University of London

## Programme Specification (UG)

| Awarding body / institution: | Queen Mary University of London |
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| Teaching institution: | Queen Mary University of London |
| Name of final award and programme title: | BSc Mathematics <br> BSc Mathematics with Year Abroad <br> BSc Mathematics with Professional Placement |
| Name of interim award(s): | CertHE, DipHE |
| Duration of study / period of registration: | 3/4 years |
| QMUL programme code / UCAS code(s): | UBSF-QMMATH1-USMAS/G100;UBSF-QMMATG1-USMAA/G10Y;UBSF--At |
| QAA Benchmark Group: | Mathematics, statistics and operational research |
| FHEQ Level of Award: | $\square$ |
| Programme accredited by: | Nevel 6 |
| Date Programme Specification approved: |  |
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| Responsible School / Institute: | School of Mathematical Sciences |

Schools / Institutes which will also be involved in teaching part of the programme:
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Institution(s) other than QMUL that will provide some teaching for the programme:

## Programme outline

This programme provides a broad training in the discipline of mathematics, assuring a good foundation in a range of both abstract and applicable areas and offering opportunities for specialisation in the later stages. Graduates from the programme find employment in many different areas, for example in the financial sector and in teaching, or they continue their studies at postgraduate level, in mathematics or an application.

## Aims of the programme

This programme aims to teach a wide range of topics covering pure and applied mathematics, probability and statistics. The exceptionally broad range of second and final-year options aims to allow graduates to benefit from our research

## What will you be expected to achieve?

Students who successfully complete this programme will be able to:

## QMUL Model

The QMUL Model is an innovative teaching and learning initiative that will broaden opportunities for Queen Mary undergraduates within and beyond higher education, supporting them to plan and manage their ongoing professional development. The Model is firmly grounded in the core QMUL values of respect for, and engagement with, the local area and communities, with a distinctive focus on enabling students to make a positive societal impact through leadership in their chosen field. The Model is organised around the key themes of:

- networking
- multi- and inter-disciplinarity
- international perspectives
- enterprising perspectives.

Students are required to study QMUL Model modules to the value of at least 10 credits at each year of undergraduate study. Model modules may be 5,10 or 15 credits. Model modules are indicated within this programme specification.

In your first year of study, the Model module will be core or compulsory and will be situated within your home School or Institute. In subsequent years, students will be strongly encouraged to study at least one Model module beyond their home discipline(s), which could, for example, be in another School / Institute or area of QMUL or undertaken as a module outside of QMUL.

If Model module information is not provided on this programme specification for all subsequent years of study, this will be identified as your studies continue.

Where a Model module elective can be selected from an approved group of Model modules, no guarantee can be provided that your first choice of Model module will be available.

Academic Content:

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A 1
reason clearly, critically and with rigour within a mathematical context;
construct appropriate written mathematical arguments;
analyse a problem within a mathematical context and select appropriate mathematical tools to solve it;

Disciplinary Skills - able to:
B 1
be fluent and accurate in basic numerical skills;
comprehend fundamental concepts and techniques of calculus, algebra, probability theory and at least one additional main mathematical subject;
take notes, write up notes, plan revision, and learn independently;
use e-mail for cooperation and the internet as a source of information, and have a sense of right and wrong ways of using these facilities;
manage time and work cooperatively with fellow students;

Attributes:
C 1 acquire complex knowledge and apply it rigorously;
C2 connect information and ideas within their field of study;
use writing for learning, reflection, and communication;
adapt their understanding to new and unfamiliar settings

5 acquire new learning skills in a range of ways, both individually and collaboratively;
use quantitative data confidently and competently;

C7
acquire transferable key skills to help with career goals and continuing education;
develop effective spoken English and presentation skills;
use information for evidence-based decision-making and creative thinking;

QMUL Model Learning Outcomes - Level 4:

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D2
(Networking) Identify and discuss what their own role in their programme and/or subject discipline might mea
D3 $\qquad$

QMUL Model Learning Outcomes - Level 5:
E 1 (Networking) Evaluate and demonstrate their own attitudes, values and skills in the workplace and/or in the wider wo
E2 (Enterprising Perspectives) Recognise and prioritise areas for developing their own enterprising perspectives
E3
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QMUL Model Learning Outcomes - Level 6:
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QMUL Model Learning Outcomes - Level 7:

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| G2 |  |
| G3 |  |

## How will you learn?

Teaching in most modules is primarily by formal lectures but may include guided reading. For all except some higher-level modules, teaching is supported by tutorial classes and/or computer laboratories. Teaching of reading and project modules is primarily by guided reading and weekly seminars or supervisions.

