

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

Name, title and level of final qualification(s)	BSc Mathematics Minor awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BSc Mathematics with Management - BSc Mathematics with Economics - BSc Mathematics with Accounting (Level 6)
Name and title of any interim exit qualification(s)	Certificate of Higher Education Mathematics Diploma of Higher Education Mathematics
Is this programme offered with a Foundation Year	<i>No - Foundation year is currently suspended</i>
Awarding Body	University of London
Teaching Institution(s)	Birkbeck, University of London
Home Department/other teaching departments	Economics, Mathematics and Statistics Management
Location of delivery	Central London
Language of delivery and assessment	English
Mode of study, length of study and normal start month	Full-time - 3 years, Part-time - 4 years, <i>Full-time with FY – 4 yrs (suspended)</i> <i>Part-time with FY – 6 years (suspended)</i> September
Professional, statutory or regulatory body	Not applicable
QAA subject benchmark group(s) Higher Education Credit Framework for England	Mathematics, Statistics and Operational Research
UCAS code	G100 <i>G101 (with FY) - suspended</i>
Birkbeck Course Code	UUBSMTHT_C (full-time, 3 years) UBSMTHMT_C (part-time, 4 years) <i>UUBFMTHT_C (full-time with FY, suspended)</i> <i>UBFMTHMT_C (part-time with FY, suspended)</i>
HECoS Code	100403
Start date of programme	Autumn 2008
Date of programme approval	Summer 2008
Date of last programme amendment approval	March 2024
Valid for academic entry year	2024-25
Date of last revision to document	22/03/24

Admissions requirements

We welcome applicants without traditional entry qualifications as we base decisions on our own assessment of qualifications, knowledge and previous work experience. We may waive formal entry requirements based on judgement of academic potential.

UCAS tariff: 96-128 (48 for Foundation Year entry)

The UCAS tariff score is applicable to you if you have recently studied a qualification that has a UCAS tariff equivalence. UCAS provides a [tariff calculator](#) for you to work out what your qualification is worth within the UCAS tariff.

Course aims

The BSc Mathematics provides a broad education in mathematical sciences and their modern applications to commerce and the natural and social sciences, such as:

- game theory
- data science
- cryptography
- the mathematics of networks.

The degree covers theoretical aspects of the subject as well as methods and modelling techniques. It aims to develop your understanding of a range of mathematical skills, together with the abstract background to help you make sense of this material. This BSc Mathematics course has a flexible structure enabling you to follow your interests, choosing optional modules within mathematics and statistics or from other subject areas. For instance, it is possible to combine mathematics with economics, accounting or management.

The programme aims to develop your ability and confidence to learn independently through regular coursework. Within the programme there are modules developing an appreciation of the cultural aspects of mathematics and its applications throughout society. These modules will develop your problem-solving skills and confidence in communicating mathematics.

The programme is aimed at numerate students who enjoy mathematics and wish to learn more of the subject and to develop their problem-solving skills.

Foundation Year (currently suspended):

The Foundation Year, is designed to build students' confidence and capabilities in the study of mathematics. The Foundation Year provides a sound framework and body of knowledge for understanding the ideas and methodology of mathematics and its applications.

