



# DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED MATHEMATICS

## Applied Mathematics Bachelor's Program

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# 1. Overview of Guidelines and Introduction to Applied Mathematics

This *Applied Mathematics Undergraduate Curriculum Guide* provides an outline of the curriculum and policies of the Applied Mathematics (AMEN) Bachelor of Science degree offered by the College of Engineering and Applied Science of the University of Colorado at Boulder. These guidelines are written primarily for students, advisors, and faculty of the AMEN Program.

General College of Engineering and Applied Science policy information can be found on the college's [Academic Expectations & Policies](#) website. CU students can also access course scheduling for each semester through the [Buff Portal](#).

## 1.1. Overview of Applied Mathematics

The Department of Applied Mathematics in the College of Arts and Sciences offers courses and degree programs for undergraduates and graduate students. The Department of Applied Mathematics currently has 21 tenured and tenure-track faculty, 13 teaching professors and several post-doctoral associates, and maintains an active Visitor Program with researchers from around the world. The departmental roots go back to the turn of the last century when it originally was the Department of Engineering Mathematics. The Department teaches thousands of students each year and has a major research presence in computational and physical/biological mathematics and the statistical sciences. Courses range from calculus to computation, discrete mathematics, probability and statistics, nonlinear phenomena, mathematical biology, and physical applied mathematics.

The undergraduate program in AMEN prepares graduates to practice effectively in applied math and related fields in industry and government, or to further their careers through advanced study. The principle focus of a major in applied math is to improve a student's mathematical, computational, and communication skills. The focus is on modeling problems from a variety of areas including business, engineering, and science. Our students are particularly strong and each year they go on to excellent graduate schools and take positions in a wide range of companies and laboratories. The faculty are remarkable; they teach a broad spectrum of courses and carry on research in many fields including computational math, nonlinear dynamics, fluid dynamics, geophysics, optics, and theoretical physics. The Department of Applied Mathematics trains its students in the methods and strategies required to be able to solve real world problems.

## 1.2. Introduction to the Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics (AMEN-BS)

A Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics is available to students in the College of Engineering, as is a five-year Bachelor's-Accelerated Master's (BAM) degree program. CU students wishing to obtain a BS in Applied Mathematics and who are not in the College of Engineering must apply to Engineering through an [Intra-University Transfer \(IUT\)](#).

The Department also offers a minor in Applied Math and a minor in Statistics and Data Science, which are available to any student at CU Boulder. Note: students cannot earn both a BS in Applied Math and a minor in Applied Math. The undergraduate curriculum in Applied Mathematics is designed to give training in the applications of mathematics in engineering and science. The use of computational methods and implementation of algorithms on computers is central. Required technical electives (i.e. the Area of Application) should be selected after consultation with an Applied Mathematics advisor and faculty mentor. They may be chosen from: mathematics, statistics, engineering, physics, chemistry, computer science, biology, astrophysics, geology, economics, finance, and accounting. In general, non-technical electives should be broadening and have multicultural value.

### 1.3. Objectives and Program Outcomes

**Program Mission:** The undergraduate program in Applied Math prepares graduates to practice effectively in the many fields where mathematics is used, and it prepares them for advanced study. The program seeks to improve a student's mathematical, computational, and communication skills with a focus on modeling problems from a variety of areas, including business, engineering, and science.

The undergraduate degree in applied mathematics emphasizes knowledge and awareness of:

- Differential and integral calculus in one and several variables;
- Vector spaces and matrix algebra;
- Ordinary and partial differential equations;
- At least one programming language;
- At least one application software package in either mathematics or statistics;
- Methods of complex variables as used in applications; and
- Numerical solutions of linear and nonlinear problems.

In addition, students completing a degree in applied mathematics will:

- Acquire foundational knowledge in calculus, ordinary and partial differential equations, vector spaces and matrix methods, analysis, numerical analysis, and complex variables;
- Develop proficiency in at least one programming language;
- Acquire an in-depth knowledge of an area of application (statistics, an engineering or natural science field, or one of the quantitative areas of finance and economics);
- Acquire problem-solving and modeling skills that allow students to formulate a real-world problem in a mathematical setting and implement a (numerical) solution;
- Acquire the ability to clearly and concisely, in oral and in written forms, communicate analytic arguments.

## 2. Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics Degree Requirements

### 2.1. Sample Curriculum for the BS Degree in Applied Mathematics

(128 hours needed for graduation)

Year One					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
Course #	Course Title	Credit	Course #	Course Title	Credit
APPM 1350	Calculus 1 for Engineers	4	APPM 1360	Calculus 2 for Engineers	4
CHEN 1201	General Chemistry for Engineers	4	PHYS 1110	General Physics 1	4
CHEM 1114	Laboratory in General Chemistry 1	1		Free Electives	3
APPM 1650	or other approved computing course	4		<a href="#">Humanities &amp; Social Sciences Elective</a>	3
	<a href="#">Humanities &amp; Social Sciences Elective</a>	3		Area of Application course	3
COEN 1500	First Year Seminar	1			
	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

Year Two					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours	Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
APPM 2350	Calculus 3 for Engineers	4	APPM 2360	Introduction to Differential Equations w/ Linear Algebra	4
PHYS 1120	General Physics 2	4	APPM 2460	Differential Equations Computer Lab <i>(recommended, not required)</i>	1
PHYS 1140	Experimental Physics	1	APPM 3310	Matrix Methods and Applications	3
APPM 3170	Discrete Applied Mathematics <i>(recommended, not required)</i>	3		Area of Application course	3
	<a href="#">Humanities &amp; Social Sciences Elective</a>	3		Free Electives	3
				<a href="#">Humanities &amp; Social Sciences Elective</a>	3
	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

Year Three					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours	Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
APPM 4350	Methods in Applied Mathematics: Fourier Series and Boundary Value Problems	3	APPM 4360	Methods in Applied Mathematics: Complex Variables and Applications	3
APPM 4440	Undergraduate Applied Analysis 1	3		Area of Application course	3
	Area of Application courses	6		Free Electives	7
	College-Approved Writing Course	3		<a href="#">Humanities &amp; Social Sciences Elective</a>	3
	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

Year Four					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours	Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
APPM 4600	Numerical Methods and Scientific Computing	4	APPM 4610 or Senior Sequence 2	Numerical Differential Equations or Senior Sequence 2	3
APPM 4XXX	Senior Sequence 1	3		Area of Application courses	6
	Area of Application courses	6		Free Electives	6
	Free Elective	3			
	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

**NOTE:** This represents one possible scenario for taking the minimum number of Applied Math courses for the major. After the 24-credit Area of Application requirement is satisfied, further technical electives can be selected from additional APPM courses or from others area of interest.

## 2.2. Bachelor's Degree Requirements

The B.S. degree in Applied Mathematics requires the completion of a minimum of 128 credit hours of acceptable coursework with cumulative and major grade point averages of 2.00 or better. All AMEN-BS majors are required to take a minimum of 19 credits in APPM or STAT on the CU Boulder campus, with a minimum of 16 credits being upper-division APPM or STAT coursework. Note: Pass/Fail and Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory courses can only be used for free electives.

Students must complete the following minimum requirements:

1. **Three semesters of calculus** (APPM 1350, APPM 1360 and APPM 2350) with a minimum grade of C- in each course.
2. **Computing Experience:** Select one of APPM 1650 (preferred), CSCI 1300, CSCI 2275 or ECEN 1310.
3. **Science requirement:** Completion of PHYS 1110, 1120, and 1140. Completion of at least 4 additional credits of chemistry, biology, or physics (including 1 credit of laboratory science) chosen from one of the following:
  - a) CHEN 1201 and CHEM 1114, or CHEN 1211 and CHEM 1221, or CHEM 1113 and CHEM 1114
  - b) EBIO 1210, 1220, 1230, and 1240
  - c) MCDB 1150, 2150, and 1161 or 1171 or 2171
  - d) PHYS 2130 or PHYS 2170, and PHYS 2150

*Note to MCEN and ASEN double majors\*:* MCEN and ASEN double majors may choose MCEN 1024 in place of options a-d

*Note to ASEN double majors\*:* PHYS 1140 requirement is waived

*\*These options are only available to MCEN and ASEN students who **complete** the double major.*

4. **Completion of the following required courses:**

APPM 2360 (Differential Equations with Linear Algebra.)

APPM 3310 (Matrix Methods)

APPM 4350 (Methods in Applied Mathematics I)

APPM4360 (Complex Variables and Applications)

APPM 4440 (Applied Analysis 1); MATH 3001 or MATH 3140 are acceptable substitutes

APPM 4600 (Numerical Methods and Scientific Computing)

5. **A two-semester senior sequence of applied mathematics or statistics courses numbered 4000 or above**

Possible sequences include:

- APPM 4600 & 4610
- STAT 4000 & 4010
- APPM 4560 & STAT 4520
- APPM 4440 & 4450
- APPM 4380 & 4390
- APPM 3570 & either STAT 4520 or APPM 4560.

