PURE MATHEMATICS - M.S.

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Description
The Master of Science degree in Pure Mathematics is primarily a terminal, pre-professional degree comprising coursework beyond the bachelor's degree that emphasizes theoretical areas of the discipline, including algebra, analysis, geometry, number theory and topology. Students are required to write and defend a thesis in an area agreed upon with a faculty advisor.

FULLY OFFERED AT:
- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements
- Official transcript(s)
- Bachelor's degree
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- Résumé or vita

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 74 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 50 PTE Academic score. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website. Effective spring 2018.

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies website.

1 Applicants are not required to have an undergraduate degree in pure mathematics; however, they are expected to have proficiency in algebra and analysis at the level of MATH 41001, MATH 41002, MATH 42001 and MATH 42002. Those who do not meet these specific requirements may be granted conditional admission by the Graduate Studies Committee.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Reason in mathematical arguments at a level appropriate to the discipline, including using precise definitions, articulating assumptions and reasoning logically to conclusions.
2. Engage effectively in problem solving, including exploring examples, devising and testing conjectures and assessing the correctness of solutions.
3. Approach mathematical problems creatively, including trying multiple approaches and modifying problems when necessary to make them more tractable.
4. Communicate mathematics clearly both orally and in writing.
5. Teach college-level mathematics.
6. Obtain a deeper understanding of some subdiscipline of mathematics.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

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MATH 67199  THESIS I  6
Mathematics Electives  8
Mathematics Sequence Electives, choose from the following:  18
MATH 61051  ABSTRACT ALGEBRA I
& MATH 61052  and ABSTRACT ALGEBRA II
MATH 62051  FUNCTIONS OF A REAL VARIABLE I
& MATH 62052  and FUNCTIONS OF A REAL VARIABLE II
MATH 62151  FUNCTIONS OF A COMPLEX VARIABLE I
& MATH 62152  and FUNCTIONS OF A COMPLEX VARIABLE II
MATH 66051  INTRODUCTION TO TOPOLOGY I
& MATH 66052  and INTRODUCTION TO TOPOLOGY II

Minimum Total Credit Hours:  32

1 Students must complete, at minimum, two of the sequences and one semester of one of the remaining sequences. With prior permission from the Graduate Studies Committee, maximum 6 credit hours of mathematically related coursework from other departments can be applied to meet the Mathematics Sequence Electives.

Graduation Requirements
Candidates for the Master of Science degree must write and defend a thesis in an area agreed upon with the faculty advisor.

Program note
Each student should submit a detailed plan of study for approval by the advisor by the time the first 16 credit hours of graduate credit have been completed.