

Programme Title: BSc Pure Mathematics; BSc Pure Mathematics Year Abroad



Programme Specification (UG)

Awarding body / institution:	Queen Mary University of London
Teaching institution:	Queen Mary University of London
Name of final award and programme title:	BSc Pure Mathematics; BSc Pure Mathematics Year Abroad;
Name of interim award(s):	CertHE, DipHE
Duration of study / period of registration:	3/4 years
QMUL programme code / UCAS code(s):	UBSF-QMMATH1-USPMA / G110; UBSF-QMMATG1-USPMY / G1NY
QAA Benchmark Group:	Mathematics, statistics and operational research
FHEQ Level of Award :	Level 6
Programme accredited by:	N/A
Date Programme Specification approved:	
Responsible School / Institute:	School of Mathematical Sciences

Schools / Institutes which will also be involved in teaching part of the programme:

Collaborative institution(s) / organisation(s) involved in delivering the programme:

Programme outline

This programme is for students who enjoy mathematics as an abstract and formal discipline. Graduates from the programme are well-placed for jobs requiring analytical skills or for further mathematical training leading to the frontiers of current knowledge in the subject.

Aims of the programme

The aim of this programme is to allow students to experience the pursuit of mathematics for its own sake and the focus is not necessarily on applications. The programme concentrates on algebra, geometry and analysis, building on A-level core mathematics. For over 50 years Queen Mary has been renowned for research in algebra and combinatorics, and we are one of the few higher education institutions to offer a programme in pure mathematics. Students may also benefit from our European research links, which provide the possibility of studying for a year in another European country.

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What will you be expected to achieve?

Students who successfully complete this programme will be expected to achieve all of the learning outcomes listed outcomes shown below.

Please note that the following information is only applicable to students who commenced their Level 4 studies in 2017/18, or 2018/19

In each year of undergraduate study, students are required to study modules to the value of at least 10 credits, which align to one or more of the following themes:

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

These modules will be identified through the Module Directory, and / or by your School or Institute as your studies progress.

Academic Content:	
A 1	reason clearly, critically and with rigour within a mathematical context;
A 2	construct appropriate written mathematical arguments;
A 3	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;
B 2	comprehend fundamental concepts and techniques of calculus, algebra, probability theory and at least one additional main mathematical subject;

B 3	take notes, write up notes, plan revision, and learn independently;
B 4	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;
B 5	manage time and work cooperatively with fellow students.

Attributes:	
C 1	acquire complex knowledge and apply it rigorously;
C 2	connect information and ideas within their field of study;
C 3	use writing for learning, reflection, and communication;
C 4	adapt their understanding to new and unfamiliar settings;
C 5	acquire new learning skills in a range of ways, both individually and collaboratively;
C 6	use quantitative data confidently and competently.
C 7	acquire transferable key skills to help with career goals and continuing education;
C 8	develop effective spoken English and presentation skills;
C 9	use information for evidence-based decision-making and creative thinking.

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.

Learning in most modules is by attending lectures, reading lecture notes and recommended text books, attempting exercises and asking questions in tutorial classes and/or computer laboratories and staff office hours.

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 25% of the assessment. Assessment of project modules is normally by a project report, presentation and, at the examiners' discretion, an oral examination.

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How is the programme structured?

Please specify the structure of the programme diets for all variants of the programme (e.g. full-time, part-time - if applicable). The description should be sufficiently detailed to fully define the structure of the diet.

For degree awarding purposes (in order to deal with special cases like changes of programme) students will be allowed to choose up to 30 credits of off diet modules in any year (with School approval). At the end of year two, students have the opportunity to take a placement year in industry - G1NY Pure Mathematics with Year Abroad.

Year 1

Semester A

2 compulsory level 4 modules

MTH4000 [4] Programming in Python I

MTH4213 [4] Numbers, Sets and Functions

Semester B

2 compulsory level 4 modules

MTH4104 [4] Introduction to Algebra

MTH4215 [4] Vectors and Matrices

Semester A & B

2 compulsory level 4 modules

MTH4300 [4] Introduction to Analysis with Calculus

MTH4500 [4] Probability & Statistics

Year 2

Semester A

Three compulsory modules

MTH5104 [5] Convergence and Continuity

MTH5112 [5] Linear Algebra I

MTH5123 [5] Differential Equations

Choose one from;

MTH5129 [5] Probability and Statistics II

MTH5130 [5] Number Theory

MTH5124 [5] Actuarial Mathematics I

Semester B

One compulsory module

MTH5001 [5] Introduction to Computer Programming

Choose three from:

