MATH 101. Math Discovery Lab. 3 Units.
MDL is a discovery-based project course in mathematics. Students work independently in small groups to explore open-ended mathematical problems and discover original mathematics. Students formulate conjectures and hypotheses; test predictions by computation, simulation, or pure thought; and present their results to classmates. No lecture component; in-class meetings reserved for student presentations, attendance mandatory. Admission is by application: http://math101.stanford.edu. Motivated students with any level of mathematical background are encouraged to apply. WIM.

MATH 104. Applied Matrix Theory. 3 Units.
Linear algebra for applications in science and engineering: orthogonality, projections, spectral theory for symmetric matrices, the singular value decomposition, the QR decomposition, least-squares, the condition number of a matrix, algorithms for solving linear systems. MATH 113 offers a more theoretical treatment of linear algebra. MATH 104 and EE 103/CME 103 cover complementary topics in applied linear algebra. The focus of MATH 104 is on algorithms and concepts; the focus of EE 103 is on a few linear algebra concepts, and many applications. Prerequisites: MATH 51 and programming experience on par with CS 106.

MATH 106. Functions of a Complex Variable. 3 Units.
Complex numbers, analytic functions, Cauchy-Riemann equations, complex integration, Cauchy integral formula, residues, elementary conformal mappings. (Math 116 offers a more theoretical treatment.) Prerequisite: 52.

MATH 107. Graph Theory. 3 Units.
An introductory course in graph theory establishing fundamental concepts and results in variety of topics. Topics include: basic notions, connectivity, cycles, matchings, planar graphs, graph coloring, matrix-tree theorem, conditions for hamiltonicity, Kuratowski's theorem, Ramsey and Turan-type theorem. Prerequisites: 51 or equivalent and some familiarity with proofs is required.

MATH 108. Introduction to Combinatorics and Its Applications. 3 Units.
Topics: graphs, trees (Cayley's Theorem, application to phylogony), eigenvalues, basic enumeration (permutations, Stirling and Bell numbers), recurrences, generating functions, basic asymptotics. Prerequisites: 51 or equivalent.

MATH 109. Applied Group Theory. 3 Units.
Applications of the theory of groups. Topics: elements of group theory, groups of symmetries, matrix groups, group actions, and applications to combinatorics and computing. Applications: rotational symmetry groups, the study of the Platonic solids, crystallographic groups and their applications in chemistry and physics. Honors math majors and students who intend to do graduate work in mathematics should take 120. WIM.

MATH 110. Applied Number Theory and Field Theory. 3 Units.
Number theory and its applications to modern cryptography. Topics: congruences, finite fields, primality testing and factorization, public key cryptography, error correcting codes, and elliptic curves, emphasizing algorithms. WIM.

MATH 113. Linear Algebra and Matrix Theory. 3 Units.
Algebraic properties of matrices and their interpretation in geometric terms. The relationship between the algebraic and geometric points of view and matters fundamental to the study and solution of linear equations. Topics: linear equations, vector spaces, linear dependence, bases and coordinate systems; linear transformations and matrices; similarity; eigenvectors and eigenvalues; diagonalization. (Math 104 offers a more application-oriented treatment.)

MATH 114. Introduction to Scientific Computing. 3 Units.
Introduction to Scientific Computing Numerical computation for mathematical, computational, physical sciences and engineering; error analysis, floating-point arithmetic, nonlinear equations, numerical solution of systems of algebraic equations, banded matrices, least squares, unconstrained optimization, polynomial interpolation, numerical differentiation and integration, numerical solution of ordinary differential equations, truncation error, numerical stability for time dependent problems and stiffness. Implementation of numerical methods in MATLAB programming assignments. Prerequisites: MATH 51, 52, 53; prior programming experience (MATLAB or other language at level of CS 106A or higher).
Same as: CME 108

MATH 115. Functions of a Real Variable. 3 Units.
The development of real analysis in Euclidean space: sequences and series, limits, continuous functions, derivatives, integrals. Basic point set topology. Honors math majors and students who intend to do graduate work in mathematics should take 171. Prerequisite: 21.

MATH 116. Complex Analysis. 3 Units.
Analytic functions, Cauchy integral formula, power series and Laurent series, calculus of residues and applications, conformal mapping, analytic continuation, introduction to Riemann surfaces, Fourier series and integrals. (Math 106 offers a less theoretical treatment.) Prerequisites: 52, and 115 or 171.

MATH 118. Mathematics of Computation. 3 Units.
Notions of analysis and algorithms central to modern scientific computing: continuous and discrete Fourier expansions, the fast Fourier transform, orthogonal polynomials, interpolation, quadrature, numerical differentiation, analysis and discretization of initial-value and boundary-value ODE, finite and spectral elements. Prerequisites: MATH 51 and 53.

