Mathematics Undergraduate Program

Continuation Policy

While the University has general regulations governing scholastic eligibility for continuation, the Department of Mathematics has adopted additional requirements in order to make the best use of departmental resources available and to provide reasonable assurance of academic success of our majors. The following criteria and procedures will be applied to all undergraduate students majoring in Mathematics for determining continuance in the major program. Students are encouraged to frequently review their academic progress, and may seek advising from Mathematics Student Services at any time.

Criteria for Satisfactory Progress:

1. Students are expected to make satisfactory progress towards graduation with a Mathematics degree. Under normal circumstances a student would be considered meeting satisfactory progress if s/he is taking major coursework after declaring the major. Excessive course repeats, excessive course drops and excessive University withdrawals may demonstrate a lack of satisfactory progress.
   a. Students in the BS Comprehensive or BA Teacher Preparation option are expected to maintain a 2.5 GPA in all courses counting towards major requirements.
   b. Students in the BS Standard, BA Standard or BA Philosophy option are expected to maintain a 2.0 GPA in all courses counting towards major requirements.
2. Students must earn a numerical grade of at least a 2.0 in each math course used towards a major requirement. Courses used to satisfy major requirements must be taken on a graded basis. Courses taken as satisfactory/not satisfactory, S/NS, cannot be used towards major requirements.
3. Students must maintain good academic standing with the University of Washington. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to be in good academic standing with the University. Students falling below a cumulative GPA of 2.0 will be placed on the University’s Low Scholarship list.

Review and Notification of Progress

Math Student Services will review the progress of all majors each quarter. If a student’s performance fails to meet the standards outlined above in any quarter during their tenure as a major in the Department of Mathematics, the student may be placed on warning, probation, and in extreme situations, may be dismissed from the major.
Warning

Students will be issued a warning letter via email by the department the first quarter they do not meet departmental satisfactory progress. The warning letter is issued only one time. Students receiving a warning letter must meet with a Math Advisor. Your advisor will assist you by recommending campus resources, helping you plan a course load that is manageable and will progress you towards graduation, and by assisting you with choosing the correct pathway within the major or discussing other majors at the University.

Math majors who fail to meet satisfactory progress should meet with an advisor as soon as possible. This can prevent progressing towards probation and dismissal. Students are encouraged to discuss all circumstances leading to a lack of satisfactory progress, including extenuating circumstances and situations outside of academic life that may impact student success.

Probation

Students on warning status who do not remove their deficiencies the following quarter will be placed on probation. Students on probation will be notified of their status and a registration hold will be placed on their student account. To remove the hold, students must meet with a Math Advisor within 30 days of being notified of their status. Students who do not meet with an advisor will not be able to register for future quarters.

Dismissal

Students on probation multiple quarters who fail to communicate with a Math Advisor or continually fail to meet satisfactory progress can be dismissed from the Mathematics major. Dismissed students will be assigned a premajor or extended premajor code.

Appealing Probation or Dismissal

Students who are placed on probation or dismissed from the department may appeal their status by writing a letter to the Undergraduate Program Coordinator within 30 days of notification. The letter should describe any extenuating circumstances and may include any additional information in support of the appeal that the student believes is relevant. The letter should be submitted to the Math Student Services Office in Padelford C-36.