*Note:* APPM 3570/STAT 3100 is the only 3000-level course that can be used to satisfy this requirement.

6. **A minimum of 25 credits in applied mathematics or statistics courses numbered 3000 or above** (including the required courses).

- a. No more than 3 credits of APPM 4840 may count towards these 25
- b. No more than 6 credits of independent study are allowed for credit towards the BS in Applied Math.
- c. MATH 3120, 3430, 3510, 3850, 4650, 4820 do not count towards these 25 credits
- d. Classes with an S/U grading basis may not count towards these 25

7. **Area of Application: The area of application is a minimum of 24 credits in engineering courses or approved courses with significant mathematical content in A&S or Business.**

- a. At least 15 credits in these courses must be numbered 2000 or above, and at least 6 credits must be numbered 3000 or above.
- b. These 24 credits are in addition to those required credits listed in numbers 2 and 3 (mentioned above). Several possible options are listed on the following pages.
- c. These 24 credits should form a unified plan of study and be approved by the department.

8. **Humanities, Social Sciences, and Writing requirements of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (18credits).**

- a) Humanities and social science electives should not be limited to a selection of unrelated introductory courses. At least 6 credit hours must be at the 3000-level or above (this does not include the writing requirement).

## 2.3. Options for Area of Application

In order to fulfill their degree requirements, Applied Mathematics majors are required to take at least 24 credits in engineering or approved courses from A&S or Business with significant mathematical content. At least 6 credits must be in courses numbered 3000 or above and at least 15 credits in courses numbered 2000 or above. Below are several possible options. It should be stressed that the listed courses and options are **suggestions** and not **requirements**. Final course selection should be made in consultation with an Applied Math advisor and faculty mentor.

### I. Actuarial

A. The following courses should be taken:

1. BCOR 2203 Principles of Accounting I (1.5 cr.) (prerequisite waived for Actuarial Certificate students)
2. BCOR 2204 Principles of Financial Management (1.5 cr.) (prerequisite waived for Actuarial Certificate students)
3. ECON 3070<sup>+</sup> (Intermediate Microeconomic Theory – 3 cr.)
4. ECON 4070 (Topics in Microeconomics – 3 cr.)
5. FNCE 3010<sup>+</sup> (Corporate Finance – 3 cr.)

B. Some (or all) of the following courses should be taken:

1. FNCE 3030 (Investment and Portfolio Management – 3 cr.)
2. FNCE 4040 (Derivative Securities – 3 cr.)
3. ECON 4818 (Intro to Econometrics – 3 cr.)
4. APPM 4560 (Markov Processes, Queues, and Monte Carlo Simulations – 3 cr.)

C. Students are required to take APPM 3570, STAT 4520<sup>+</sup>, and STAT 4540<sup>+</sup> as part of their Applied Math coursework for the Actuarial Option. Students are strongly advised to take APPM 4560.

D. Additional courses that may be useful include ACCT 3220, 3230, and BCOR 2301. Students can only register for these courses if space is available on the first day of the semester.

#### Advising notes:

- A. ECON 2010 and 2020 are pre-requisites for many ECON courses. They may not count toward the 24 credits of the option requirement; however, they can be used to meet the 18 credits social science/humanities requirement of the College of Engineering.
- B. + The Society of Actuaries requires students to take certain college courses that will earn the Validation by Educational Experiences (VEE) credit. Courses marked with a + satisfy this requirement, provided a grade of B- or better is obtained. These courses are also required for students completing the Actuarial Certificate Program. VEE credit is granted for both BCOR 2002 or BCOR 2203/2204 and FNCE 3010.
- C. The first actuarial examination, Exam P, can be taken after completing APPM 3570.
- D. The second actuarial examination, Exam FM, can be taken after completing ECON 3070, ECON 3080, FNCE 3010 and self-study in interest theory.
- E. Students should consult <http://www.soa.org> to register for an actuarial exam and for the current syllabus.
- F. Additional Courses to help prepare for Exam SRM – Statistics for Risk Modeling: STAT 3400 and STAT 4540 and Self-Study
- G. **Students must be admitted to the [Actuarial Studies and Quantitative Finance Certificate Program](#) to enroll in required BCOR/FNCE courses**, which requires grades of B+ or better in their three semesters of Calculus. Students accepted into this program receive preferential treatment with respect to other non-business students when registering for business courses. Alternatively, students can email [LeedsUG@colorado.edu](mailto:LeedsUG@colorado.edu) to request enrollment in College of Business courses if space is available on the first day of the semester. For more information, visit the [ASQF website](#) or see one of the ASQF faculty advisors.

### II. Aerospace Engineering Sciences

Students pursuing this area must complete at least 24 credits of Aerospace (ASEN) coursework.

Students who pursue this area of application are usually double majors in Aerospace Engineering. Students who wish to enroll in restricted ASEN courses without being a double major should see their applied mathematics advisor for next steps.

**Note:** ASEN 1030, ASEN 3046 and ASEN 3046 cannot count toward this area of application.

### III. Chemical Engineering Option

Students completing this area of application must take at least 24 credits of Chemical Engineering (CHEN) coursework (see recommended courses below).

- A. The following courses should be taken:
  - 1. CHEN 1201 (Gen. Chemistry for Eng. 1 – 4 cr.),
  - 2. CHEN 1203 (Gen. Chemistry for Eng. 2 – 2 cr.) and CHEM 1221 (Eng. Gen. Chem Lab – 1 cr.) or equivalent
- B. Recommended courses (total of 25 credits):
  - 1. CHEN 1310 (Introduction to Engineering Computing – 3 cr.)
  - 2. CHEN 2120 (Material & Energy Balances – 3 cr.)
  - 3. CHEN 3200 (Fluid Mechanics – 3 cr.)
  - 4. CHEN 3210 (Heat & Mass Transfer – 4 cr.)
  - 5. CHEN 3220 (Separations – 3 cr.)
  - 6. CHEN 3320 (Thermodynamics – 3 cr.)
  - 7. CHEN 4330 (Kinetics & Reactor Design – 3 cr.)
  - 8. CHEM 3311 (Organic Chemistry 1 – 4 cr.)

### IV. Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering Option

Students completing this area of application must take at least 24 credits of AREN/CVEN/EVEN coursework (see recommended courses below).

- A. Recommended foundation courses
  - 1. CVEN 2121 (Analytical Mechanics 1 – 3 cr.)
  - 2. AREN 2110 (Thermodynamics – 3 cr.)
  - 3. CVEN 3161 (Mechanics of Materials 1 – 3 cr.)
  - 4. CVEN 3313 (Theoretical Fluid Mechanics – 3 cr.) or AREN 2120 (Fluid Mechanics and Heat Transfer – 3 cr.)
- B. Students take 2 courses from any one of the following groups plus additional courses to bring the total credits to 24:
  - 1. CVEN 3414 (Fundamentals of Environmental Eng. – 3 cr.)  
CVEN 4333 (Engineering Hydrology – 3 cr.)
  - 2. CVEN 3525 (Structural Analysis 1 – 3 cr.)  
CVEN 3708 (Geotechnical Engineering 1 – 3 cr.)  
CVEN 4545 (Steel Design – 3 cr.)  
CVEN 4555 (Reinforced Concrete Design – 3 cr.)
  - 3. AREN 2050 (Building Materials and Systems – 3 cr.)  
AREN 3010 (Mechanical Systems for Buildings – 3 cr.)  
AREN 3540 (Illumination 1 – 3 cr.)

<https://www.colorado.edu/engineering-advising/departmental-course-request-forms>

#### Advising notes:

- 1. Students completing this area of application may wish to complete a minor in [Architectural](#) or [Civil](#) Engineering.
- 2. Students wishing to enroll in AREN, CVEN, or EVEN courses that are restricted to majors only must do so through the [departmental course request form](#).

### V. Computational Biology and Bioinformatics Option

- A. The following concentration of selected courses from computer science, biology, and chemistry provide the foundation for work in mathematical biology, computational biology, and/or bioinformatics.
- B. Complete at least 24 credits from the following:
  - 1. APPM 3650 (Algorithms and Data Structures in Python – 4 cr.) or CSCI 2270 (Computer Science 2: Data Structures – 4 cr.)
  - 2. CHEM 3311 & 3321 (Organic Chemistry 1 and Lab – 5 cr.)
  - 3. MCDB 1150 & 1152 (Introduction to Cellular and Molecular Biology and Problem Solving Co-Seminar – 4 cr.)
  - 4. MCDB 2150 & 2152 (Principles of Genetics and Problem Solving Co-Seminar – 4 cr.)
  - 5. MCDB 3135 & 3140 (Molecular Cell Biology 1 and Lab - 5 cr.)
  - 6. CSCI 3104 (Algorithms – 4 cr.) (prereq.: CSCI 2824 or APPM 3170)

**Advising Note:** Students pursuing the Computational Biology and Bioinformatics Area of Application are advised to take APPM 3570 and 4390, and STAT 4520 and 4540 as part of their Applied Math coursework. Other recommended courses include STAT 2600, STAT 3400, APPM 4370, and CSCI 3287 (Database and Information Systems).