MATH 120. Groups and Rings. 3 Units.
Recommended for Mathematics majors and required of honors Mathematics majors. Similar to 109 but altered content and more theoretical orientation. Groups acting on sets, examples of finite groups, Sylow theorems, solvable and simple groups. Fields, rings, and ideals; polynomial rings over a field; PID and non-PID. Unique factorization domains. WIM.

MATH 121. Galois Theory. 3 Units.
Field of fractions, splitting fields, separability, finite fields. Galois groups, Galois correspondence, examples and applications. Prerequisite: Math 120 and (also recommended) 113.

MATH 122. Modules and Group Representations. 3 Units.
Modules over PID. Tensor products over fields. Group representations and group rings. Maschke's theorem and character theory. Character tables, construction of representations. Prerequisite: Math 120. Also recommended: 113.

MATH 131P. Partial Differential Equations. 3 Units.
An introduction to PDE; particularly suitable for non-Math majors. Topics include physical examples of PDE's, method of characteristics, D'Alembert's formula, maximum principles, heat kernel, Duhamel's principle, separation of variables, Fourier series, Harmonic functions, Bessel functions, spherical harmonics. Students who have taken MATH 171 should consider taking MATH 173 rather than 131P. Prerequisite: 53.

MATH 136. Stochastic Processes. 3 Units.
Same as: STATS 219
MATH 137. Mathematical Methods of Classical Mechanics. 3 Units.

MATH 138. Celestial Mechanics. 3 Units.
Mathematically rigorous introduction to the classical N-body problem: the motion of N particles evolving according to Newton's law. Topics include: the Kepler problem and its symmetries; other central force problems; conservation theorems; variational methods; Hamilton-Jacobi theory; the role of equilibrium points and stability; and symplectic methods. Prerequisites: 53, and 115 or 171.

MATH 143. Differential Geometry. 3 Units.
Geometry of curves and surfaces in three-space and higher dimensional manifolds. Parallel transport, curvature, and geodesics. Surfaces with constant curvature. Minimal surfaces.

MATH 145. Algebraic Geometry. 3 Units.
An introduction to the methods and concepts of algebraic geometry. The point of view and content will vary over time, but include: affine varieties, Hilbert basis theorem and Nullstellensatz, projective varieties, algebraic curves. Required: 120. Strongly recommended: additional mathematical maturity via further basic background with fields, point-set topology, or manifolds.

MATH 146. Analysis on Manifolds. 3 Units.
Differentiable manifolds, tangent space, submanifolds, implicit function theorem, differential forms, vector and tensor fields. Frobenius' theorem, DeRham theory. Prerequisite: 62CM or 52 and familiarity with linear algebra and analysis arguments at the level of 113 and 115 respectively.

MATH 147. Differential Topology. 3 Units.
Smooth manifolds, transversality, Sard's theorem, embeddings, degree of a map, Borsuk-Ulam theorem, Hopf degree theorem, Jordan curve theorem. Prerequisite: 115 or 171.

MATH 148. Algebraic Topology. 3 Units.
Fundamental group, covering spaces, Euler characteristic, homology, classification of surfaces, knots. Prerequisite: 109 or 120.

MATH 151. Introduction to Probability Theory. 3 Units.
Counting; axioms of probability; conditioning and independence; expectation and variance; discrete and continuous random variables and distributions; joint distributions and dependence; central limit theorem and laws of large numbers. Prerequisite: 52 or consent of instructor.

MATH 152. Elementary Theory of Numbers. 3 Units.
Euclid's algorithm, fundamental theorems on divisibility; prime numbers; congruence of numbers; theorems of Fermat, Euler, Wilson; congruences of first and higher degrees; quadratic residues; introduction to the theory of binary quadratic forms; quadratic reciprocity; partitions.

MATH 154. Algebraic Number Theory. 3 Units.
Properties of number fields and Dedekind domains, quadratic and cyclotomic fields, applications to some classical Diophantine equations. Prerequisites: 120 and 121, especially modules over principal ideal domains and Galois theory of finite fields.

MATH 155. Analytic Number Theory. 3 Units.
Introduction to Dirichlet series and Dirichlet characters, Poisson summation, Gauss sums, analytic continuation for Dirichlet L-functions, applications to prime numbers (e.g., prime number theorem, Dirichlet's theorem). Prerequisites: Complex analysis (MATH 106 or 116), MATH 152 (or comparable familiarity with the Euclidean algorithm, multiplicative group modulo n, and quadratic reciprocity), and experience with basic analysis arguments.

