

The program in **Mathematics of Finance and Risk Management** (or **Mathematics of Finance** for short) is designed to provide a broad education in the quantitative aspects of risk management and finance. Today's financial instruments require sophisticated mathematical techniques for their valuation. These techniques come from the fields of probability, statistics, and differential equations.

The major program must include at least ten courses: 4 basic courses (**II**), 4 special Financial Mathematics courses (**III**), and two advanced courses as described below (**IV**).

I. Prerequisites (5 courses) {must be completed with C- or better}

| Instructions | Course(s) | Student Elections (enter your course selections here) |
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| Select one of the following pairs of introductory mathematics courses : | 215 & 217 285 & 217 295 & 296 | 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ |
| Select both of the following Econ courses: | Econ 101 & Econ 102 | |
| EECS 183 or working knowledge of a high level computer language (Fortran, C, or C++) | EECS 183 or working knowledge | |

*II. Basic Courses** (4 courses) {must be completed with C- or better}*

| Instructions | Course(s) | Student Elections (enter your course selections here) |
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| Select one of the following Differential Equations courses: | Math 286 or Math 316 | 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ |
| Select the following Probability course: | Math 525 | |
| Select the following Statistics course: | Stats 426 | |
| Select one of the following Analysis courses: | Math 351 or Math 451 | |

***More advanced students, such as those who have completed Math 396, may substitute higher level courses with the approval of a departmental advisor.*

III. *Special Financial Math Courses** (4 courses)*

| Instructions | Course(s) | Student Elections (enter your course selections here) |
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| Select all of the following Financial courses: | Math 423 Math 474 Math 526 | 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ |
| Math 472 Numerical Methods | Math 472 | |

** The special **Mathematics of Finance** courses must include Math 423, 474, Math 471 or 472 (472 is preferred), and 526. Careful planning is essential.

IV. *Advanced Courses** (2 courses)*

| Instructions | Course(s) | Student Elections (enter your course selections here) | |
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| Select two of the following Advanced courses: | Math 422 Math 462 Math 623 Econ 401 Econ 402 Econ 409 Econ 452 Fin 302 Fin 317 IOE 310 IOE 452 | *Finance 408 AND 409 (1.5 credits each) *All accounting courses 300 and above, except 471 *Some Statistics courses numbered above 400 | 1. _____ 2. _____ |

To complete the major each student should elect two additional intermediate or advanced courses related to **Financial Mathematics. Some, but not all, of the courses numbered 300 and above offered by Accounting, Computer Science, Economics, Finance, Industrial and Operations Engineering, and Statistics are appropriate here.

Other courses may sometimes be appropriate and in all cases **approval of the advisor in Mathematics of Finance is required.**