

MATHEMATICS (COURSE 18)

Department of Mathematics (<https://catalog.mit.edu/schools/science/mathematics/#undergraduatetext>)

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (General Mathematics Option)

General Institute Requirements (GIRs)

The General Institute Requirements include a Communication Requirement that is integrated into both the HASS Requirement and the requirements of each major; see details below.

Summary of Subject Requirements	Subjects
Science Requirement	6
Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) Requirement; at least two of these subjects must be designated as communication-intensive (CI-H) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.	8
Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement [one subject can be satisfied by 18.03 in the Departmental Program]	2
Laboratory Requirement (12 units)	1
Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree	17

Physical Education Requirement

Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points.

Departmental Program

Choose at least two subjects in the major that are designated as communication-intensive (CI-M) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.

Required Subjects	Units
18.03 Differential Equations ¹	12
Restricted Electives	
Select eight 12-unit subjects of essentially different content, including at least six advanced subjects (first decimal digit one or higher) that are distributed over at least three distinct areas (at least three distinct first decimal digits). One of these eight subjects must be one of the following:	96
18.06 Linear Algebra	
18.Co6[<i>J</i>] Linear Algebra and Optimization	
18.700 Linear Algebra	
18.701 Algebra I	
Units in Major	108
Unrestricted Electives	84

Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs (12)

Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree 180

The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

¹ Students may also fulfill this requirement by completing 18.032 *Differential Equations (which places more emphasis on theory)*, 18.152 *Introduction to Partial Differential Equations*, or 18.303 *Linear Partial Differential Equations: Analysis and Numerics*. Any subject substituted for 18.03 cannot also count towards the eight-subject Restricted Elective requirement.

Communication-Intensive Subjects in the Major

To satisfy the requirement that students take two CI-M subjects, students must select one of the following options:

Option A

Select two of the following:

18.104	Seminar in Analysis
18.204	Undergraduate Seminar in Discrete Mathematics
18.384	Undergraduate Seminar in Physical Mathematics
18.424	Seminar in Information Theory
18.434	Seminar in Theoretical Computer Science
18.504	Seminar in Logic
18.704	Seminar in Algebra
18.784	Seminar in Number Theory
18.821	Project Laboratory in Mathematics
18.904	Seminar in Topology
18.994	Seminar in Geometry

Option B

Select one subject from Option A and one of the following:

8.06	Quantum Physics III
14.18	Mathematical Economic Modeling
14.33	Research and Communication in Economics: Topics, Methods, and Implementation
18.100P	Real Analysis
18.100Q	Real Analysis
18.200	Principles of Discrete Applied Mathematics

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (Applied Mathematics Option)

General Institute Requirements (GIRs)

The General Institute Requirements include a Communication Requirement that is integrated into both the HASS Requirement and the requirements of each major; see details below.

Summary of Subject Requirements	Subjects
Science Requirement	6
Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) Requirement; at least two of these subjects must be designated as communication-intensive (CI-H) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.	8
Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement [one subject can be satisfied by 18.03 in the Departmental Program]	2
Laboratory Requirement (12 units)	1
Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree	17

Physical Education Requirement

Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points.

Departmental Program

Choose at least two subjects in the major that are designated as communication-intensive (CI-M) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.

Required Subjects	Units
18.03 Differential Equations ¹	12
18.04 Complex Variables with Applications or 18.112 Functions of a Complex Variable	12
18.06 Linear Algebra ²	12
18.300 Principles of Continuum Applied Mathematics	12
<i>Select one of the following:</i>	12-15
18.200 Principles of Discrete Applied Mathematics (15 units, CI-M)	
18.200A Principles of Discrete Applied Mathematics (12 units)	

Restricted Electives

Select four additional 12-unit Course 18 subjects from the following two groups with at least one subject from each group: ³

Group I—Probability and statistics, combinatorics, computer science

Group II—Numerical analysis, physical mathematics, nonlinear dynamics

Units in Major **108-111**

Unrestricted Electives	81-84
Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs	(12)
Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree	180

The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

- ¹ Students may substitute one of the more advanced subjects 18.152 Introduction to Partial Differential Equations or 18.303 Linear Partial Differential Equations: Analysis and Numerics for 18.03. 18.032 Differential Equations, which places more emphasis on theory, is also an acceptable option.
- ² Students may substitute 18.Co6[*J*] Linear Algebra and Optimization, 18.700 Linear Algebra (which places more emphasis on theory and proofs), or the more advanced subject, 18.701 Algebra I.
- ³ A list of acceptable subjects (<https://math.mit.edu/academics/undergrad/major/course18/applied.php>) is available from Math Academic Services and on the department's website.