Course structure

Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credit	Comp Core/ Option	Likely teaching term(s)
Full-time – 3 years					
Year 1					
4	EMMS096S4	Calculus 1	30	Core	T1 & T2
4	EMMS097S4	Algebra 1	30	Core	T1 & T2
4	BUEM096S4	Numbers, Proofs and Counting	30	Core	T3
4		Option (1 x 30 or 2 x 15 credits) eg	30	Option	
4	BUEM132H4	Data Skills,	15	Option	T1
4	BUEM133H4	Mathematical Explorations	15	Option	T2
4		or Module(s) from other subject areas	30	Option	T1,T2
Year 2					
5	BUEM001S5	Calculus 2	30	Comp	T3
5	BUEM130H5	Probability Models	15	Comp	T1
5	BUEM131H5	Analysing Data	15	Comp	T2
5		Options eg	60	Option	T1, T2
5	BUEM100S5	Number Theory and Cryptography	30	Option	T2
5	BUEM101S5	Algebra 2	30	Option	T1
5		or Module(s) from other subject areas		Option(s)	
Year 3					
6	BUEM009S6	Problems in Mathematics	30	Comp	T1+T2
6		Option from list below	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
6		Option from list below	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
6		Option from list below or Module(s) from other subject areas	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
Part-time – 4 years					
Year 1					
4	EMMS096S4	Calculus 1	30	Core	T1 & T2
4	EMMS097S4	Algebra 1	30	Core	T1 & T2
4	BUEM096S4	Numbers, Proofs and Counting	30	Core	T3
Year 2					
4		Option (1 x 30 or 2 x 15 credits) eg	30	Option	
4	BUEM132H4	Data Skills,	15	Option	T1
4	BUEM133H4	Mathematical Explorations	15	Option	T2
4		or Module(s) from other subject areas	30	Option	T1,T2
5	BUEM001S5	Calculus 2	30	Comp	T3
5	BUEM130H5	Probability Models	15	Comp	T1
5	BUEM131H5	Analysing Data	15	Comp	T2

Year 3					
5		Options eg	60	Option	T1, T2
5	BUEM100S5	Number Theory and Cryptography	30	Option	T2
5	BUEM101S5	Algebra 2	30	Option	T1
5		or Module(s) from other subject areas		Option(s)	
5		Option or module(s) from other subject areas	30	Option	T1, T2
6	BUEM021S6	Level 6 Option (Calculus 3)	30	Option	T3
Year 4					
6	BUEM009S6	Problems in Mathematics	30	Comp	T1-2
6		Option from list below	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
6		Option from list below or Module(s) from other subject areas	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
Full-time with Foundation Year – 4 years (<i>suspended</i>)					
Foundation Year (Year 0)					
3	CASE002S3	Fundamentals of Study: Learning through the Global City	30	Core	T1
3	BUEM095S3	IT and Data Skills	30	Core	T2
3	BUEM093S3	Essential Mathematics	30	Core	T1+T2
3	BUEM094S3	Pure Mathematics	30	Core	T2+T3
Year 1					
4	EMMS096S4	Calculus 1	30	Core	T1 & T2
4	EMMS097S4	Algebra 1	30	Core	T1 & T2
4	BUEM096S4	Numbers, Proofs and Counting	30	Core	T3
4		Option (1 x 30 or 2 x 15 credits) eg	30	Option	
4	BUEM132H4	Data Skills,	15	Option	T1
4	BUEM133H4	Mathematical Explorations	15	Option	T2
4		or Module(s) from other subject areas	30	Option	T1,T2
Year 2					
5	BUEM001S5	Calculus 2	30	Comp	T3
5	BUEM130H5	Probability Models	15	Comp	T1
5	BUEM131H5	Analysing Data	15	Comp	T2
5	BUEM100S5	EITHER Number Theory and Cryptography	30	Option	T2
5	BUEM101S5	or Algebra 2	30	Option	T1
5		or Module(s) from other subject areas	30	Option(s)	T1, T2
Year 3					
6	BUEM009S6	Problems in Mathematics	30	Comp	T1-2
6		Option from list below	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
6		Option from list below	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
6		Option from list below or Module(s) from other subject areas	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3