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## How will you be assessed?

Assessment is normally primarily by written examination but for some modules may also include continuous assessment of coursework consisting of solutions to exercises, which are set weekly or fortnightly, and/or one or more tests. Summative coursework assessment or tests may typically contribute up to $10 \%$ of the assessment. Assessment of project modules is normally
by a project report, presentation and, at the examiners' discretion, an oral examination.

## How is the programme structured?

Please specify the full time and part time programme diets (if applicable). Please also outline the QMUL Model arrangements for each year of study. The description should be sufficiently detailed to fully define the structure of the diet.

All first-year Mathematical Sciences students must take and pass MTH3100 Essential Mathematical Skills in order to progress to the second year of a Mathematical Sciences degree programme.

Year 1
MTH3100 [3] Essential Mathematical Skills (0 Credit Core module)
8 compulsory level 4 modules
MTH4200 [4] Calculus I
MTH4114 [4] Computing and Data Analysis with Excel
MTH4213 [4] Numbers, Sets and Functions
MTH4207 [4] Introduction to Probability
MTH4201 [4] Calculus II
Vectors and Matrices (renamed from MTH4203 [4] Geometry I)
MTH4104 [4] Introduction to Algebra
Probability and Statistics I (renamed from MTH4206 [4] Introduction to Statistics).
Year 2
Semester A
2 compulsory modules
MTH5112 [5] Linear Algebra I
MTH5123 [5] Differential Equations
Choose one from:
MTH5104 [5] Convergence and Continuity
Probability and Statistics II (renamed from MTH5122 Statistical Methods)
Semester B
Choose three from:
MTH5100 [5] Algebraic Structures I
MTH5103 [5] Complex Variables
MTH5XXX [5] Introduction to Differential Geometry
MTH5105 [5] Differential and Integral Analysis
MTH5120 [5] Statistical Modelling I
MTH5XXX [5] Linear Programming and Game Theory
QMUL Model Module (May be taken in either semester)
Choose one from
MTH5XXX [5] Professional Skills and Data Analysis with SAS (QMmodel)
MTH5XXX [5] Introduction to Computer Programming (QMmodel)
any 15 credit QMmodel module
One free choice (may be taken in either semesters):
Choose any 15 credit module (electives from the above list are fine)
Year 3
Choose 4 from:

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MTH6104 [6] Algebraic Structures II
MTH6107 [6] Chaos and Fractals
MTH6109 [6] Combinatorics
MTH6115 [6] Cryptography
MTH6132 [6] Relativity
MTH6138 [6] Third Year Project (or Semester 6)
MTH6140 [6] Linear Algebra II
MTH6154 [6] Financial Mathematics I
MTH6108 [6] Coding Theory
MTH6124 [6] Mathematical Problem Solving
MTH6127 [6] Metric Spaces and Topology
MTH6128 [6] Number Theory
MTH6141 [6] Random Processes
MTH6142 [6] Complex Networks
MTH6155 [6] Financial Mathematics II
MTH6156 [6] Financial Mathematics III
Choose a further 30 credits of level 6 MTH modules.
Choose a further 30 credits of level 5 or 6 modules.
For full details, please see http://qmplus.qmul.ac.uk/mod/book/view.php?id=489759.
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## Academic Year of Study FT - Year 1

| Module Title | Module Code | Credits | Level | Module Selection Status | Academic Year of Study | Semester | QMUL Model |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Essential Mathematical Skills | MTH3100 | 0 | 3 | Core | 1 | Semesters 1 \& 2 | No |
| Calculus I | MTH4200 | 15 | 4 | Compulsory | 1 | Semester 1 | No |
| Computing and Data Analysis with Excel | MTH4114 | 15 | 4 | Compulsory | 1 | Semester 1 | Yes |
| Numbers, Sets and Functions | MTH4213 | 15 | 4 | Compulsory | 1 | Semester 1 | Yes |
| Introduction to Probability | MTH4207 | 15 | 4 | Compulsory | 1 | Semester 1 | No |
| Calculus II | MTH4201 | 15 | 4 | Compulsory | 1 | Semester 2 | No |
| Vectors and Matrices | MTH42XX | 15 | 4 | Compulsory | 1 | Semester 2 | No |
| Introduction to Algebra | MTH4104 | 15 | 4 | Compulsory | 1 | Semester 2 | No |