## VI. Computer Science Option

Students completing this area of application should have a [minor in Computer Science](#), plus take additional CSCI coursework to bring the total to at least 24 credits (see recommended courses below).

- A. Required Course (total of 4 credits):
  - 1. CSCI 2270 (Data Structures – 4cr.) (Note: CSCI 1300 is a prerequisite)
- B. Additional courses to bring the total number of credits to 24. Possible choices include:
  - 1. CSCI 2400 (Computer Systems - 4 cr.)
  - 2. CSCI 3104 (Algorithms – 4 cr.)\*
  - 3. CSCI 3155 (Principles of Programming Languages – 4 cr.)
  - 4. CSCI 3287 (Design & Analysis of Data Systems – 3 cr.)
  - 5. CSCI 3308 (Software Development Methods and Tools - 3 cr.)
  - 6. CSCI 3753 (Operating Systems – 4 cr.)
  - 7. Additional CSCI courses to bring the total number of credits to at least 24

\* CSCI 3104 has APPM 3170 or CSCI 2824 as a prerequisite.

## VII. Creative Technology and Design Option

Students interested in this area of application should complete requirements for the [Creative Technology and Design Minor](#) plus additional ATLS or CSCI coursework to bring the total to at least 24 credits.

Students must declare the [Creative Technology and Design Minor](#) to enroll in ATLS classes.

- A. Recommended core courses:
  - 1. ATLS 1100 (Design Foundations – 3 cr.)
  - 2. ATLS 2000 (Meaning of Info Tech. - 3 cr.) \*
  - 3. ATLS 2100 (Image - 3 cr.)
  - 4. ATLS 2200 (Web - 3 cr.)
  - 5. ATLS 2300 (Text - 3 cr.)
  - 6. CSCI 2270 (Data Structures – 4 cr.) (Prereq: CSCI 1300)
  - 7. CSCI 3104 (Algorithms – 4 cr.) (Prereq: APPM 3170 or CSCI 2824)
  - 8. CSCI 4229 (Computer Graphics – 3 cr.)
  - 9. CSCI 3202 (Intro to Artificial Intelligence – 3 cr.)
  - 10. CSCI 4202 (Artificial Intelligence 2 – 3 cr.)
  - 11. CSCI 4448 (Object Orientated Analysis and Design – 3 cr.)
  - 12. Students are advised to take APPM 3570, 4560, and 4660 as part of their Applied Math coursework.

\* This course may be used to satisfy EITHER 3 credits of H&SS requirement or apply toward the Applied Math Area of Application, but not both.

## VIII. Electrical & Computer Engineering Option

Students interested in this area of application must complete 24 credits of ECEN and related coursework.

### Advising notes:

- 1. Students interested in this area of application should consult with the [Electrical, Computer and Energy Engineering website](#), as several minors are available. Students should complete one of these minors as well as additional minor elective coursework to bring the total to at least 24 credits.
- 2. Students choosing this option should plan on taking CSCI 1300 and CSCI 2270.

## IX. Engineering Physics / Physics Option

Students completing the physics area of application should complete the [Minor in Physics](#), plus additional PHYS coursework to bring the total to at least 24 credits (see recommended courses below).

Note: [PHYS 1230](#), [PHYS 1240](#), [PHYS 2010](#) and [PHYS 2020](#) cannot count toward this area of application.

### A. Recommended courses after first-year Physics

1. PHYS 2130 or 2170 (Foundations of Modern Physics – 3 cr.)
2. PHYS 2150 (Experimental Physics – 2 cr.)
3. PHYS 2210 (Classical Mechanics and Mathematical Methods 1– 3 cr.)
4. PHYS 3210 (Classical Mechanics and Mathematical Methods 2 – 3 cr.)
5. PHYS 3220 (Quantum Mechanics & Atomic Physics 1 – 3 cr.)
6. PHYS 3310 (Principles of Electricity & Magnetism 1 – 3 cr.)
7. PHYS 3320 (Principles of Electricity & Magnetism 2 – 3 cr.)
8. PHYS 3330 (Electronics for the Physical Sciences – 3 cr.)
9. PHYS 4230 (Thermodynamics & Statistical Mechanics – 3 cr.)

### B. Students choosing this option are advised to take APPM 3570 (Applied Probability – 3 cr.).

MATH 3140 (Abstract Algebra 1 – 3 cr.) may also be useful for students interested in theoretical physics.

## X. Finance Option

### A. The following courses should be taken:

1. BCOR 2002 (Principles of Accounting and Finance – 3 cr.) or BCOR 2203 and BCOR 2204
2. FNCE 3010 (Corporate Finance – 3 cr.)
3. ECON 3070<sup>+</sup> (Intermediate Microeconomic Theory – 3 cr.)
4. ECON 3080 (Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory – 3cr.)
5. ECON 4818 (Econometrics – 3 cr.)

### B. A minimum of two of the following courses must be taken in order to meet the 24 credit requirements of the option. All of them must be taken to complete the requirements of the Quantitative Finance Certificate Program:

1. ACCT 3220 (Corporate Financial Reporting 1 – 3 cr.)
2. FNCE 3030 (Investment and Portfolio Management – 3 cr.)\*
3. FNCE 4040 (Derivative Securities – 3 cr.)
4. FNCE 4820 (Topics in Finance: Mathematical Finance – 3 cr.)
5. FNCE 4070 (Financial Markets and Institutions – 3 cr.)

### C. Students are required to take APPM 3570 and STAT 4520 as part of their Applied Math coursework for the Finance Option. Students are advised to take APPM 4560 and STAT 4540 if time permits.

### D. Additional courses that may be taken as time permits:

1. ACCT 3230 (Corporate Financial Reporting 2 - 3 cr.)
2. FNCE 4000 (Financial Institutions Management - 3 cr.)
3. FNCE 4020 (Applied Business Finance - 3 cr.)
4. FNCE 4050 (Capital Investment Analysis - 3 cr.)
5. FNCE 4060 (Special Topics in Finance - variable)

**Advising Note:** Students must be admitted to the [Actuarial Studies and Quantitative Finance Certificate Program](#) to enroll in required BCOR/FNCE courses. Students accepted into this program receive preferential treatment with respect to other non-business students when registering for business courses. Alternatively, students can email [LeedsUG@colorado.edu](mailto:LeedsUG@colorado.edu) to request enrollment in College of Business courses if space is available on the first day of the semester. <http://www.colorado.edu/program/asqf/>

## XI. Geographic Information Science Option

- A. Required Courses
  1. EARTH/GEOG 3023 (Statistics for Geography – 4 cr.)
  2. CSCI 2270 (Data Structures – 4 cr.) (Note CSCI 1300 is a pre-requisite)
  3. EARTH/GEOG 3053 Cartography Visualization & Information Design – 4 cr.)
  4. EARTH/GEOG 4103 (Introduction to GIS – 4 cr.) (Prereqs: GEOG 3023 & GEOG 3053)
- B. Additional courses to bring the total number of credits to 24  
Possible choices include:
  1. EARTH/GEOG 4023 (GIS Modeling Applications – 4 cr.)
  2. EARTH/GEOG 4303 (Spatial Programming in GIScience – 4 cr.)
  3. EARTH/GEOG 4403 (Space–Time Analytics – 3 cr.)
  4. EARTH/GEOG 4503 (GIS Project Management – 3 cr.)
  5. EARTH/GEOL 3050 (GIS for Geologists – 2 cr.)

**Advising Note:** Students interested in this area of application must complete the requirements for the [Certificate in GIS and Computational Science](#) plus additional GIS electives to bring the total to at least 24 credits.

## XII. Geological Sciences Option

- A. One of the following introductory sequences should be taken as part of the 24 credits required in this option
  1. EARTH/GEOL 1010 & 1020 (Introduction to Geology + Geology 2 – 6 cr.)
  2. EARTH/GEOL 1010 & 1040 (Introduction to Geology + Geology of Colorado – 6 cr.)
  3. EARTH/GEOL 1010 & 1060 (Introduction to Geology + Global Change – 6 cr.)
- B. Required Laboratory
  1. EARTH/GEOL 1030 (Introduction to Geology Laboratory – 1 cr.)
- C. Additional courses to bring the total number of credits to 24; at least two of these must be at the 3000 level.  
Possible choices include:
  1. EARTH/GEOL 2700 (Introduction to Field Geology – 2cr.)
  2. EARTH/GEOL 3010 (Introduction to Mineralogy – 3 cr.)
  3. EARTH/GEOL 3023 (Statics for Earth Sciences – 3 cr.)
  4. EARTH/GEOL 3120 (Structural Geology – 4 cr.)
  5. EARTH/GEOL 3410 (Paleobiology – 3 cr.)
  6. EARTH/GEOL 3430 (Sedimentology and Stratigraphy – 4 cr.)
  7. EARTH/GEOL 4130 (Principles of Geophysics – 3 cr.)
  8. EARTH/GEOL 4093 (Remote Sensing of the Environment – 4 cr.)
  9. EARTH/GEOL 4241 (Principles of Geomorphology – 4 cr.)

