

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MATHEMATICS: CONCENTRATION IN MATHEMATICS FOR LIBERAL ARTS

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The Liberal Arts concentration is for students who desire a broad liberal arts education with an emphasis in mathematics. CR/NC grades are not acceptable in courses to be counted for a mathematics major or minor program.

## Program Learning Outcomes

1. Develop basic programming skills and use of various software such as Mathematica, Matlab, SAS, and R; apply these skills to solve problems in optimization, applied linear algebra, differential equations, and statistical inference.
2. Formulate and analyze mathematical conjectures, construct proofs in sound mathematical English, and use these skills to write proofs of statements in linear algebra, abstract algebra, and analysis.
3. Achieve knowledge integration both in content and practice, for instance, by solving problems that arise from the mathematical modeling of practical situations.
4. Communicate effectively to a variety of audiences using oral, written, and visual modes.

## Mathematics (B.A.): Concentration in Mathematics for Liberal Arts – 43 units minimum

### Core Courses (28-32 units)

Code	Title	Units
MATH 226	Calculus I	4
MATH 227	Calculus II	4
MATH 228	Calculus III	4
MATH 301GW	Exploration and Proof - GVAR	3
Select One:		3-7
MATH 209	Mathematical Computing	
CSC 101 & CSC 215	Introduction to Computing and Intermediate Computer Programming	
CSC 309	Computer Programming	
MATH 325	Linear Algebra	4
MATH 335	Modern Algebra	3
MATH 370	Real Analysis I	3

### Concentration Courses (15 units)

Code	Title	Units
Five elective courses numbered 300 or above except MATH 375, 475, 565, 575, 576, 577.		

**Note:** A minimum of 30 upper-division units must be completed for the degree (including upper-division units required for the major, general education, electives, etc.). A student can complete this major yet not attain the necessary number of upper-division units required for graduation. In this case, additional upper-division courses will be needed to reach the required total.

## Complementary Studies

Students in the B.A. Math program will satisfy the Complementary Studies requirement by taking 12 units of courses in the College of Science and Engineering outside of Math.

## General Education Requirements

Requirement	Course Level	Units	Area Designation
English Composition	LD	3	1A
Critical Thinking Oral Communication	LD	3	1B
Oral Communication	LD	3	1C
Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning	LD	3	2
Arts	LD	3	3A
Humanities	LD	3	3B
Social and Behavioral Sciences	LD	6	4
Physical Science	LD	3	5A
Biological Science	LD	3	5B
Laboratory	LD	1	5C
Ethnic Studies	LD or UD	3	6
Science or Math/Quantitative Reasoning	UD	3	5UD or 2UD
Arts or Humanities	UD	3	3UD
Social and Behavioral Sciences	UD	3	4UD

### SF State Studies

Courses certified as meeting the SF State Studies requirements may be upper or lower division in General Education (GE), a major or minor, or an elective.			
American Ethnic and Racial Minorities	LD or UD	3	AERM
Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action	LD or UD	3	ES
Global Perspectives	LD or UD	3	GP
Social Justice	LD or UD	3	SJ

Note: LD = Lower-Division; UD = Upper-Division.

## First-Time Student Roadmap (4 Year)

The roadmaps presented in this Bulletin are intended as suggested plans of study and do not replace meeting with an advisor. For a more personalized roadmap, please use the [Degree Planner \(https://registrar.sfsu.edu/degreeplanner/\)](https://registrar.sfsu.edu/degreeplanner/) tool found in your [Student Center](#).

Students should use their Pathway/Category (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/pathways/>) to determine which roadmap to follow. For directions on how to view your Pathway/Category, visit [how to find your pathway \(https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/howtofindyourpathways/\)](https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/howtofindyourpathways/). Questions? Contact Gator Smart Start. (<https://gatorsmartstart.sfsu.edu/>)

[First-Time Student Roadmap – QR Pathway 1/2 \(https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/science-engineering/mathematics/ba-mathematics-concentration-liberal-arts/roadmap-i-ii-eng/\)](https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/science-engineering/mathematics/ba-mathematics-concentration-liberal-arts/roadmap-i-ii-eng/)

[First-Time Student Roadmap – QR Pathway 3/4 \(https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/science-engineering/mathematics/ba-mathematics-concentration-liberal-arts/roadmap-math-pathway/\)](https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/science-engineering/mathematics/ba-mathematics-concentration-liberal-arts/roadmap-math-pathway/)

## Transfer Student Roadmap (2 Year)

For students with an AS-T in **Mathematics**.

