 1-hour must be taken from the list of technical electives. Check with the Department of Mathematics.

6 To be taken from a list approved by the Department of Mathematics.

7 Must complete a one year sequence in either Biology, Chemistry, or Physics.

8 Math 460 may not be used to satisfy this requirement.

† Major course; grade of "C" or better required.



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