**Advising Note:** Students interested in this area of application must complete the requirements for the [Minor in Geology](#) plus additional EARTH/GEOL electives to bring the total to at least 24 credits.

## XIII. Mechanical Engineering Option

Students completing this area of application must take at least 24 credits of MCEN coursework

- A. Recommended courses:
  1. MCEN 2023 (Statics & Structures – 3 cr.)
  2. MCEN 2063 (Mechanics of Solids – 3 cr.)
  3. MCEN 3012 (Thermodynamics – 3 cr.)
  4. MCEN 3021 (Fluid Mech. – 3 cr.)
  5. MCEN 3022 (Heat Transfer – 3 cr.)
  6. MCEN 3025 (Component Design – 3 cr.)
  7. MCEN 2043 (Dynamics – 3 cr.)
  8. MCEN 4043 (System Dynamics – 3 cr.)
- B. MCEN 1030 cannot count toward this area of application. Students choosing this option are advised to take STAT 4000 (Statistical Methods and Applications 1 – 3 cr.) or APPM 3570 (Applied Probability) and STAT 4520 (Introduction to Math Statistics) as part of their Applied Math major.
- C. Students who pursue this area of application are often double majors in Mechanical Engineering. Students who wish to enroll in restricted MCEN courses without being a double major must request enrollment through the [departmental course request form](#).

#### XIV. Secondary Math Education

Students interested in this area of application should complete requirements as outlined by the [School of Education Teaching Licensure for Secondary Math](#) plus any additional coursework to bring the total to at least 24 credits.

**Advising Note:** The Secondary Math licensure allows certain APPM courses to be substituted in place of MATH courses. Please see your faculty mentor for more information on the appropriate selection of MATH and APPM courses.

#### XV. Statistics & Data Science

- A. Students interested in this area of application must complete the requirements for the [Statistics and Data Science Minor](#) plus additional Minor electives to bring the total to at least 24 credits.
- B. It is recommended that students choosing this option complete both APPM 1650 (Python with Math/Stat Applications) and APPM 3650

**Advising Note:** The 12 upper-division credits required for the minor *may not* be counted towards the 25 credits of upper-division APPM or STAT courses required for the bachelors degree.

\*\*Students wishing to pursue a double degree between AMEN-BS and STAT-BA must fulfill the specific course requirements of both degrees. Students will need a total of 16 unique, upper-division APPM or STAT courses between the two majors. Certain MATH courses can be substituted with approval.

#### XVI. Advisor Approved Option

Students may formulate their own Area of Application to meet their educational and career goals. In order to fulfill their degree requirements, applied mathematics majors are required to take 24 credit hours in Engineering courses or advisor approved courses from the colleges of Arts and Sciences or Business with significant mathematical content, with at least 6 credit hours in courses numbered 3000 or above, and at least 15 credit hours in courses numbered 2000 or above. These 24 credit hours are in addition to those required credit hours listed in “Computing Experience” and “Science Requirement” (both mentioned in the Requirements section). In general, ENES courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement, although they may be used as H&SS.

The area of application must have a focused theme that is significantly different from the areas of application listed above. Final course selection must be made in consultation with an applied math advisor or faculty mentor.

### 2.4. Double Majors/Double Degrees

Students in the College of Engineering and Applied Science may pursue a baccalaureate degree to graduate with more than one BS degree by completing all requirements for each major. The majors must be completed concurrently and will post to a degree record with the same graduation date. Within the College of Engineering and Applied Science, a minimum of 128 total credit hours is required for a degree with additional majors. This option is called a double major.

A double degree at the baccalaureate level is two different degrees (e.g., a BA from the College of Arts and Sciences and a BS in Applied Mathematics). In order to earn a double degree, students must meet all individual degree requirements and receive approval from the academic college for each degree. Both degrees must be confirmed with the same graduation date.

Colorado residents should be aware that the [College Opportunity Fund \(COF\)](#) may not cover all tuition costs associated with a double degree program (those beyond 145 credit hours).

Students wishing to pursue a double degree between AMEN-BS and STAT-BA must fulfill the specific course requirements of both degrees. Students will need a total of 16 unique, upper-division APPM or STAT courses between the two majors. Certain MATH courses can be substituted with approval.

## 2.5. Minor in Statistics and Data Science

The minor in statistics was developed to provide in-depth training in statistical methods and techniques well beyond the training usually received by science and engineering majors. The ability to understand, visualize, and analyze data is becoming an increasingly important skill in many disparate fields. This minor offers undergraduate students from any major the opportunity to develop their statistical knowledge.

Prerequisites for the Statistics minor are two semesters of calculus and computing experiences such as provided by APPM 1650 (preferred) or CSCI 1300

Students may earn both a BS in Applied Mathematics and a minor in statistics. However, the 12 upper division credits of statistics required for the minor may not be counted towards the requirement of 25 credits of upper division applied math courses for the Applied Math majors. The twelve upper division credits of statistics can, however, count towards the 24 credits needed for an Area of Application for Applied Math majors.

### Residency

A *minimum* of 23 credits at the 2000-level and above is required. At least three APPM or STAT courses, two of which must be at the 3000-level or above, need to be taken on the Boulder campus. No more than nine credit hours may be applied from transfer work; of those nine, no more than six may be 3000-level or above.

### Minimum Grades

A cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better is required in the courses that are used to satisfy the requirements for this minor. Each individual course that is counted towards these degree requirements must be passed with a grade of C- or better.

## Course Requirements

Course Number	Credits	Course Title
APPM 2340* or 2350 or MATH 2400	4	Calculus III
APPM 3310	3	Matrix Methods and Applications
STAT 2600	4	Introduction to Data Science
STAT 3100/APPM 3570	3	Applied Probability
STAT 3400	3	Applied Regression

\*Applied Mathematics majors must take APPM 2350

And **TWO** of the following courses:

STAT 4230	3	Stochastic Analysis for Finance
STAT 4250	3	High Dim Data and Dyn Syst
STAT 4350	3	Applied Deep Learning
STAT 4400	3	Advanced Statistical Modeling
STAT 4430	3	Spatial Statistics
STAT/MATH 4520	3	Mathematical Statistics
STAT/MATH 4540	3	Time Series
STAT 4100/APPM 4560	3	Markov Chains
STAT 4610	3	Statistical Learning
STAT 4630	3	Computational Bayesian Stats
APPM 4490	3	Theory of Machine Learning
APPM 4515	3	High-Dim Prob for Data Science
APPM 4565	3	Random Graphs

*Note: For other options, please consult your Statistics advisor*

*Note: A student cannot earn a minor in Statistics and a minor in Applied Mathematics with the probability and statistics emphasis*

## 2.6. BACHELOR'S-ACCELERATED MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

### **Bachelor's degree in Applied Mathematics, Master's degree in Applied Mathematics**

The Bachelor's-Accelerated Master's (BAM) degree program offers currently enrolled CU Boulder undergraduate students the opportunity to receive a bachelor's and master's degree in a shorter period of time. Students receive the bachelor's degree first, but begin taking graduate coursework as undergraduates, typically in their senior year. Because students in the BAM program are allowed to take up to 12 credits of graduate coursework towards the master's degree as an undergraduate (with up to six credits allowed to double count for both the bachelor's and the master's degrees), students receive a master's degree in less time and at a lower cost than if they were to enroll in a stand-alone master's degree program after completion of their baccalaureate degree. In addition, staying at CU Boulder to pursue a Bachelor's-Accelerated Master's program enables students to continue working with established faculty mentors.

Students will be awarded a *bachelor's degree first*, once they have met the undergraduate degree requirements and have applied to graduate. They will transition into graduate student status by applying to continue with the master's degree. They will *then be awarded a master's degree* after fulfilling graduate degree requirements.

Students should consult the [Applied Math BAM Program website](#) for additional information and forms.

### **Admissions Requirements**

In order to gain admission to the BAM program named above, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.4 in APPM, STAT, and MATH courses
- Have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours of coursework
- Transfer students must have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours at CU Boulder
- Students must have completed a minimum of two APPM or STAT courses numbered 3000 or higher with grades of 3.4 GPA or higher

### **Program Requirements**

Students may take up to and including 12 hours while in the undergraduate program which can later be used toward the master's degree. However, only 6 graduate credit hours may be double counted toward the bachelor's degree and the master's degree. Students must apply to graduate with the bachelor's degree, and apply to continue with the master's degree, early in the semester in which the undergraduate requirements will be completed.