Hamiltonian systems and their geometry. First order PDE and Hamilton-Jacobi equation. Structural stability and hyperbolic dynamical systems. Completely integrable systems. Perturbation theory.
MATH 19. Calculus. 3 Units.
Introduction to differential calculus of functions of one variable. Review of elementary functions (including exponentials and logarithms), limits, rates of change, the derivative and its properties, applications of the derivative. Prerequisites: trigonometry, advanced algebra, and analysis of elementary functions (including exponentials and logarithms). You must have taken the math placement diagnostic (offered through the Math Department website) in order to register for this course.

MATH 193. Polya Problem Solving Seminar. 1 Unit.
Topics in mathematics and problem solving strategies with an eye towards the Putnam Competition. Topics may include parity, the pigeonhole principle, number theory, recurrence, generating functions, and probability. Students present solutions to the class. Open to anyone with an interest in mathematics.

MATH 197. Senior Honors Thesis. 1-6 Unit.
Honors math major working on senior honors thesis under an approved advisor carries out research and reading. Satisfactory written account of progress achieved during term must be submitted to advisor before term ends. May be repeated 3 times for a max of 9 units. Contact department student services specialist to enroll.

MATH 198. Practical Training. 1 Unit.
Only for undergraduate students majoring in mathematics. Students obtain employment in a relevant industrial or research activity to enhance their professional experience. Students submit a concise report detailing work activities, problems worked on, and key results. May be repeated for credit up to 3 units. Prerequisite: qualified offer of employment and consent of department. Prior approval by Math Department is required; you must contact the Math Department’s Student Services staff for instructions before being granted permission to enroll.

MATH 199. Reading Topics. 1-3 Unit.
For Math majors only. Undergraduates pursue a reading program under the direction of a Math faculty member; topics limited to those not in regular department course offerings. Credit can fulfill the elective requirement for Math majors. Departmental approval required; please contact the Student Services Specialist for the enrollment proposal form at least 2 weeks before the final study list deadline. May be repeated for credit. Enrollment beyond a third section requires additional approval.

MATH 20. Calculus. 3 Units.
The definite integral, Riemann sums, antiderivatives, the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, and the Mean Value Theorem for integrals. Integration by substitution and by parts. Area between curves, and volume by slices, washers, and shells. Initial-value problems, exponential and logistic models, direction fields, and parametric curves. Prerequisite: Math 19 or equivalent. If you have not previously taken a calculus course at Stanford then you must have taken the math placement diagnostic (offered through the Math Department website) in order to register for this course.

MATH 20A. Real Analysis. 3 Units.
Basic measure theory and the theory of Lebesgue integration. Prerequisite: 171 or equivalent.

MATH 20B. Real Analysis. 3 Units.
Point set topology, basic functional analysis, Fourier series, and Fourier transform. Prerequisites: 171 and 205A or equivalent.

MATH 20C. Real Analysis. 3 Units.
Continuation of 20B.
MATH 220. Partial Differential Equations of Applied Mathematics. 3 Units.
First-order partial differential equations; method of characteristics; weak solutions; elliptic, parabolic, and hyperbolic equations; Fourier transform; Fourier series; and eigenvalue problems. Prerequisite: Basic coursework in multivariable calculus and ordinary differential equations, and some prior experience with a proof-based treatment of the material as in Math 171 or Math 61CM (formerly Math 51H).
Same as: CME 303

MATH 221A. Mathematical Methods of Imaging. 3 Units.
Image denoising and deblurring with optimization and partial differential equations methods. Imaging functional based on total variation and L1 minimization. Fast algorithms and their implementation.
Same as: CME 321A

MATH 221B. Mathematical Methods of Imaging. 3 Units.
Array imaging using Kirchhoff migration and beamforming, resolution theory for broad and narrow band array imaging in homogeneous media, topics in high-frequency, variable background imaging with velocity estimation, interferometric imaging methods, the role of noise and inhomogeneities, and variational problems that arise in optimizing the performance of array imaging algorithms.
Same as: CME 321B

MATH 226. Numerical Solution of Partial Differential Equations. 3 Units.
Hyperbolic partial differential equations: stability, convergence and qualitative properties; nonlinear hyperbolic equations and systems; combined solution methods from elliptic, parabolic, and hyperbolic problems. Examples include: Burger's equation, Euler equations for compressible flow, Navier-Stokes equations for incompressible flow. Prerequisites: MATH 220 or CME 302.
Same as: CME 306

MATH 227. Partial Differential Equations and Diffusion Processes. 3 Units.
Parabolic and elliptic partial differential equations and their relation to diffusion processes. First order equations and optimal control. Emphasis is on applications to mathematical finance. Prerequisites: MATH 136/STATS 219 (or equivalents) and MATH 131P + MATH 115/171 or MATH 173 or MATH 220.