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| Probability and Statistics I | MTH42XX | 15 | 4 | Compulsory | 1 | Semester 2 | No |

## Academic Year of Study FT - Year 2

| Module Title | Module Code | Credits | Level | Module Selection Status | Academic Year of Study | Semester | QMUL Model |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Linear Algebra I | MTH5112 | 15 | 5 | Compulsory | 2 | Semester 1 | No |
| Convergence \& Continuity | MTH5104 | 15 | 5 | Elective | 2 | Semester 1 | No |
| Probability and Statistics II | MTH5XXX | 15 | 5 | Elective | 2 | Semester 1 | No |
| Algebraic Structures I | MTH5100 | 15 | 5 | Elective | 2 | Semester 2 | No |
| Complex Variables | MTH5103 | 15 | 5 | Elective | 2 | Semester 2 | No |
| Differential \& Integral Analysis | MTH5105 | 15 | 5 | Elective | 2 | Semester 2 | No |
| Statistical Modelling I | MTH5120 | 15 | 5 | Elective | 2 | Semester 2 | No |
| Differential Equations | MTH5123 | 15 | 5 | Compulsory | 2 | Semester 1 | No |
| Professional Skills and Data Analysis with SAS | MTH5XXX | 15 | 5 | Elective | 2 | Semester 1 | Yes |
| Introduction to Computer Programming | MTH5XXX | 15 | 5 | Elective | 2 | Semester 2 | Yes |
| Introduction to Differential Geometry | MTH5XXX | 15 | 5 | Elective | 2 | Semester 2 | No |
| Linear Programming and Game Theory | MTH5XXX | 15 | 5 | Elective | 2 | Semester 2 | No |

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| Algebraic Structures II | MTH6104 | 15 | 6 | Elective | 3 | Semester 1 | No |
| Chaos \& Fractals | MTH6107 | 15 | 6 | Elective | 3 | Semester 1 | No |
| Combinatorics | MTH6109 | 15 | 6 | Elective | 3 | Semester 1 | No |
| Cryptography | MTH6115 | 15 | 6 | Elective | 3 | Semester 1 | No |
| Relativity | MTH6132 | 15 | 6 | Elective | 3 | Semester 1 | No |
| Third Year Project | MTH6138 | 15 | 6 | Elective | 3 | Semesters 1 \& 2 | No |
| Linear Algebra II | MTH6140 | 15 | 6 | Elective | 3 | Semester 1 | No |
| Financial Mathematics I | MTH6154 | 15 | 6 | Elective | 3 | Semester 1 | No |
| Coding Theory | MTH6108 | 15 | 6 | Elective | 3 | Semester 2 | No |
| Mathematical Problem Solving | MTH6124 | 15 | 6 | Elective | 3 | Semester 2 | No |
| Metric Spaces and Topology | MTH6127 | 15 | 6 | Elective | 3 | Semester 2 | No |
| Number Theory | MTH6128 | 15 | 6 | Elective | 3 | Semester 2 | No |
| Random Processes | MTH6141 | 15 | 6 | Elective | 3 | Semester 2 | No |
| Complex Networks | MTH6142 | 15 | 6 | Elective | 3 | Semester 2 | No |
| Financial Mathematics II | MTH6155 | 15 | 6 | Elective | 3 | Semester 2 | No |
| Financial Mathematics III | MTH6156 | 15 | 6 | Elective | 3 | Semester 2 | No |

## What are the entry requirements?

Our normal entry requirement is three GCE A-levels at grades AAB including grade A in Mathematics, or equivalent. Applicants also need at least grade C or 4 in GCSE English Language, or equivalent.

