



Department of Mathematics and Statistics
Major in Statistical Science
 Effective Fall 2024

Purposes of the Major

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics offers a **Major in Statistical Science**. The goals of this program are to

- provide students with broad-based and coherent preparation in the various branches of the statistical sciences,
- provide students with the specialized training necessary to begin careers in data analysis, actuarial science, design of experiments, biostatistics, demography, and other areas of probability and statistics,
- prepare students for continued study of statistics and its applications at the graduate level.

The Department also offers a **Major in Mathematics with a Concentration in Probability and Statistics** and a **Minor in Statistics**.

Advising Information

This document summarizes **major requirements** for graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Statistical Science.

You are strongly encouraged to talk to a **faculty advisor** in the area of probability and statistics (listed below) as you plan your academic program.

Further information about current course offerings, as well as email addresses and office hours for faculty advisors, are available through the Department of Mathematics and Statistics website at:

<https://msudenver.edu/math>

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Declaring a Major

To declare a Major in Statistical Science, you will need to meet with a faculty advisor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, preferably one of the faculty advisors in probability and statistics. You must declare your major by the time you have completed 60 credit hours toward the degree.

Requirements for the Major ¹

Required Courses	Semester Hours
All of the following courses:	
MTH 1410 Calculus I.....	4
MTH 2410 Calculus II	4
MTH 2420 Calculus III	4
MTH 2520 R Programming	4
MTH 3210 Probability and Statistics	4
MTH 3220 Statistical Methods	4
MTH 3270 Data Science	4
MTH 4210 ² Probability Theory	4
MTH 4230 Regression & Computational Statistics	4
MTH 4250 Statistical Theory.....	4
MTH 4290 Senior Statistics Project.....	2

One of the following two courses³:

MTH 3130 Applied Methods in Linear Algebra.....	4
MTH 3140 Linear Algebra	4

One of the following five courses:

MTH 2540 Scientific Programming with Python.....	4
MTH 3100 Introduction to Mathematical Proofs	3
MTH 3230 Stochastic Processes	4
MTH 3510 SAS Programming	4
CS 3120 Machine Learning	4

Total hours required49-50

¹ All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of "C-" or better and the major GPA must be at least 2.0

² Senior Experience course

³ MTH 3100 and 3140 are recommended for students who intend to pursue graduate studies; MTH 3100 is a prerequisite for MTH 3140

General Advising Guidelines

The suggestions below will help you complete your course of study in a timely manner. You should make every effort to follow them:

- Note that many mathematics courses are not offered every semester. Also note that, in the semesters in which they are offered, a course may only be offered during the day or in the evening. Course rotations can be found at:

<https://msudenver.edu/math>

- Complete the courses needed to satisfy the General Studies requirements as quickly as possible.
- Plan your sequence of courses with prerequisites in mind (see flow chart, below). Note that MTH 3210 is a prerequisite for most upper-division courses in this major.
- It is recommended that you take no more than two upper-division mathematics courses in the same semester. To do so otherwise may jeopardize your grades and content understanding.

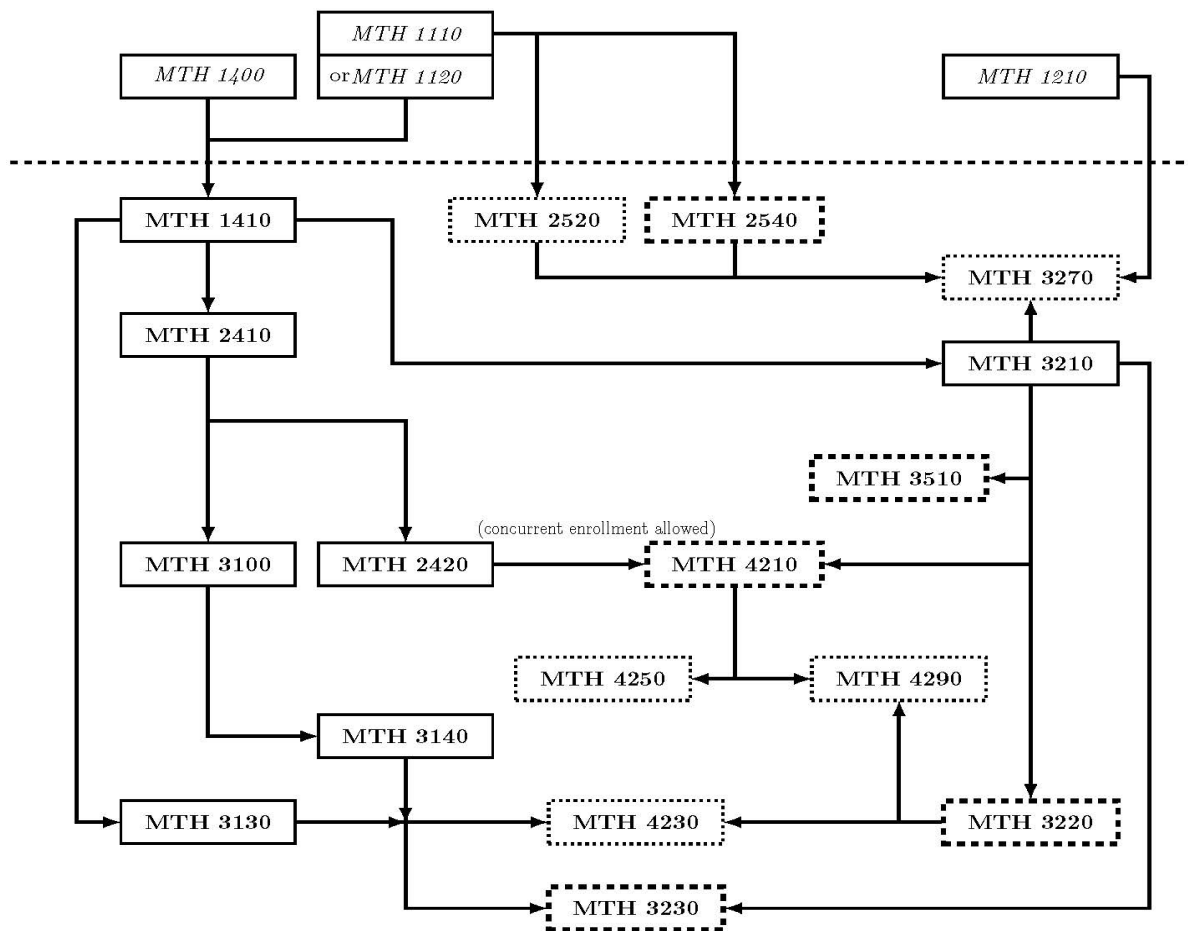
Requirements for Transfer Students

- In order for courses from another institution to satisfy a requirement for the major, the content must match, not just the name of the course.
- You must meet all the requirements for the program based on all courses taken both at other institutions and at MSU Denver.
- You must take at least eight hours of upper-division mathematics courses at MSU Denver.
- The last 12 hours of coursework toward the degree must be taken at MSU Denver unless you have taken at least 45 hours of coursework at MSU Denver.

Prerequisite Chart for Courses in the Major in Statistical Science

- *Italicized courses* are prerequisites that do not count towards the major.
- The flowchart shows required courses and most electives.

- Lines boxes indicate courses offered Spring & Fall
- Dashed boxes indicate courses offered Fall Only
- Dotted boxes indicate courses offered Spring Only



If you would like additional information on this program or other programs offered by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, please visit the Department's Web site at:
<https://msudenver.edu/math>

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