MATH 228. Stochastic Methods in Engineering. 3 Units.
The basic limit theorems of probability theory and their application to maximum likelihood estimation. Basic Monte Carlo methods and importance sampling. Markov chains and processes, random walks, basic ergodic theory and its application to parameter estimation. Discrete time stochastic control and Bayesian filtering. Diffusion approximations, Brownian motion and an introduction to stochastic differential equations. Examples and problems from various applied areas. Prerequisites: exposure to probability and background in analysis.
Same as: CME 308, MS&E 324

MATH 228A. Probability, Stochastic Analysis and Applications. 3 Units.
The basic limit theorems of probability theory and their application to maximum likelihood estimation. Basic Monte Carlo methods and importance sampling. Markov chains and processes, random walks, basic ergodic theory and its application to parameter estimation. Discrete time stochastic control and Bayesian filtering. Diffusion approximations, Brownian motion and basic stochastic differential equations. Examples and problems from various applied areas. Prerequisites: exposure to probability and background in analysis.

MATH 230A. Theory of Probability I. 3 Units.
Mathematical tools: sigma algebras, measure theory, connections between coin tossing and Lebesgue measure, basic convergence theorems. Probability independence, Borel-Cantelli lemmas, almost sure and Lp convergence, weak and strong laws of large numbers. Large deviations. Weak convergence; central limit theorems; Poisson convergence; Stein's method. Prerequisites: STATS 116, MATH 171.
Same as: STATS 310A

MATH 230B. Theory of Probability II. 3 Units.
Conditional expectations, discrete time martingales, stopping times, uniform integrability, applications to 0-1 laws, Radon-Nikodum Theorem, ruin problems, etc. Other topics as time allows selected from (i) local limit theorems, (ii) renewal theory, (iii) discrete time Markov chains, (iv) random walk theory, (v) ergodic theory. Prerequisite: 230A or MATH 230A.
Same as: STATS 310B

MATH 230C. Theory of Probability III. 2-4 Units.
Same as: STATS 310C

MATH 231. Mathematics and Statistics of Gambling. 3 Units.
Probability and statistics are founded on the study of games of chance. Nowadays, gambling (in casinos, sports and the Internet) is a huge business. This course addresses practical and theoretical aspects. Topics covered: mathematics of basic random phenomena (physics of coin tossing and roulette, analysis of various methods of shuffling cards), odds in popular games, card counting, optimal tournament play, practical problems of random number generation. Prerequisites: Statistics 116 and 200.
Same as: STATS 334

MATH 232. Topics in Probability: Percolation Theory. 3 Units.
An introduction to first passage percolation and related general tools and models. Topics include early results on shape theorems and fluctuations, more modern development using hyper-contractivity, recent breakthrough regarding scaling exponents, and providing exposure to some fundamental long-standing open problems. Course prerequisite: graduate-level probability.

MATH 233A. Topics in Combinatorics. 3 Units.
A topics course in combinatorics and related areas. The topic will be announced by the instructor.

MATH 233B. Topics in Combinatorics: Polyhedral Techniques in Optimization. 3 Units.
A topics course in combinatorics and related areas. The topic will be announced by the instructor.

MATH 233C. Topics in Combinatorics. 3 Units.
A topics course in combinatorics and related areas. The topic will be announced by the instructor.

MATH 234. Large Deviations Theory. 3 Units.
Same as: STATS 374

MATH 235A. Topics in combinatorics. 3 Units.
This advanced course in extremal combinatorics covers several major themes in the area. These include extremal combinatorics and Ramsey theory, the graph regularity method, and algebraic methods.

MATH 235B. Modern Markov Chain Theory. 3 Units.
This is a graduate-level course on the use and analysis of Markov chains. Emphasis is placed on explicit rates of convergence for chains used in applications to physics, biology, and statistics. Topics covered: basic constructions (metropolis, Gibbs sampler, data augmentation, hybrid Monte Carlo); spectral techniques (explicit diagonalization, Poincaré, and Cheeger bounds); functional inequalities (Nash, Sobolev, Log Sobolev); probabilistic techniques (coupling, stationary times, Harris recurrence). A variety of card shuffling processes will be studied. Central Limit and concentration.
MATH 235C. Topics in Markov Chains. 3 Units.
Classical functional inequalities (Nash, Faber-Krahn, log-Sobolev inequalities), comparison of Dirichlet forms. Random walks and isoperimetry of amenable groups (with a focus on solvable groups). Entropy, harmonic functions, and Poisson boundary (following Kaimanovich-Vershik theory).

MATH 236. Introduction to Stochastic Differential Equations. 3 Units.

MATH 237. Default and Systemic Risk. 3 Units.
Introduction to mathematical models of complex static and dynamic stochastic systems that undergo sudden regime change in response to small changes in parameters. Examples from materials science (phase transitions), power grid models, financial and banking systems. Special emphasis on mean field models and their large deviations, including computational issues. Dynamic network models of financial systems and their stability.