If you are interested in the Applied Mathematics BAM degree program, please meet with your faculty mentor regarding the BAM program and then contact the APPM graduate coordinator at [amgradco@colorado.edu](mailto:amgradco@colorado.edu) for more information.

### **Curriculum**

Students in the program should complete all requirements for the BS degree in Applied Mathematics by the end of their fourth year. Six credit hours of Applied Mathematics graduate courses can be counted towards both the undergraduate degree requirements and towards the requirements for the MS degree. All requirements for the MS degree should be completed by the end of the fifth year. If necessary, a sixth year will be allowed. For the MS portion of the BAM program, students may elect either the thesis or non-thesis option. In theory, the total minimum number of credit hours required for the BS and MS degrees is 152. BAM students must meet all M.S. degree requirements as outlined in the [Applied Mathematics Graduate Degree Programs Supplement to the Catalog](#).

### **Advising**

Students in the BAM program must have an Applied Math faculty mentor with whom they consult to compose a degree plan. This plan will include a list of courses to be taken from the semester following admission to the BAM program through the end of the graduate program and will ensure that the requirements for both the BS and the MS degrees are satisfied. This plan must be filed with the APPM Department Graduate Student Coordinator by the end of the third week of the first semester in which the student has been admitted into the program.

### **Continuation in the Program**

The student must maintain an overall GPA of 3.4 in their undergraduate courses and 3.2 in courses numbered 5000 and above. Students must complete a minimum of six hours of graduate credit before graduating with their undergraduate degree. (Included in these credits may be any of the "double-counting" courses described in the Curriculum section above.)

## **Regulations**

Until a student in this program satisfies all requirements for the BS degree, they will be governed by the rules and regulations applicable to any undergraduate major in the Applied Math department. Students are admitted into the graduate school within one year of completing their undergraduate degree, and must provide a start term when applying for admission in their final undergraduate term.

## **Escape Plan**

**Students who decide not to continue in the BS/MS program must complete the usual BS requirements to obtain that degree and complete the BAM Program Discontinuation Form.**

## SAMPLE CURRICULUM FOR BAM (Emphasis in Probability and Statistics)

### Junior Year

- In general, the student should take at least four applied mathematics courses at the 3000 level or higher.
- **Fall semester:** APPM 4350 (Methods in Applied Mathematics I), APPM 4440 or MATH 3001
- **Spring semester:** APPM 3570 (Applied Probability) and APPM 4360 (Methods in Applied Mathematics II)

### Senior Year

- The student should take at least six courses at the 3000 level or higher. At least two, and preferably four, of these courses should be at the 5000 level.
- **Fall semester:** APPM 4600 (Numerical Methods and Scientific Computing), STAT 5520 (Introduction to Mathematical Statistics) or STAT 5530 (Mathematical Statistics), one other APPM or STAT course, 5XXX.
- **Spring semester:** APPM 4610 (Numerical Differential Equations), APPM 5560 (Markov Processes), one other STAT 5XXX course.

### Fifth Year

- The student should take at least four graduate level (5000 or higher) applied mathematics courses together with an approved graduate-level, out-of-department sequence.
- **Fall semester:** APPM 5600 (Numerical Analysis I); APPM 5XXX; first course in approved out-of-department sequence, 5XXX.
- **Spring semester:** APPM 5610 (Numerical Analysis II); STAT 5540 (Applied Time Series Analysis); second course in approved out-of-department sequence, 5XXX.

## SAMPLE CURRICULUM FOR BAM (Emphasis in Numerics and Modeling)

### Junior Year

- In general, the student should take at least four applied mathematics courses at the 3000 level or higher.
- **Fall semester:** APPM 4600 (Num. Methods and Scientific Computing), APPM 4350 (Methods in Applied Mathematics I)
- **Spring semester:** APPM 4610 (Numerical Differential Equations), APPM 4360 (Methods in Applied Mathematics II)

### Senior Year

- The student should take at least five courses at the 3000 level or higher. At least two, and preferably four, of these courses should be at the 5000 level.
- **Fall semester:** APPM 5600 (Numerical Analysis I), APPM 4440 or MATH 3001, APPM 5380 (Modeling in Applied Mathematics)
- **Spring semester:** APPM 5610 (Numerical Analysis II), APPM 5460 (Methods of Applied Mathematics: Dynamical Systems).

### Fifth Year

- The student should take at least four graduate level (5000 or higher) applied mathematics courses together with an approved graduate-level, out-of-department sequence.
- **Fall semester:** APPM 5470 (Methods of Applied Mathematics: PDEs); APPM 5XXX; first course in approved out-of-department sequence, APPM 5XXX.
- **Spring semester:** APPM 5480 (Methods of Applied Mathematics: Approximation Methods); APPM 5XXX (special topics course); second course in approved out-of-department sequence, APPM 5XXX

### Notes

- *These assume that APPM 1350 (Calculus I), APPM 1360 (Calculus II), APPM 2350 (Calculus III), APPM 2360 (Differential Equations) and APPM 3310 (Matrix Methods) are taken in the freshman and sophomore years.*
- *The out-of-department sequence must be taken at the graduate level and must be approved by the Chair of the APPM Graduate Committee*
- *APPM 5350 and 5360 do not count towards MS requirements. Students pursuing the Applied Math BAM should take APPM 4350 and APPM 4360.*
- *Only certain topics of APPM 5720 may count. See faculty mentor for details.*
- ***These are sample curricula only. There are many other possibilities for completing the BAM requirements in Applied Mathematics.***

### 3. Applied Mathematics Undergraduate Courses

All Courses Require a C- Grade or higher to advance to the next course in sequence

#### **APPM 1235 Pre-calculus for Engineers**

Prepares students for the challenging content and pace of the calculus sequence required for all engineering majors. The course covers algebra, trigonometry and selected topics in analytical geometry. It prepares students for the calculus courses offered for engineering students. It requires students to engage in rigorous work sessions as they review topics that they must be comfortable with to pursue engineering course work. The course is structured to accustom students to the pace and culture of learning encountered in engineering math courses. Requires placement into pre-calculus based on your admissions data and/or CU Boulder coursework. Credit not granted for this course and MATH 1150.

#### **APPM 1340 Calculus 1 with Algebra, Part A.**

Studies selected topics in analytical geometry and calculus: rates of change of functions, limits, derivatives and their applications. APPM 1340-1345 together are equivalent to APPM 1350. The sequence APPM 1340-1345 is specifically designed for students whose manipulative skills in the techniques of high school algebra and precalculus may be inadequate for APPM 1350. Requires prerequisite course of APPM 1235 or MATH 1021 or MATH 1150 or MATH 1160, or placement into pre-calculus based on your admissions data and/or CU Boulder coursework. Semester offered: Fall

#### **APPM 1345 Calculus 1 with Algebra, Part B.**

Continuation of APPM 1340. Studies selected topics in calculus: derivatives and their applications, integration, differentiation and integration of transcendental functions. Algebraic and trigonometric topics are studied throughout, as needed. Prereq., APPM 1340. Credit not granted for this course and APPM 1350 or MATH 1300 or ECON 1088 or MATH 1081 or MATH 1310 or MATH 1330. Semester offered: Spring

#### **APPM 1350 Calculus 1 for Engineers**

Topics in analytical geometry and calculus including limits, rates of change of functions, derivatives and integrals of algebraic and transcendental functions, applications of differentiations and integration. **Note:** APPM 1351, a 1-credit-workgroup, is available for students who would like more practice working calculus problems in a group learning environment. Requires prerequisite course of APPM 1235 or MATH 1021 or MATH 1150 or MATH, or placement into calculus based on your admissions data and/or CU Boulder coursework. Students with credit in APPM 1350 may not receive credit for MATH 1080, 1081, 1090, 1100, 1300, 1310, or ECON 1088 or APPM 1345. Approved for arts and sciences core curriculum: quantitative reasoning and mathematical skills.

#### **APPM 1351 Calculus 1 Work Group**

Provides problem-solving assistance to students enrolled in APPM 1350. Student groups work in collaborative learning environment. Student participation is essential. Semester offered: Fall and Spring

#### **APPM 1360 Calculus 2 for Engineers**

Continuation of APPM 1350. Focuses on applications of the definite integral, methods of integration, improper integrals, Taylor's theorem, and infinite series. Students may not receive credit for both APPM 1360 and MATH 2300. Prereq., APPM 1350 or APPM 1345 or MATH 1300.

#### **APPM 1361 Calculus 2 Work Group**

Provides problem solving assistance for students enrolled in APPM 1360. Conducted in a collaborative learning environment. Student work groups solve calculus problems with assistance of facilitator. Semester offered: Fall and Spring

#### **APPM 1390 A Game for Calculus**

1 credit course coaches students to implement study strategies geared specifically toward APPM Calculus in a structured, supportive, small group environment. APPM department consent required.