Part-time with Foundation Year – 6 years (<i>suspended</i>)					
Foundation Year (Year 0A)					
3	CASE002S3	Fundamentals of Study: Learning through the Global City	30	Core	T1
3	BUEM093S3	Essential Mathematics	30	Core	T1+T2
Foundation Year (Year 0b)					
3	BUEM095S3	IT and Data Skills	30	Core	T2
3	BUEM094S3	Pure Mathematics	30	Core	T2+T3
Year 1					
4	EMMS096S4	Calculus 1	30	Core	T1 & T2
4	EMMS097S4	Algebra 1	30	Core	T1 & T2
4	BUEM096S4	Numbers, Proofs and Counting	30	Core	T3
Year 2					
4		Option (1 x 30 or 2 x 15 credits) eg	30	Option	
4	BUEM132H4	Data Skills,	15	Option	T1
4	BUEM133H4	Mathematical Explorations	15	Option	T2
4		or Module(s) from other subject areas	30	Option	T1,T2
5	BUEM001S5	Calculus 2	30	Comp	T3
5	BUEM130H5	Probability Models	15	Comp	T1
5	BUEM131H5	Analysing Data	15	Comp	T2
Year 3					
5		Options eg	60	Option	T1, T2
5	BUEM100S5	Number Theory and Cryptography	30	Option	T2
5	BUEM101S5	Algebra 2	30	Option	T1
5		or Module(s) from other subject areas		Option(s)	
5		Option or module(s) from other subject areas	30	Option	T1, T2
6	BUEM021S6	Level 6 Option (Calculus 3)	30	Option	T3
Year 4					
6	BUEM009S6	Problems in Mathematics	30	Comp	T1-2
6		Option from list below	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
6		Option from list below or Module(s) from other subject areas	30	Option	T1, 2 or 3
Indicative level 6 options:					
6	BUEM021S6	Calculus 3	30	Option	T1-2
6	BUEM135S6	Data Science	30	Option	T1-2
6	BUEM003S6	Statistics Theory and Practice	30	Option	T1-2
6	BUEM105S6	Finite Mathematics	30	Option	T3
6	BUEM124H6	Abstract Algebra 2	15	Option	T3
6	BUEM125H6	Real Analysis	15	Option	T3

Core: Module must be taken and passed by student

Compulsory: Module must be taken but can be considered for compensated credit (see CAS regulations paragraph 24)

Option: Student can choose to take this module

Minor subject awards

If students on this programme successfully complete a minimum of 90 credits of their options in one of the following areas: Accounting, Management or Economics, then they can be awarded either BSc Mathematics with Accounting, BSc Mathematics with Management or BSc Mathematics with Economics at the end of the programme.

How you will learn

Your learning and teaching is organised to help you meet the learning outcomes (below) of the course. As a student, we expect you to be an active learner and to take responsibility for your learning, engaging with all of the material and sessions arranged for you. Each course is divided into modules. You will find information on the virtual learning site (Moodle, see Academic Support below) about each of your modules, what to expect, the work you need to prepare, links to reading lists, information about how and when you will be assessed.

Your learning for this course will be organised around the activities outlined below.

Teaching on this course is a combination of lectures (pre-recorded) and seminars. Lectures are designed to engage you with the material and to describe new topics and techniques, illustrated with plenty of examples. They are a springboard for your own learning. Seminars are group sessions where you will be asked to contribute to discussion of problems / exercises which you need to have attempted in advance, and work on new problems / exercises. Statistics modules also include lab sessions where you work with a statistical package.

How we will assess you

The course will use a variety of assessment methods. Assessment is used to enhance your learning rather than simply to test it. We use a variety of assessment methods. For most of the modules associated with this course, your assessment will be through the following types of assessment.

Short written exercises, quizzes and problems to solve.

Learning outcomes (what you can expect to achieve)

'Learning outcomes' indicate what you should be able to know or do at the end of your course. Providing them helps you to understand what your teachers will expect and also the learning requirements upon which you will be assessed.

At the end of this course, you should be able to:

- Understand and use mathematical and/or statistical techniques.
- Apply a range of results from mathematics and/or statistics.
- Construct mathematical arguments to establish a range of mathematical results.
- Use mathematics and/or statistics to model problems in the natural and social sciences, formulate such problems using appropriate notation, and validate and revise the resulting models.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of assumptions and the possible consequences of their violation.
- Present, analyse and interpret data.
- Demonstrate an appreciation of the power of generalization and abstraction in the development of mathematical theories.