MATH 237A. Topics in Financial Math: Market microstructure and trading algorithms. 3 Units.
Introduction to market microstructure theory, including optimal limit order and market trading models. Random matrix theory covariance models and their application to portfolio theory. Statistical arbitrage algorithms.

MATH 238. Mathematical Finance. 3 Units.

MATH 239. Computation and Simulation in Finance. 3 Units.
Monte Carlo, finite difference, tree, and transform methods for the numerical solution of partial differential equations in finance. Emphasis is on derivative security pricing. Prerequisite: 238 or equivalent.

MATH 243. Functions of Several Complex Variables. 3 Units.

MATH 244. Riemann Surfaces. 3 Units.
Riemann surfaces and holomorphic maps, algebraic curves, maps to projective spaces. Calculus on Riemann surfaces. Elliptic functions and integrals. Riemann-Hurwitz formula. Riemann-Roch theorem, Abel-Jacobi map. Uniformization theorem. Hyperbolic surfaces. (Suitable for advanced undergraduates.) Prerequisites: MATH 106 or MATH 116, and familiarity with surfaces equivalent to MATH 143, MATH 146, or MATH 147.

MATH 245A. Topics in Algebraic Geometry. 3 Units.
Topics of contemporary interest in algebraic geometry. May be repeated for credit.

MATH 245B. Topics in Algebraic Geometry. 3 Units.
May be repeated for credit.

MATH 245C. Topics in Algebraic Geometry. 3 Units.
May be repeated for credit.

MATH 246. Topics in number theory: L-functions. 3 Units.
The Riemann Zeta function and Dirichlet L-functions, zero-free regions and vertical distribution of the zeros, primes in arithmetic progressions, the class number problem, Hecke L-functions and Tate's thesis, Artin L-functions and the Chebotarev density theorem, Modular forms and Maass forms. Prerequisites: Algebraic Number Theory.

MATH 248. Introduction to Ergodic Theory. 3 Units.
Topics may include 1) subadditive and multiplicative ergodic theorems, 2) notions of mixing, weak mixing, spectral theory, 3) metric and topological entropy of dynamical systems, 4) measures of maximal entropy. Prerequisites: Solid background in “Measure and Integration” (Math 205A) and some functional analysis, including Riesz representation theorem and Hahn-Banach theorem (Math 205B).

MATH 249A. Topics in number theory. 3 Units.
Topics of contemporary interest in number theory. May be repeated for credit.

MATH 249B. Topics in Number Theory. 3 Units.

MATH 249C. Topics in Number Theory. 3 Units.

MATH 256A. Partial Differential Equations. 3 Units.
The theory of linear and nonlinear partial differential equations, beginning with linear theory involving use of Fourier transform and Sobolev spaces. Topics: Schauder and L2 estimates for elliptic and parabolic equations; De Giorgi-Nash-Moser theory for elliptic equations; nonlinear equations such as the minimal surface equation, geometric flow problems, and nonlinear hyperbolic equations.

MATH 256B. Partial Differential Equations. 3 Units.
Continuation of 256A.

MATH 257A. Symplectic Geometry and Topology. 3 Units.
Linear symplectic geometry and linear Hamiltonian systems. Symplectic manifolds and their Lagrangian submanifolds, local properties. Symplectic geometry and mechanics. Contact geometry and contact manifolds. Relations between symplectic and contact manifolds. Hamiltonian systems with symmetries. Moment map and its properties. May be repeated for credit.

MATH 257B. Symplectic Geometry and Topology. 3 Units.
Continuation of 257A. May be repeated for credit.

MATH 257C. Symplectic Geometry and Topology. 3 Units.
Continuation of 257B. May be repeated for credit.

MATH 258. Topics in Geometric Analysis. 3 Units.

MATH 259. Topics in Financial Math. 3 Units.
Monte Carlo, finite difference, tree, and transform methods for the numerical solution of partial differential equations in finance. Emphasis is on derivative security pricing. Prerequisite: 238 or equivalent.

MATH 260. Applied Fourier Analysis and Elements of Modern Signal Processing. 3 Units.
Introduction to the mathematics of the Fourier transform and how it arises in a number of imaging problems. Mathematical topics include the Fourier transform, the Plancherel theorem, Fourier series, the Shannon sampling theorem, the discrete Fourier transform, and the spectral representation of stationary stochastic processes. Computational topics include fast Fourier transforms (FFT) and nonuniform FFTs. Applications include Fourier imaging (the theory of diffraction, computed tomography, and magnetic resonance imaging) and the theory of compressive sensing. Same as: CME 372

MATH 262A. Mathematical Finance. 3 Units.
Linear symplectic geometry and linear Hamiltonian systems. Symplectic manifolds and their Lagrangian submanifolds, local properties. Symplectic geometry and mechanics. Contact geometry and contact manifolds. Relations between symplectic and contact manifolds. Hamiltonian systems with symmetries. Moment map and its properties. May be repeated for credit.