**Repeatable:** Repeatable for up to 3.00 total credit hours.

#### **APPM 1650 Python for Mathematical and Statistical Applications**

Uses Python to teach the fundamentals of computer programming with an emphasis on mathematical and statistical applications. Topics will include data types, data structures, iteration, visualization, and simulations. Techniques covered will be applicable to many scientific and technical fields. No prior programming experience is required.

**APPM 2350     Calculus 3 for Engineers**

Covers multivariable calculus, vector analysis, and theorems of Gauss, Green, and Stokes. Students may not receive credit for APPM 2350 and MATH 2400. Prereq., APPM 1360 or MATH 2300.

**APPM 2351     Calculus 3 Work Group**

Provides problem solving assistance to students enrolled in APPM 2350. Conducted in a collaborative learning environment. Student work groups solve calculus problems with the assistance of a facilitator. Semester offered: Fall and Spring

**APPM 2360     Introduction to Differential Equations with Linear Algebra**

Introduces ordinary differential equations, systems of linear equations, matrices, determinants, vector spaces, linear transformations, and systems of linear differential equations. No credit is awarded to students already having credit in both MATH 2130 and MATH 3430, both APPM 3310 and MATH 3430.

Prereq., APPM 1360 or MATH 2300.

**APPM 2361     Differential Equations Work Group**

Approval pending - Provides problem solving assistance to students enrolled in APPM 2360. Conducted in a collaborative learning environment. Student work groups solve differential equations and linear algebra problems with the assistance of a facilitator. Semester offered: Fall and Spring

**APPM 2460     Differential Equations: Computer Lab**

Selected topics include differential equations and linear algebra, with a focus on symbolic computation using Matlab.

Coreq., APPM 2360. Grading basis: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

**APPM 2720     Open Topics in Lower Division Applied Mathematics**

This course provides a vehicle for the development and presentation of new topics that are accessible to lower division Applied Mathematics students. These topics have the potential to be incorporated into the core APPM curriculum. Prereqs., Calc 1. Semester offered: Varies

**APPM 3010     Chaos in Dynamical Systems**

Introduces undergraduate students to chaotic dynamical systems. Topics include smooth and discrete dynamical systems, bifurcation theory, chaotic attractors, fractals, Lyapunov exponents, synchronization and networks of dynamical systems. Applications to engineering, biology and physics will be discussed. Department enforced requisite, knowledge of a programming language.

Prerequisites: APPM 2360 or MATH 3430. Semester offered: Fall.

**APPM 3050     Scientific Computing in Matlab**

Topics covered include: approximations in computing, computer arithmetic, interpolation, matrix computations, nonlinear equations, optimization, and initial-value problems with emphasis on the computational cost, efficiency, accuracy of algorithms. The problem sets are application-oriented with examples taken from orbital mechanics, physics, genetics and fluid dynamics.

Prerequisites: APPM 2360 or MATH 3430. Semester offered: Spring.

**APPM 3170     Discrete Applied Mathematics**

Introduces students to ideas and techniques from discrete mathematics that are widely used in science and engineering. Mathematical definitions and proofs are emphasized. Topics include formal logic notation, proof methods; set theory, relations; induction, well-ordering; algorithms, growth of functions and complexity; integer congruencies; basic and advanced counting techniques, recurrences and elementary graph theory. Other selected topics may also be covered.

Prerequisites: APPM 1360 or MATH 2300. Semester offered: Fall and Spring

**APPM 3310     Matrix Methods and Applications**

Introduces linear algebra and matrices, with an emphasis on applications, including methods to solve systems of linear algebraic and linear ordinary differential equations. Discusses computational algorithms that implement these methods. Some applications in operations research may be included as time permits. Prereq., APPM 2350 or MATH 2400 or APPM 2360. Semester offered: Fall and Spring.

**APPM 3311 Matrix Methods Workgroup**

Provides problem-solving assistance to students enrolled in APPM 3310. Student groups work in collaborative learning environment. Student participation is essential. Offered in the same semesters as APPM 3310.

**APPM 3350 Advanced Engineering Calculus**

Extends the treatment of engineering mathematics beyond the topics covered in Calculus 3 and differential equations. Topics include non-dimensionalization, elementary asymptotics and perturbation theory, Reynold's transport theorem and extensions of Leibnitz's rule, as applied to continuum conservation equations. Hamiltonian formulations, Legendre and Laplace transforms, special functions and their orthogonality properties. Prereq., (APPM 2350 or MATH 2400) and APPM 2360. Semester offered: usually in Fall.

**APPM 3570 Applied Probability**

Studies axioms, counting formulas, conditional probability, independence, random variables, continuous and discrete distribution, expectation, moment generating functions, law of large numbers, central limit theorem, Poisson process, and multivariate Gaussian distribution. Coreq., APPM 2350 or MATH 2400. Students may not receive credit for both APPM 3570 and either ECEN 3810 or MATH 4510. Same as STAT 3100. Semester offered: Spring and Fall.

**APPM 3650 Algorithms and Data Structures in Python**

Covers data structures (stacks, queues, linked lists, hash tables, heaps), algorithms (divide and conquer, sorting, greedy, graph, dynamic programming), and asymptotic complexity with an emphasis on applied math topics. Assignments will include programming projects written in Python. Semester offered: Spring

**APPM 4120 Introduction to Operations Research**

Studies linear and nonlinear programming, the simplex method, duality, sensitivity, transportation and network flow problems, some constrained and unconstrained optimization theory and the Kuhn-Tucker conditions as time permits. Prereqs., APPM 3310. Same as APPM 5120 and MATH 4120/5120. Semester offered: Spring.

**APPM 4320 Introduction to Dynamics on Networks**

Introduces modern approaches to model and analyze dynamical processes on complex networks. Many dynamical processes such as epidemic propagation, opinion formation, synchronization, and cascading processes take place on complex social or technological networks. This course will introduce the tools to understand the interplay between network structure and the outcome of these dynamical processes. Previously offered as a special topics course. Same as APPM 5320.

**APPM 4350 Methods in Applied Mathematics: Fourier Series and Boundary Value Problems**

Reviews ordinary differential equations, including solutions by Fourier series. Physical derivation of the classical linear partial differential equations (heat, wave, and Laplace equations). Solution of these equations via separation of variables, with Fourier series, Fourier integrals, and more general eigenfunction expansions. Prereqs., (APPM 2350 or MATH 2400) and APPM 2360. Coreq., APPM 3310. Same as APPM 5350. Semester offered: Fall.

**APPM 4360 Methods in Applied Mathematics: Complex Variables and Applications**

Introduces methods of complex variables, contour integration and theory of residues. Applies solving partial differential equations by transform methods, Fourier and Laplace transforms, Riemann-Hilbert boundary-value problems. Also applies conformal mapping to ideal fluid flow and/or electrostatics. Prereqs., (APPM 2350 or MATH 2400) and APPM 2360. Coreq., APPM 3310 or MATH 3130. Same as APPM 5360. Semester offered: Spring.

**APPM 4370 Computational Neuroscience**

Applies mathematical and computational methods to neuroscience. Techniques from linear algebra, differential equations, introductory dynamical systems, probability, stochastic processes, model validation, and machine learning will be learned and used. Neuroscience topics include neural spiking, network dynamics, probabilistic inference, learning, and plasticity. Will learn how the brain uses computational principles to enact decision making, vision, and memory. Recommended background includes linear algebra, differential equations, probability, and programming. Students will hone programming skills in MATLAB/Python and TensorFlow. Recommended prerequisite: APPM 3570/STAT 3100, STAT 2600 or CSCI 3022. Same as APPM 5370. Semester offered: varies

**APPM 4380 Modeling in Applied Mathematics**

An exposition of a variety of mathematical models arising in the physical and biological sciences. Students' modeling projects are presented in class. Topics can vary: GPS navigation, medical imaging, ocean waves, computerized facial recognition. Prereqs., APPM 2350 or MATH 2400 and 2360. Recommended prereqs., APPM 3310, 4350, and 4650. Same as APPM 5380. Semester offered: Fall.

**APPM 4390     Modeling in Mathematical Biology**

Investigates how complex systems in biology can be studied using applied mathematics. Examines several case studies which include topics from microbiology, enzyme reaction kinetics, neuroscience, ecology, epidemiology, physiology, and bioengineering. Coreq., APPM 2360 and (APPM 3310). Same as APPM 5390. Semester offered: Spring.