## How will the quality of the programme be managed and enhanced?

The programme is over seen by a Programme Director with overall oversight of the programme.
The quality of individual modules is monitored by DOTP and DUGS, and includes evaluation of student feedback through questionnaires, the Student Staff Liaison Committee, module registrations, exam performance, as well as direct observations of the lectures.

The quality and structure of the programme as a whole is the responsibility of the DoTP with support from DUGS, the Programme Director and the School's Teaching and Learning Committee. This includes revising the syllabuses of modules, and refining the module offering.

## How do we listen to and act on your feedback?

The Student-Staff Liaison Committee (SSLC) provides a formal means of communication and discussion between the School and its students. The committee consists of student representatives from each year in the School together with appropriate representation from staff within the School. It is designed to respond to the needs of students, as well as act as a forum for discussing programme and module developments. The Student-Staff Liaison Committee meets regularly throughout the year.

The School operates a Teaching and Learning Committee, which advises the School Director of Taught Programmes on all matters relating to the delivery of taught programmes at School level including monitoring the application of relevant QMUL policies and reviewing all proposals for module and programme approval and amendment before submission to Taught Programmes Board. Student views are incorporated in this Committee's work in a number of ways, such as through the SSLC and consideration of student surveys.

The School operates an Annual Programme Review of all its taught provision. The process is organised at a School-level basis with the Director of Taught Programmes responsible for updating the School's Taught Programmes Action Plan. Students' views are considered in this process through analysis of student surveys and module evaluations.

## What academic support is available?

Each student is allocated a personal academic adviser, who acts as a first point of contact for general academic and pastoral support. Personal tuition is provided primarily through tutorial classes and visits to module organisers during their office hours, which are advertised on the web. Programme induction for new students begins during the enrolment period and extends into the first semester; it includes a series of presentations organised by the Student Support Officer. Each programme is assigned a Programme Director and all teaching is overseen by the Teaching and Learning Committee, which includes the Programme Directors and is chaired by the Director of Taught Programmes. Programmes are monitored continuously and reviewed every few years by the Teaching and Learning Committee.

## Programme-specific rules and facts

All first-year Mathematical Sciences students must pass Essential Mathematical Skills in order to progress to the second year of a Mathematical Sciences degree programme. At the end of year two, students have the opportunity to take a placement year in industry - G100 Mathematics with Professional Placement. Students also have the option to take advantage of studying abroad G100 Mathematics with Year Abroad.

## Specific support for disabled students

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learning difficulties and mental health issues. The DDS supports all Queen Mary students: full-time, part-time, undergraduate,
postgraduate, UK and international at all campuses and all sites.
Students can access advice, guidance and support in the following areas:
- finding out if you have a specific learning difficulty like dyslexia;
- applying for funding through the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA);
- arranging DSA assessments of need;
- special arrangements in examinations;
- accessing loaned equipment (e.g. digital recorders);
- specialist one-to-one "study skills" tuition;
- ensuring access to course materials in alternative formats (e.g. Braille);
- providing educational support workers (e.g. note-takers, readers, library assistants);
- mentoring support for students with mental health issues and conditions on the autistic spectrum.
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## Links with employers, placement opportunities and transferable skills

Recent graduates have gone into a wide variety of jobs. Some went into positions in the financial sector ranging from actuarial and accountancy trainees with banks such as Lloyds TSB to a financial analyst with AIG. Teacher training was an option that was taken up by a number of our graduates, as was further study: around one third of our graduates go on to complete a Masters or PhD degree. High-level numeracy is one of the most sought-after skills in the workplace and many opportunities are open to a mathematical sciences graduate. During this degree programme students learn how to analyse and solve problems, apply mathematical modelling, communicate their ideas and theories effectively, and work independently and manage their own time. Students learn to apply mathematical techniques to situations across the sciences and other areas such as finance. These skills are highly desirable to employers ranging from business and finance to the chemicals and materials industries.

## Programme Specification Approval

## Person completing Programme Specification:

Dr Mark Walters, DoTP

Person responsible for management of programme:
Dr Oscar Bandtlow
Date Programme Specification produced / amended by School / Institute Learning and Teaching Committee:

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7 Feb 2018
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7 Feb 2018
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Date Programme Specification approved by Taught Programmes Board:
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    FT - Year 3