MATH 262B. Topics in Geometric Analysis. 3 Units.
Topics of contemporary interest in algebraic geometry. May be repeated for credit.

MATH 262A. Applied Fourier Analysis and Elements of Modern Signal Processing. 3 Units.

MATH 263A. Algebraic Combinatorics and Symmetric Functions. 3 Units.
Symmetric function theory unifies large parts of combinatorics. Theorems about permutations, partitions, and graphs now follow in a unified way. Topics: The usual bases (monomial, elementary, complete, and power sums). Schur functions. Representation theory of the symmetric group. Littlewood-Richardson rule, quasi-symmetric functions, combinatorial Hopf algebras, introduction to Macdonald polynomials. Throughout, emphasis is placed on applications (e.g. to card shuffling and random matrix theory). Prerequisite: 210A and 210B, or equivalent.

MATH 263B. Crystal Bases: Representations and Combinatorics. 3 Units.
Crystal Bases are combinatorial analogs of representation theory of Lie groups. We will explore different aspects of these analogies and develop rigorous purely combinatorial foundations.
MATH 263C. Topics in Representation Theory. 3 Units.
May be repeated for credit.

MATH 269. Topics in symplectic geometry. 3 Units.
May be repeated for credit.

MATH 270. Geometry and Topology of Complex Manifolds. 3 Units.
Complex manifolds, Kahler manifolds, curvature, Hodge theory, Lefschetz theorem, Kahler-Einstein equation, Hermitian-Einstein equations, deformation of complex structures. May be repeated for credit.

MATH 271. The H-Principle. 3 Units.

MATH 272. Topics in Partial Differential Equations. 3 Units.

MATH 273. Topics in Mathematical Physics. 3 Units.
Covers a list of topics in mathematical physics. The specific topics may vary from year to year, depending on the instructor’s discretion. Background in graduate level probability theory and analysis is desirable. Same as: STATS 359

MATH 275. Topics in Applied Mathematics: A World of Flows. 3 Units.
The purpose of this course is to show beautiful surprises and instructive paradoxes in a maximal diversity of fluid phenomena, and to understand them with minimal models. Some deep currents will develop across multiple lectures. The prerequisites are fluency in the so-called ‘mathematical methods’ (vector calculus, complex analysis, Fourier transform/series, ODEs, PDEs) plus a willingness to wade into physics (classical more than quantum) at the advanced undergraduate level.

MATH 280. Evolution Equations in Differential Geometry. 3 Units.

MATH 282A. Low Dimensional Topology. 3 Units.
The theory of surfaces and 3-manifolds. Curves on surfaces, the classification of diffeomorphisms of surfaces, and Teichmuller space. The mapping class group and the braid group. Knot theory, including knot invariants. Decomposition of 3-manifolds: triangulations, Heegaard splittings, Dehn surgery. Loop theorem, sphere theorem, incompressible surfaces. Geometric structures, particularly hyperbolic structures on surfaces and 3-manifolds. May be repeated for credit up to 6 total units.

MATH 282B. Homotopy Theory. 3 Units.
Homotopy groups, fibrations, spectral sequences, simplicial methods, Dold-Thom theorem, models for loop spaces, homotopy limits and colimits, stable homotopy theory. May be repeated for credit up to 6 total units.

MATH 282C. Fiber Bundles and Cobordism. 3 Units.

MATH 283A. Topics in Topology. 3 Units.

MATH 284. Topics in Geometric Topology. 3 Units.
Incompressible surfaces, irreducible manifolds, prime decomposition. Morse theory, Heegaard diagrams, Heegaard splittings, the Thurston norm, sutured manifold theory, Heegaard Floer homology, sutured Floer homology.

MATH 286. Topics in Differential Geometry. 3 Units.
May be repeated for credit.

MATH 298. Graduate Practical Training. 1 Unit.
Only for mathematics graduate students. Students obtain employment in a relevant industrial or research activity to enhance their professional experience. Students submit a concise report detailing work activities, problems worked on, and key results. May be repeated for credit up to 3 units. Prerequisite: qualified offer of employment and consent of department. Prior approval by Math Department is required; you must contact the Math Department’s Student Services staff for instructions before being granted permission to enroll.