[MATH ADT Roadmap \(https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/science-engineering/mathematics/ba-mathematics-concentration-liberal-arts/adt-roadmap/\)](https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/colleges/science-engineering/mathematics/ba-mathematics-concentration-liberal-arts/adt-roadmap/)

## This degree program is an approved pathway (“similar” major) for students earning the ADT in Mathematics

California legislation SB 1440 (2009) mandated the creation of the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) to be awarded by the California Community Colleges. Two types of ADTs are awarded: Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T).

Note: no specific degree is required for admission as an upper-division student. However, the ADT includes specific guarantees related to admission and graduation and is designed to clarify the transfer process and strengthen lower-division preparation for the major.

An ADT totals 60 units and in most cases includes completion of all lower-division General Education requirements and at least 18 units in a specific major. (The Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Science AS-T degrees defer 3 units in lower-division GE area 3 and 3 units in lower-division GE area 4 until after transfer.) Students pursuing an ADT are guaranteed admission to the CSU if minimum eligibility requirements are met, though not necessarily to the CSU campus of primary choice.

Upon verification that the ADT has been awarded prior to matriculation at SF State, students are guaranteed B.A. or B.S. completion in 60 units if pursuing a “similar” major after transfer. Determinations about “similar” majors at SF State are made by faculty in the discipline.

Degree completion in 60 units cannot be guaranteed when a student simultaneously pursues an additional major, a minor, certificate, or credential.

A sample advising roadmap for students who have earned an ADT and continue in a “similar” major at SF State is available on the Roadmaps tab on the degree requirements page for the major. The roadmap displays:

- How many lower-division units required for the major have been completed upon entry based on the award of a specific ADT;
- Which lower-division requirements are considered complete upon entry based on the award of a specific ADT;
- How to complete the remaining 60 units for the degree in four semesters.

Students who have earned an ADT should seek advising in the major department during the first semester of attendance.

## General Advising Information for Transfer Students

1. Before transfer, complete as many lower-division requirements or electives for this major as possible.
2. The following courses are not required for admission but are required for graduation. Students are strongly encouraged to complete these units before transfer; doing so will provide more flexibility in course selection after transfer.
  - a course in U.S. History
  - a course in U.S. & California Government

For information about satisfying the requirements described in (1) and (2) above at a California Community College (CCC), please visit <http://www.assist.org> (<http://assist.org>). Check any geographically accessible CCCs; sometimes, options include more than one college. Use ASSIST to determine:

- Which courses at a CCC satisfy any lower-division major requirements for this major;
- Which courses at a CCC satisfy CSU GE, US History, and US & CA Government requirements.

Remedial courses are not transferable and do not apply to the minimum 60 semester units/90 quarter units required for admission.

Additional units for courses that are repeated do not apply to the minimum 60 units required for upper-division transfer (for example, if a course was not passed on the first attempt or was taken to earn a better grade).

Before leaving the last California Community College of attendance, obtain a summary of completion of lower-division General Education units (IGETC or CSU GE Breadth). This is often referred to as a GE certification worksheet. SF State does not require delivery of this certification to Admissions, but students should retain this document for verifying degree progress after transfer.

Credit for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or College-Level Examination Program courses: AP/IB/CLEP credit is not automatically transferred from the previous institution. Units are transferred only when an official score report is delivered to SF State. Credit is based on the academic year during which exams were taken. Refer to the University Bulletin in effect during the year of AP/IB/CLEP examination(s) for details regarding the award of credit for AP/IB/CLEP.

Students pursuing majors in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines often defer 6-9 units of lower-division General Education in Areas C and D until after transfer to focus on preparation courses for the major. This advice does not apply to students pursuing associate degree completion before transfer.

## **Transferring From Institutions Other Than CCCs or CSUs**

Review SF State's lower-division General Education requirements.

Note that, as described below, the four basic skills courses required for admission meet GE Areas 1A/A2, 1B/A3, 1C/A1, and 2/B4 in the SF State GE pattern. Courses that fulfill the remaining areas of SF State's lower-division GE pattern are available at most two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

Of the four required basic skills courses, a course in critical thinking (1B/A3) may not be widely offered outside the CCC and CSU systems. Students should attempt to identify and take an appropriate course no later than the term of application to the CSU. To review more information about the 1B/A3 requirement, please visit [bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/lower-division/#AAEL](https://bulletin.sfsu.edu/undergraduate-education/general-education/lower-division/#AAEL).

Waiting until after transfer to take a single course at SF State that meets both US and CA/local government requirements may be an appropriate option, particularly if transferring from outside of California.