Communication-Intensive Subjects in the Major

To satisfy the requirement that students take two CI-M subjects, students must select one of the following options:

Option A

Select two of the following:

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18.204	Undergraduate Seminar in Discrete Mathematics
18.384	Undergraduate Seminar in Physical Mathematics
18.424	Seminar in Information Theory
18.434	Seminar in Theoretical Computer Science
18.504	Seminar in Logic
18.704	Seminar in Algebra
18.784	Seminar in Number Theory
18.821	Project Laboratory in Mathematics
18.904	Seminar in Topology
18.994	Seminar in Geometry

Option B

Select one subject from Option A and one of the following:

8.06	Quantum Physics III
14.18	Mathematical Economic Modeling
14.33	Research and Communication in Economics: Topics, Methods, and Implementation
18.100P	Real Analysis
18.100Q	Real Analysis

18.200 Principles of Discrete Applied
Mathematics

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (Pure Mathematics Option)

General Institute Requirements (GIRs)

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Summary of Subject Requirements	Subjects
Science Requirement	6
Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) Requirement; at least two of these subjects must be designated as communication-intensive (CI-H) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.	8
Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST) Requirement [one subject can be satisfied by 18.03 in the Departmental Program]	2
Laboratory Requirement (12 units)	1
Total GIR Subjects Required for SB Degree	17

Physical Education Requirement

Swimming requirement, plus four physical education courses for eight points.

Departmental Program

Choose at least two subjects in the major that are designated as communication-intensive (CI-M) to fulfill the Communication Requirement.

Required Subjects	Units
18.03 Differential Equations ¹	12
18.100B Real Analysis ²	12
18.701 Algebra I	12
18.702 Algebra II	12
18.901 Introduction to Topology	12
Restricted Electives	
<i>Select one of the following:</i>	12
18.101 Analysis and Manifolds	
18.102 Introduction to Functional Analysis	
18.103 Fourier Analysis: Theory and Applications	
<i>Select one undergraduate seminar from the following:</i>	12
18.104 Seminar in Analysis (CI-M)	
18.504 Seminar in Logic (CI-M)	
18.704 Seminar in Algebra (CI-M)	
18.784 Seminar in Number Theory (CI-M)	
18.904 Seminar in Topology (CI-M)	
18.994 Seminar in Geometry (CI-M)	

Select two additional 12-unit Course 18 subjects of essentially different content, with the first decimal digit one or higher

Units in Major	108
Unrestricted Electives	84
Units in Major That Also Satisfy the GIRs	(12)
Total Units Beyond the GIRs Required for SB Degree	180

The units for any subject that counts as one of the 17 GIR subjects cannot also be counted as units required beyond the GIRs.

- ¹ Students may substitute one of the more advanced subjects 18.152 Introduction to Partial Differential Equations or 18.303 Linear Partial Differential Equations: Analysis and Numerics for 18.03. 18.032 Differential Equations, which places more emphasis on theory, is also an acceptable option.
- ² Alternate versions of this subject, 18.100A, 18.100P and 18.100Q, also satisfy this requirement.

Communication-Intensive Subjects in the Major

To satisfy the requirement that students take two CI-M subjects, students must select one of the following options:

Option A

Select two of the following:

18.104	Seminar in Analysis
18.204	Undergraduate Seminar in Discrete Mathematics
18.384	Undergraduate Seminar in Physical Mathematics
18.424	Seminar in Information Theory
18.434	Seminar in Theoretical Computer Science
18.504	Seminar in Logic
18.704	Seminar in Algebra
18.784	Seminar in Number Theory
18.821	Project Laboratory in Mathematics
18.904	Seminar in Topology
18.994	Seminar in Geometry

Option B

Select one subject from Option A and one of the following:

8.06	Quantum Physics III
14.18	Mathematical Economic Modeling
14.33	Research and Communication in Economics: Topics, Methods, and Implementation
18.100P	Real Analysis
18.100Q	Real Analysis

18.200 Principles of Discrete Applied
Mathematics