MATH 301. Advanced Topics in Convex Optimization. 3 Units.
Modern developments in convex optimization: semidefinite programming; novel and efficient first-order algorithms for smooth and nonsmooth convex optimization. Emphasis on numerical methods suitable for large scale problems arising in science and engineering. Prerequisites: convex optimization (EE 364), linear algebra (Math 104), numerical linear algebra (CME 302); background in probability, statistics, real analysis and numerical optimization.
Same as: CME 375

MATH 305. Applied mathematics through toys and magic. 3 Units.
This course is a series of case-studies in doing applied mathematics on surprising phenomena we notice in daily life. Almost every class will show demos of these phenomena (toys and magic) and suggest open projects. The topics range over a great variety and cut across areas traditionally pigeonholed as physics, biology, engineering, computer science, mathematics but, instead of developing sophisticated mathematics on simple material, our aim is to extract simple mathematical understanding from sophisticated material which, at first, we may not yet know how to pigeonhole. In each class I will try to make the discussion self-contained and to give everybody something to take home, regardless of the background.

MATH 355. Graduate Teaching Seminar. 1 Unit.
Required of and limited to first-year Mathematics graduate students.

MATH 360. Advanced Reading and Research. 1-10 Unit.

MATH 382. Qualifying Examination Seminar. 1-3 Unit.

MATH 391. Seminar on Logic & Formal Philosophy. 2-4 Units.
Research seminar for graduate students working in logic and formal philosophy. Presentations on contemporary topics by seminar participants and outside visitors. Maybe be repeated for credit. Same as: PHIL 391

MATH 398. Graduate Practical Training. 1 Unit.

MATH 51. Linear Algebra, Multivariable Calculus, and Modern Applications. 5 Units.
This course provides unified coverage of linear algebra and multivariable differential calculus. It discusses applications connecting the material to many quantitative fields. Linear algebra in large dimensions underlies the scientific, data-driven, and computational tasks of the 21st century. The linear algebra portion of the course includes orthogonality, linear independence, matrix algebra, and eigenvalues as well as ubiquitous applications: least squares, linear regression, Markov chains (relevant to population dynamics, molecular chemistry, and PageRank), singular value decomposition (essential in image compression, topic modeling, and data-intensive work in the natural sciences), and more. The multivariable calculus material includes unconstrained optimization via gradients and Hessians (used for energy minimization in physics and chemistry), constrained optimization (via Lagrange multipliers, crucial in economics), gradient descent and the multivariable Chain Rule (which underlie many machine learning algorithms, such as backpropagation), and Newton’s method (a crucial part of how GPS works). The course emphasizes computations alongside an intuitive understanding of key ideas, making students well-prepared for further study of mathematics and its applications to other fields. The widespread use of computers makes it more important, not less, for users of math to understand concepts: in all scientific fields, novel users of quantitative tools in the future will be those who understand ideas and how they fit with applications and examples. This is the only course at Stanford whose syllabus includes nearly all the math background for CS 229, which is why CS 229 and CS 230 specifically recommend it (or other courses resting on it). For frequently asked questions about the differences between Math 51 and CME 100, see the FAQ on the placement page on the math department website. Prerequisite: 21, 42, or the math placement diagnostic (offered through the Math Department website) in order to register for this course.

MATH 51A. Linear Algebra, Multivariable Calculus, and Modern Applications, ACE. 6 Units.
Students attend MATH 51 lectures with different recitation sessions: four hours per week instead of two, emphasizing engineering applications. Prerequisite: application; see https://engineering.stanford.edu/students-academics/engineering-diversity-programs/additional-calculus-engineers-ace.

MATH 52. Integral Calculus of Several Variables. 5 Units.
Iterated integrals, line and surface integrals, vector analysis with applications to vector potentials and conservative vector fields, physical interpretations. Divergence theorem and the theorems of Green, Gauss, and Stokes. Prerequisite: 51 or equivalents.

MATH 53. Ordinary Differential Equations with Linear Algebra. 5 Units.
Ordinary differential equations and initial value problems, systems of linear differential equations with constant coefficients, applications of second-order equations to oscillations, matrix exponentials, Laplace transforms, stability of non-linear systems and phase plane analysis, numerical methods. Prerequisite: 51 or equivalents.

MATH 61CM. Modern Mathematics: Continuous Methods. 5 Units.
This is the first part of a theoretical (i.e., proof-based) sequence in discrete mathematics and linear algebra. Covers general vector spaces, linear maps and duality, eigenvalues, inner product spaces, spectral theorem, counting techniques, and linear algebra methods in discrete mathematics including spectral graph theory and dimension arguments. The linear algebra content is covered jointly with Math 61CM. Students should have an interest in a theoretical approach to the subject. Prerequisite: score of 5 on the BC-level Advanced Placement calculus exam, or consent of the instructor.

