BS in the Teaching of Mathematics

Degree Requirements
To earn a Bachelor of Science in the Teaching of Mathematics degree from UIC, students must complete University, college, and department degree requirements. The Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science degree requirements are outlined below. Students should consult the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences section for additional degree requirements and college academic policies.

Summary of Requirements
- Major Requirements: 33
- Additional Requirements for Teacher Licensure: 34
- General Education and Electives to reach minimum Total Hours: 53
- Total Hours: 120

General Education
See General Education and Writing-in-the-Discipline in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences section for a list of courses to meet this requirement.

Major Requirements
- Required Courses
  - MATH 180 Calculus I \(^{a,b}\) 4
  - MATH 181 Calculus II 4
  - MATH 210 Calculus III \(^a\) 3
  - MATH 215 Introduction to Advanced Mathematics 3
  - MATH 300 Writing for Mathematics \(^c\) 1
  - MTHT 411 Advanced Euclidean Geometry 3
  - MTHT 430 Mathematical Analysis for Teachers I 3
  - MATH 310 Applied Linear Algebra 3
  - or MATH 320 Linear Algebra I 3
  - MATH 330 Abstract Algebra I 3
  - or MTHT 435 Abstract Algebra 3
  - MTHT 420 Computers in Secondary School Mathematics 3
  - or STAT 381 Applied Statistical Methods I 3
  - One additional elective course in MATH, MTHT, or STAT (Recommended: MATH 417, MATH 425, MATH 430, or MATH 435). 3
- Total Hours: 33

Students in the Teacher Education in Mathematics curriculum must have a GPA of at least 2.50/4.00 in all mathematics courses (MATH, MCS, MTHT, or STAT) beginning with all calculus (excluding MTHT 400 and MTHT 401) to be recommended for student teaching (MTHT 438 and MTHT 439). The candidate must also maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50/4.00 and a minimum GPA of 3.00/4.00 in education courses.

The teaching license is not automatically awarded upon successful completion of licensure and degree requirements. Before the license is issued, the candidate must file an application for the Illinois teaching license with the Council on Teacher Education. The candidate must also pass a series of examinations required by the Illinois State Board of Education. The Basic Skills Test must be passed prior to applying for candidacy with the Council on Teacher Education. The Content Area Test must be passed before the candidate is allowed to student teach. The Assessment of Professional Teaching must be passed prior to licensure. For information on application procedures, contact the Council on Teacher Education located in 3015 ETMSW. See the Council on Teacher Education section of the catalog. For detailed information concerning degree and state teacher licensure requirements, see the Program Guide for Teacher Education in Mathematics, available from the secondary education coordinator of the Office of Mathematics and Computer Education.

Recommended Plan of Study

First Year

Fall Semester
- Declare Secondary Education Curriculum
- Take the Illinois Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) \(^a\)
- OR
- ACT/SAT scores may be used in lieu of a Pass on the TAP \(^b\)
- Take General Education/ Curriculum courses 16-18

Spring Semester
- Take General Education/ Curriculum Courses (Meet with Program Advisor) \(^c\)

Term Hours: 16-18
Secondary Year

Fall Semester
Request Enrollment Approval for:
ED 200 Education Policy Foundations
ED 210 Principles of Learning and Instruction Across the Lifespan
Take General Education/ Curriculum courses Term Hours: 16-18

Spring Semester
ED 200 Education Policy Foundations 3
ED 210 Principles of Learning and Instruction Across the Lifespan 3
Complete Application to Candidacy d
Request Enrollment Approval for:
SPED 410 Exceptional Learners
CI 414 Middle and High School Literacy e
Take General Education/ Curriculum courses Term Hours: 10-12

Third Year

Fall Semester
SPED 410 Exceptional Learners 3
CI 414 Middle and High School Literacy (after admission to candidacy) e
Complete Application to Candidacy d
Take General Education/ Curriculum courses Term Hours: 10-12

Spring Semester
Request Enrollment Approval for:
ED 330 Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment in the Urban Secondary Classroom (March 15) d
Complete Application to Student Teach d
Take Content Area Test by deadline a,d
Complete General Education/Curriculum courses Term Hours: 16-18

Fourth Year

Fall Semester
ED 330 Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment in the Urban Secondary Classroom 4

Second and Foreign Language Education Information

Declaration of Teaching Curriculum

When: As soon as a student decides to pursue licensure as a secondary or foreign language teacher, the student should declare the appropriate curriculum in the host department.

Prerequisites

To declare the Teaching of Mathematics curriculum, students must be registered in MATH 180 or have equivalent standing. There are specific GPA requirements to remain in good standing and remain eligible for candidacy in each of the programs.

Timeline

Most “Teaching of…” curriculum students enrolled full-time should be able to complete their undergraduate course work and licensure requirements in four years, if they declare within their first four semesters. If a student does not make this decision until their junior year (5th semester or later), pursuit of the curriculum and teaching licensure will result in an extended undergraduate career. Model plans are available for transfer students and those beginning at UIC and declaring early; these are only to serve as an example for students considering the curriculum. Students should meet with the advisor in their department for personalized recommendations and timelines.

Education Courses

All Secondary Education curriculum students must take the following Education courses: ED 200, ED 210, SPED 410, and ED 330. Teaching of History, Math, and Physics must also take CI 414. Students can request permission to enroll in ED 200 and ED 210 only after declaring the “Teaching of…” curriculum. Permission to enroll is granted by the Council on Teacher Education (3015 ETMSW; 312) 355-0714). Students should meet with their department advisors to
determine appropriate course sequence. Non-Education students may only take limited 100-level Education courses.

**Curriculum vs. Licensure**

Simply completing the requirements for a “Teaching of…” curriculum, does not guarantee licensure. Students should be completing licensure requirements in conjunction with meeting curriculum and college graduation requirements. There are several steps in the licensure process, so it is imperative that a student meet with their program advisor to remain on track.

Council on Teacher Education (CTE)
Website: cte.uic.edu
Contact: (312) 355-0714
1040 West Harrison Street, ETMSW 3015
Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

“The Council on Teacher Education oversees and supports all professional education programs. The Council is responsible for the coordination of professional education curricula and serves as a liaison between the University of Illinois at Chicago and the Illinois State Board of Education. In addition, the Council serves as a liaison between the University and school service personnel. The Council on Teacher Education was established by the University of Illinois' Board of Trustees in 1943-44 to formulate policies and programs of student selection, retention, guidance, preparation, and placement in elementary and secondary schools. The Council was created in conformity with educational policies established by the campus Senate (Mission and History, CTE website).” Students will be in close contact with the Council on Teacher Education for all levels of the licensure process. Prospective students can also find additional information on their website (listed above) and in the Teacher Education Handbook for Secondary and Foreign Language.