**APPM 4440     Undergraduate Applied Analysis 1**

Provides a rigorous treatment of topics covered in Calculus 1 and 2. Topics include convergent sequences, continuous functions, differentiable functions, Darboux sums, Reimann sums, and integration, Taylor and power series and sequences of functions. Prereq., (APPM 2350 or MATH 2400) and APPM 2360. Prereq or coreq., APPM 3310. Semester offered: Fall

**APPM 4450     Undergraduate Applied Analysis 2**

Continuation of APPM 4440. Study of multidimensional analysis including n-dimensional Euclidean space, continuity and uniform continuity of functions of several variables, differentiation, linear and nonlinear approximation, inverse function and implicit function theorems, and a short introduction to metric spaces. Prereq. APPM 4440 or MATH 3001. Semester offered: Spring

**APPM 4490     Theory of Machine Learning**

Presents the underlying theory behind machine learning in proofs-based format. Answers fundamental questions about what learning means and what can be learned via formal models of statistical learning theory. Analyzes some important classes of machine learning methods. Specific topics may include the PAC framework, VC-dimension and Rademacher complexity. Recommended prerequisite: CSCI 5622 (minimum grade C-). Semester offered: Varies

**APPM 4510     Data Assimilation in High Dimensional Dynamical Systems**

Develops and analyzes approximate methods of solving the Bayesian inverse problem for high-dimensional dynamical systems. After briefly reviewing mathematical foundations in probability and statistics, the course covers the Kalman filter, particle filters, variational methods and ensemble Kalman filters. The emphasis is on mathematical formulation and analysis of methods. Prereqs., APPM 3310 and APPM 3570. Same as APPM 5510. Semester offered: Typically fall of odd years

**APPM 4515     High-Dimensional Probability for Data Science**

Provides students with an exposition of the most recent methods of high-dimensional probability for the analysis of high dimensional datasets. Applications include randomized algorithms and high-dimensional random models of datasets. Same as APPM 5515. Semester offered: varies

**APPM 4530     Stochastic Analysis for Finance**

Studies mathematical theories and techniques for modeling financial markets. Specific topics include the binomial model, risk neutral pricing, stochastic calculus, connection to partial differential equations and stochastic control theory. Prereqs., APPM 3310 and APPM 3570. Prereq or Coreq of APPM 4350. Same as APPM 5530. Semester offered: Fall

**APPM 4560     Markov Processes, Queues, and Monte Carlo Simulations**

Brief review of conditional probability and expectation followed by a study of Markov chains, both discrete and continuous time. Queuing theory, terminology, and single queue systems are studied with some introduction to networks of queues. Uses Monte Carlo simulation of random variables throughout the semester to gain insight into the processes under study. Prereq., APPM 3570 or MATH 4510. Same as APPM 5560. Semester offered: Spring.

**APPM 4565     Random Graphs**

Introduces mathematical techniques, including generating functions, the first- and second-moment method and Chernoff bounds to study the most fundamental properties of the Erdos-Renyi model and other celebrated random graph models such as preferential attachment, fixed degree distribution, and stochastic block models. Same as APPM 5565. Semester offered: varies

**APPM 4600     Numerical Methods and Scientific Computing**

Provides an introduction to numerical analysis and scientific computing. Numerical analysis topics include root finding, interpolation, quadrature, linear system solution techniques, and techniques for approximating eigenvalues. Scientific computing topics include code development and repository management in addition to an introduction to shared and distributed memory computing. Involves hands-on learning with weekly group interactions and a final project including a report and in-class

presentation. Recommended prerequisite: knowledge of a programming language such as Python, and C++. Semester offered: Fall, Spring, and (occasionally) Summer

#### **APPM 4610 Numerical Differential Equations**

Continuation of 4600. Provides an introduction to the most commonly used techniques for numerically solving boundary value problems and time dependent problems and the corresponding linear systems. Topics include finite difference methods, the finite element method, the spectral method, spectral collocation methods, Euler and Runge-Kutta methods. Scientific computing skills such as advanced code and memory management will be developed. Involves hands-on learning with weekly group interactions and a final project. Prereq., APPM 2360 and APPM 4600, both with C- grades or higher. Semester offered: Spring

#### **APPM 4720 Open Topics in Applied Mathematics**

Provides a vehicle for the development and presentation of new topics that may be incorporated into the core courses in applied mathematics. Prereqs., variable, depending on topic -- see instructor. Same as APPM 5720. Semester offered: Varies.

#### **APPM 4840 Reading and Research in Applied Mathematics**

Introduces undergraduate students to the research foci of the Department of Applied Mathematics. May be repeated up to 9 total credit hours. Semester offered: Fall, Spring and Summer.

#### **APPM 4950 Seminar in Applied Mathematics**

Introduces undergraduate students to the research foci of the Department of Applied Mathematics. It is also designed to be a capstone experience for the program's majors. Semester offered: Fall and Spring.

### **Statistics and Data Sciences Courses**

#### **STAT 2600 Introduction to Data Science**

Introduces students to importing, tidying, exploring, visualizing, summarizing, and modeling data and then communicating the results of these analyses to answer relevant questions and make decisions. Students will learn how to program in R using reproducible workflows. During weekly lab sessions students will collaborate with their teammates to pose and answer questions using real-world datasets. Semester offered: Fall and Spring

#### **STAT 3100 Applied Probability**

Studies axioms, counting formulas, conditional probability, independence, random variables, continuous and discrete distribution, expectation, joint distributions, moment generating functions, law of large numbers and the central limit theorem. Credit not granted for this course and ECEN 3810 or MATH 4510. Same as APPM 3570. Semester offered: Fall and Spring

#### **STAT 3101 Probability Workgroup**

Provides problem-solving assistance to students enrolled in STAT 3100 and APPM 3570. Student groups work in collaborative learning environment. Student participation is essential. Offered in the same semesters as STAT 3100 and APPM 3570.

#### **STAT 3400 Applied Regression**

Introduces methods, theory, and applications of linear statistical models, covering topics such as estimation, residual diagnostics, goodness of fit, transformations, and various strategies for variable selection and model comparison. Examples will be demonstrated using statistical programming language R.

Prerequisites: STAT 2600 and STAT 3100 Semester offered: Fall and Spring

#### **STAT 4000 Statistical Methods and Application I**

Introduces exploratory data analysis, probability theory, statistical inference, and data modeling. Topics include discrete and continuous probability distributions, expectation, laws of large numbers, central limit theorem, statistical parameter estimation, hypothesis testing, and regression analysis. Considerable emphasis on applications in the R programming language. Same as STAT 5000.

Corequisite: APPM 1360. Semester offered: Fall and Spring

#### **STAT 4010 Statistical Methods and Application II**

Expands upon statistical techniques introduced in STAT 4000. Topics include modern regression analysis, analysis of variance (ANOVA), experimental design, nonparametric methods, and an introduction to Bayesian data analysis. Considerable emphasis

on application in the R programming language. Same as STAT 5010.  
Prerequisite: STAT 4000 or Instructor Consent. Semester offered: Spring

**STAT 4100      **Markov Processes, Queues, and Monte Carlo Simulations****

Brief review of conditional probability and expectation followed by a study of Markov chains, both discrete and continuous time, including Poisson point processes. Queuing theory, terminology and single queue systems are studied with some introduction to networks of queues. Uses Monte Carlo simulation of random variables throughout the semester to gain insight into the processes under study. Same as APPM 4560/5560. Semester offered: Spring

**STAT 4230      **Stochastic Analysis for Finance****

Studies mathematical theories and techniques for modeling financial markets. Specific topics include the binomial model, risk neutral pricing, stochastic calculus, connection to partial differential equations and stochastic control theory. Same as APPM 4530/5530 and STAT 5230. Semester offered: Fall

**STAT 4250      **Data Assimilation in High Dimensional Dynamical Systems****

Develops and analyzes approximate methods of solving the Bayesian inverse problem for high-dimensional dynamical systems. After briefly reviewing mathematical foundations in probability and statistics, the course covers the Kalman filter, particle filters, variational methods and ensemble Kalman filters. The emphasis is on mathematical formulation and analysis of methods. Same as APPM 4510/5510 and STAT 5250. Semester offered: Typically Fall of odd years

**STAT 4350      **Applied Deep Learning I****

Introduces students to state-of-the-art deep learning techniques employed in the industry. This course will focus on training neural networks and computer vision, including image classification and transformation, object detection, and facial recognition. Advanced topics will include domain adaptation and learning techniques. There will be an emphasis on reading current literature. Prereq., APPM 3570 or STAT 3100; and STAT 3400 or STAT 4520; and APPM 4650 or APPM 4600. Knowledge of Python is a must. Familiarity with TensorFlow and PyTorch is a plus but is not a requirement. Semester offered: Fall

**STAT 4360      **Applied Deep Learning II****

Introduces students to state-of-the-art deep learning techniques employed in the industry. This course will focus on natural language processing, multimodal learning, generative and graph neural networks, speech and music recognition, and reinforcement learning. Students will learn software engineering techniques using Python. There will be an emphasis on reading current literature. Prereq., STAT 4350 or instructor permission. Semester offered: Spring

**STAT 4400      **Advanced Statistical Modeling****

Introduces methods, theory and applications of modern statistical models, from hierarchical linear models, to generalized hierarchical linear models, including hierarchical logistic and hierarchical count regression models. Topics such as estimation, residual diagnostics, goodness of fit, transformations, and various strategies for variable selection and model comparison will be discussed in depth. Examples will be demonstrated using statistical programming language R.  
Prerequisites: STAT 3400 and STAT 4520. Semester offered: Spring