MATH 61DM. Modern Mathematics: Discrete Methods. 5 Units.
This is the first part of a theoretical (i.e., proof-based) sequence in discrete mathematics and linear algebra. Covers general vector spaces, linear maps and duality, eigenvalues, inner product spaces, spectral theorem, counting techniques, and linear algebra methods in discrete mathematics including spectral graph theory and dimension arguments. The linear algebra content is covered jointly with Math 61CM. Students should have an interest in a theoretical approach to the subject. Prerequisite: score of 5 on the BC-level Advanced Placement calculus exam, or consent of the instructor.

MATH 62CM. Modern Mathematics: Continuous Methods. 5 Units.
A proof-based introduction to manifolds and the general Stokes’ theorem. This includes a treatment of multilinear algebra, further study of submanifolds of Euclidean space (with many examples), differential forms and their geometric interpretations, integration of differential forms, Stokes’ theorem, and some applications to topology. Prerequisites: Math 61CM and 63CM.

MATH 62DM. Modern Mathematics: Discrete Methods. 5 Units.
This is the second part of a proof-based sequence in discrete mathematics. This course covers topics in elementary number theory, group theory, and discrete Fourier analysis. For example, we’ll discuss the basic examples of abelian groups arising from congruences in elementary number theory, as well as the non-abelian symmetric group of permutations. Prerequisites: 61DM or 61CM.

MATH 63CM. Modern Mathematics: Continuous Methods. 5 Units.
A proof-based course on ordinary differential equations and other applications of derivatives. Topics include the inverse and implicit function theorems, implicitly-defined submanifolds of Euclidean space, linear systems of differential equations and necessary tools from linear algebra, stability and asymptotic properties of solutions to linear systems, existence and uniqueness theorems for nonlinear differential equations, behavior of solutions near an equilibrium point, and Sturm-Liouville theory. Prerequisite: Math 61CM.

MATH 63DM. Modern Mathematics: Discrete Methods. 5 Units.
Third part of a proof-based sequence in discrete mathematics. The first half of the quarter gives a fast-paced coverage of probability and random processes with an intensive use of generating functions. The second half treats entropy, Shannon’s coding theorem, game theory, probabilistic methods in solving non-probabilistic problems; some of these topics may vary from year to year. Prerequisite: Math 61DM or 61CM.

MATH 70SI. The Game of Go: Strategy, Theory, and History. 1 Unit.
Strategy and mathematical theories of the game of Go, with guest appearance by a professional Go player.

MATH 79SI. Proof Positive: Principles of Mathematics. 1 Unit.
What is a mathematical proof, and where do proofs come from? Students will become comfortable with fundamental techniques of mathematical proof through practice with interesting and accessible examples from many areas of math. Students will additionally hone their communication skills and develop their ability to formulate and answer precise mathematical questions. Topics include direct proof, proof by contrapositive, proof by contradiction, many applications of mathematical induction, constructing good definitions, and useful writing habits. The course is designed to prepare students who have completed or are concurrently enrolled in MATH 51 to succeed in introductory proof-based math classes at the level of MATH 115 or MATH 120, or to simply appreciate the nature of proof at a deeper level than is seen in high school geometry. To be considered for enrollment, please email masonr@stanford.edu and attend the first class meeting on Tuesday, April 3 at 3PM in 300-303.

MATH 802. TGR Dissertation. 0 Units.
MATH 80Q. Capillary Surfaces: Explored and Unexplored Territory. 3 Units.
Preference to sophomores. Capillary surfaces: the interfaces between fluids that are adjacent to each other and do not mix. Recently discovered phenomena, predicted mathematically and subsequently confirmed by experiments, some done in space shuttles. Interested students may participate in ongoing investigations with affinity between mathematics and physics.

MATH 83N. Proofs and Modern Mathematics. 3 Units.
How do mathematicians think? Why are the mathematical facts learned in school true? In this course students will explore higher-level mathematical thinking and will gain familiarity with a crucial aspect of mathematics: achieving certainty via mathematical proofs, a creative activity of figuring out what should be true and why. This course is ideal for students who would like to learn about the reasoning underlying mathematical results, but at a pace and level of abstraction not as intense as Math 61CM/DM, as a consequence benefiting from additional opportunity to explore the reasoning. Familiarity with one-variable calculus is strongly recommended at least at the AB level of AP Calculus since a significant part of the seminar develops systematically from a small list of axioms. We also address linear algebra from the viewpoint of a mathematician, illuminating notions such as fields and abstract vector spaces. This seminar may be paired with Math 51; though that course is not a pre- or co-requisite.

MATH 87Q. Mathematics of Knots, Braids, Links, and Tangles. 3 Units.
Preference to sophomores. Types of knots and how knots can be distinguished from one another by means of numerical or polynomial invariants. The geometry and algebra of braids, including their relationships to knots. Topology of surfaces. Brief summary of applications to biology, chemistry, and physics.