- Apply the processes of mathematical approximation and computational mathematics and quantify their limitations.
- Demonstrate a deeper knowledge of some particular areas of mathematics.
- Use a modern mathematical and/or statistical computer package with a programming facility.
- Appreciate and evaluate the historical and cultural aspects of mathematics.
- Comprehend conceptual and abstract material.
- Develop a logical and systematic approach to problem solving.
- Use a range of software packages including word processing and spreadsheets.
- Transfer knowledge and expertise from one context to another, by applying mathematical and/or statistical techniques in unfamiliar situations.
- Learn independently with patience and persistence using a variety of media.
- Communicate effectively, writing mathematics and/or statistics in a coherent way.
- Complete a sustained and substantial task in a limited time period.

Careers and further study

You will find mathematics graduates in the following kinds of roles:

- Actuary
- Data Scientist
- Economist
- Statistical analyst
- Business analyst
- Management consultant
- Market research analyst
- Technology professional
- Software developer
- Financial analyst
- Teacher
- Accountant

A mathematics degree allows you to work in a wide variety of numerate jobs – it is one of the most flexible choices of degree.

Birkbeck's BSc Mathematics graduates will complete their degree with a set of valuable attributes, for example:

- Well-developed problem-solving skills
- High-level written communication skills in English and the ability to explain complex arguments
- Mathematical modelling skills
- Highly developed quantitative skills
- The ability to work independently
- Excellent time management skills

Birkbeck offers a range of careers support to its students. You can find out more on [the careers pages of our website](#).

Academic regulations and course management

Birkbeck's academic regulations are contained in its [Common Award Scheme Regulations](#) and Policies published by year of application on the Birkbeck website.

You will have access to a course handbook on Moodle and this will outline how your course is managed, including who to contact if you have any questions about your module or course.

Support for your study

Your learning at Birkbeck is supported by your teaching team and other resources and people in the College there to help you with your study. Birkbeck uses a virtual learning environment called Moodle and each course has a dedicated Moodle page and there are further Moodle sites for each of your modules. This will include your course handbook.

Birkbeck will introduce you to the Library and IT support, how to access materials online, including using Moodle, and provide you with an orientation which includes an online Moodle module to guide you through all of the support available. You will also be allocated a personal tutor and provided with information about learning support offered within your School and by the College.

[Please check our website for more information about student support services.](#) This covers the whole of your time as a student with us including learning support and support for your wellbeing.

Quality and standards at Birkbeck

Birkbeck's courses are subject to our quality assurance procedures. This means that new courses must follow our design principles and meet the requirements of our academic regulations. Each new course or module is subject to a course approval process where the proposal is scrutinised by subject specialists, quality professionals and external representatives to ensure that it will offer an excellent student experience and meet the expectation of regulatory and other professional bodies.

You will be invited to participate in an online survey for each module you take. We take these surveys seriously and they are considered by the course team to develop both modules and the overall courses. Please take the time to complete any surveys you are sent as a student.

We conduct an annual process of reviewing our portfolio of courses which analyses student achievement, equality data and includes an action plan for each department to identify ongoing enhancements to our education, including changes made as a result of student feedback.

Our periodic review process is a regular check (usually every four years) on the courses by department with a specialist team including students.

Each course will have an external examiner associated with it who produces an annual report and any recommendations. Students can read the most recent external examiner reports on the course Moodle pages. Our courses are all subject to Birkbeck Baseline Standards for our Moodle module information. This supports the accessibility of our education including expectations of what information is provided online for students.

The information in this programme specification has been approved by the College's Academic Board and every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information it contains.

Programme specifications are reviewed periodically. If any changes are made to courses, including core and/or compulsory modules, the relevant department is required to provide a revised programme specification. Students will be notified of any changes via Moodle.

Further information about specifications and an archive of programme specifications for the College's courses is [available online](#).

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