**STAT 4430      **Spatial Statistics****

Introduces the theory of spatial statistics with applications. Topics include basic theory for continuous stochastic processes, spatial prediction and kriging, simulation, geostatistical methods, likelihood and Bayesian approaches, spectral methods and an overview of modern topics such as nonstationary models, hierarchical modeling, multivariate processes, methods for large datasets and connections to spines. Same as STAT 5430. Semester offered: typically Fall

**STAT 4520      **Introduction to Mathematical Statistics****

Examines point and confidence interval estimation. Principles of maximum likelihood, sufficiency, and completeness: tests of simple and composite hypotheses, linear models, and multiple regression analysis if time permits. Analyzes various distribution-free methods. Same as STAT 5520 and MATH 4520 and MATH 5520. Prerequisites: APPM 3570 or STAT 3100 or MATH 4510. Semester offered: Fall and Spring

**STAT 4540      **Introduction to Time Series****

Studies basic properties, trend-based models, seasonal models modeling and forecasting with ARIMA models, spectral analysis and frequency filtration. Same as STAT 5540 and MATH 4540 and MATH 5540. Semester offered: Spring

**STAT 4610      **Statistical Learning****

Consists of applications and methods of statistical learning. Reviews multiple linear regression and then covers classification, regularization, splines, tree-based methods, support vector machines, unsupervised learning and Gaussian process regression. Prerequisite: STAT 3400. Semester offered: typically Fall

**STAT 4630      Computational Bayesian Statistics**

Introduces Bayesian statistics, normal and non-normal approximation to likelihood and posteriors, the EM algorithm, data augmentation, and Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods. Additionally, introduces more advanced MCMC algorithms and requires significant statistical computing. Examples from a variety of areas, including biostatistics, environmental sciences, and engineering, will be given throughout the course. Recommended prerequisite: prior programming experience. Same as STAT 5630. Semester offered: Spring

**STAT 4680      Statistical Collaboration**

Educates and trains students to become effective interdisciplinary collaborators by developing the communication and collaboration skills necessary to apply technical statistics and data science skills to help domain experts answer research questions. Topics include structuring effective meetings and projects; communicating statistics to non-statisticians; using peer feedback, self-reflection and video analysis to improve collaboration skills; creating reproducible statistical workflows; working ethically. Prereqs., STAT 4520. Same as APPM 5680. Semester offered: Fall and Spring

**STAT 4690      Advanced Statistical Collaboration**

Educates and trains students to become advanced interdisciplinary collaborators by developing and refining the communication, collaboration and technical statistics and data science skills necessary to collaborate with domain experts to answer research questions. Students work on multiple projects. Discussions center on technical skills necessary to solve research problems and video analysis to improve communication and collaboration skills. Prereqs., STAT 4680 or STAT 5690. Same as APPM 5690. Semester offered: Spring

**STAT 4700      Philosophical and Ethical Issues in Statistics**

Introduces students to philosophical issues that arise in statistical theory and practice. Topics include interpretations of probability, philosophical paradigms in statistics, inductive inference, causality, reproducibility, and ethical issues arising in statistics and data analysis. Same as STAT 5700. Semester offered: varies

## AMEN FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

**What courses fulfill the humanities and social science elective?** There are hundreds of courses that can fulfill the H&SS requirement. Visit the [College's website](#) for a complete list of H&SS courses and requirements.

The Herbst Program for Engineering, Ethics & Society offers small classes that are designed to fit well with one another in a coherent, interdisciplinary program. These courses also satisfy the humanities and social sciences requirement. For more information, search for ENES courses on [classes.colorado.edu](http://classes.colorado.edu)

**What is considered a passing grade?** Students must earn a D- or above in each course, unless the course is a prerequisite, then they must earn a C- or above.

**What are the rules on taking courses Pass/Fail?** P/F credit is permitted only for courses used as electives or for courses above and beyond degree requirements. Students on academic probation may not elect the P/F option. The College of Engineering and Applied Science allows a maximum of six Pass/Fail credit hours toward degree requirements.

**What are the rules on taking courses Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory?** S/U credit permitted only for courses used as electives or for courses above and beyond degree requirements. This grading basis is assigned to undergraduate and graduate courses that are predominantly experiential, field-based, practical in nature, or seminar-based.

Satisfactory (S) grades are included in credit totals, but are not calculated in GPAs. Unsatisfactory (U) grades are neither included in credit totals nor GPA calculations. S or U grades are assigned directly by instructors based on whether course requirements are satisfied or expectations met.

**What are the graduation requirements?** In addition to satisfying all coursework requirements students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 for all courses attempted and for all courses that count toward graduation requirement, excluding P grades for courses taken Pass/Fail. (Pass/Fail courses do not count for graduation credit except as free electives.) A grade point average of 2.00 is also required for all Math and Applied Math coursework.

**How do I graduate with distinction?** Students in the College of Engineering graduating with a minimum of a 3.7, 3.8 or 3.9 GPA are awarded the honorifics "cum laude", "magna cum laude", and "summa cum laude", respectively. Grades earned during the semester immediately prior to graduation are not considered. Applied Mathematics majors can also receive Latin honors by writing and defending an honors thesis. See for details. for details.

**Does the College of Engineering have an Honors Program?** Yes! The college introduced an Engineering Honors Program (EHP) in fall 2006, which offers high-achieving students the opportunity for an outstanding engineering education. EHP students benefit from close faculty interaction and mentoring, have preferential access to courses designated as "Honors" courses, and will write and defend a senior honors thesis. The program is a coherent multi-year program, with optional, but strongly encouraged, community activities. Additional details can be found on the [Engineering Honors Website](#).

For more information, contact the program at 303-735-5631 or [engineering.honors@colorado.edu](mailto:engineering.honors@colorado.edu).

**Who do I contact if I need assistance with registration?** Contact the Student Coordinator for Applied Math, ECOT 225, (303) 492-4668, [amassist@colorado.edu](mailto:amassist@colorado.edu) or the College of Engineering academic staff advisors for Applied Math, Christina Oerter at [christina.oerter@colorado.edu](mailto:christina.oerter@colorado.edu) or Katie Hayes at [katie.hayes@colorado.edu](mailto:katie.hayes@colorado.edu)

**How do I become involved with student organizations in Applied Math?** Students have excellent opportunities to become involved in discipline-related activities outside of the classroom. Associated with the department is the undergraduate chapter of the Society of Industrial Applied Mathematicians (SIAM). This student group helps stimulate interest in applied math through seminars, contests (Putnam and the Mathematical Modeling Contest in Modeling) and social venues where students get to know other majors and faculty members. All undergraduates are encouraged to participate. Students can also participate in the Association for Women in Math (AWM) Boulder Chapter. [Additional information on SIAM and AWM.](#)

**Who is my advisor? How often should I see my advisor?** In general, students should visit with their academic advisor or faculty mentor at least once per semester. Contact information, including the ability to make an appointment, is available in [BuffPortal Advising](#).

**Are there additional advising resources?** Yes! Please see the [Applied Math Website](#) and follow the links to the undergraduate degree program for APPM. Also, the [Engineering Advising](#) website has many helpful links.

**How do I petition the Undergraduate Committee?** Use the [College Petition Form](#) when you want to request an exception to department/program and/or college policies and practices. Students submitting petitions should allow 3 business days for each party needing to review/sign off on the petition. Petitions that only need department/program review may sometimes need more time if a curriculum or undergraduate committee needs to review the request.

**Can I participate in a Study Abroad program?** Yes! Many Applied Math students have participated in various programs over the years and have benefited from this broadening experience. You will need to work with both your applied math advisor and the [Education Abroad Office](#) to plan your study abroad program.

**What should I do if I'm considering attending graduate school?** Students considering graduate school should consult their faculty mentor early in their undergraduate education. Students are strongly advised to take both APPM 4440 and APPM 4450 in preparation for graduate study. MATH 3140, Abstract Algebra, is also useful for some graduate programs.

**Where do I find information on careers and internships?** Talk to your faculty mentor and read your emails from Applied Math. We frequently receive information on careers and internships and will forward it on to our majors and minors. Most importantly, visit [Career Services](#) in the C4C or the [Engineering Career Hub](#). You should visit their office at least once in your freshman year, and more frequently after that.

**How do I enroll in an Independent Study?** An independent study is a collaboration between a student and a faculty member on a special project that provides the student with a learning experience. An independent study may also fill an academic need of importance to the student that cannot be filled by the regular course offerings. Independent studies are opportunities for students to earn credit for learning outside the normal lecture and laboratory class structure. Students must work with a faculty member to develop a relationship to join the faculty member's research. The independent study project is under the supervision of a faculty member. After obtaining permission from a faculty member to join their research team, the student and faculty member should jointly complete an [Independent Study Form](#).