MTH5103 [5] Complex Variables

MTH5113 [5] Introduction to Differential Geometry

MTH5105 [5] Differential and Integral Analysis

MTH5120 [5] Statistical Modelling I

MTH5114 [5] Linear Programming and Games

Year 3

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Semester A

Choose four from:

MTH6151 [6] Partial Differential Equations
 MTH5130 [5] Number Theory
 MTH6115 [6] Cryptography
 MTH6140 [6] Linear Algebra II
 MTH6106 [6] Group Theory
 MTH6107 [6] Chaos and Fractals
 MTH6138 [6] Third Year Project (may be taken in either semester)

Semester B

Choose four from:

MTH6105 [6] Algorithmic Graph Theory
 MTH6158 [6] Ring Theory
 MTH6142 [6] Complex Networks
 MTH6132 [6] Relativity
 MTH6127 [6] Metric Spaces and Topology
 MTH6138 [6] Third Year Project (may be taken in either semester)
 MTH6150 [6] Numerical Computing in C and C++
 MTH6110 [6] Communicating and Teaching Mathematics (by approval in Semester A)

Academic Year of Study FT - Year 1

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Programming in Python	MTH4000	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 1
Number, Sets and Functions	MTH4213	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 1
Introduction to Algebra	MTH4104	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 2
Vectors and Matrices	MTH4215	15	4	Compulsory	1	Semester 2
Introduction to Analysis with Calculus	MTH4300	30	4	Compulsory	1	Semesters 1 & 2
Probability & Statistics	MTH4500	30	4	Compulsory	1	Semesters 1 & 2

Academic Year of Study FT - Year 2

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Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Convergence and Continuity	MTH5104	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 1
Linear Algebra I	MTH5112	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 1
Differential Equations	MTH5123	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 1
Introduction to Computer Programming	MTH5001	15	5	Compulsory	2	Semester 2
Probability and Statistics II	MTH5129	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 1
Number Theory	MTH5130	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 1
Actuarial Mathematics I	MTH5124	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 1
Complex Variables	MTH5103	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 2
Differential Integral Analysis	MTH5105	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 2
Introduction to Differential Geometry	MTH5113	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 2
Linear Programming and Games	MTH5114	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 2
Statistical Modelling I	MTH5120	15	5	Elective	2	Semester 2

Academic Year of Study FT - Year 3

Module Title	Module Code	Credits	Level	Module Selection Status	Academic Year of Study	Semester
Partial Differential Equations	MTH6151	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 1
Number Theory	MTH5130	15	5	Elective	3	Semester 1
Cryptography	MTH6115	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 1

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Linear Algebra II	MTH6140	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 1
Group Theory	MTH6106	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 1
Chaos and Fractals	MTH6107	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 1
Third Year Project	MTH6138	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 1 or 2
Algorithmic Graph Theory	MTH6105	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2
Numerical Computing with C and C++	MTH6150	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2
Complex Networks	MTH6142	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2
Relativity	MTH6132	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2
Metric, Spaces and Topology	MTH6127	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2
Communicating and Teaching Mathematics	MTH6110	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2
Ring Theory	MTH6158	15	6	Elective	3	Semester 2

What are the entry requirements?

For UK applicants, we require 3 GCE A-levels at ABB—including Mathematics at Grade A. Grade C or 4 in GCSE English Language is also required.

International Baccalaureate: Acceptable on its own and combined with other qualifications.

Subjects and grades required: 34–36 points total including Higher Level Mathematics at grade 6.

Non-UK applicants: Equivalent qualifications may be accepted. IELTS: 6.0 (with a minimum of 5.5 in all sections) is required.

How will the quality of the programme be managed and enhanced? How do we listen to and act on your feedback?

The programme is overseen by a Programme Director with overall oversight of the programme.

The quality and structure of the programme as a whole is the responsibility of the DoE 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.

The quality of individual modules is monitored by DoE and DDoE, and includes evaluation of student feedback through

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questionnaires, the Student Staff Liaison Committee, module registrations, exam performance, as well as direct observations of the lectures.

The School operates a Teaching and Learning Committee, which advises the School's Director of Education 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 for approval 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.

All Schools operate an Annual Programme Review (APR) of their taught undergraduate and postgraduate provision. APR is a continuous process of reflection and action planning which is owned by those responsible for programme delivery; the main document of reference for this process is the Student Experience Action Plan (SEAP) which is the summary of the School's work throughout the year to monitor academic standards and to improve the student experience. 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 the NSS and module evaluations.

Every 5-6 years the School undergoes a Periodic Review of its teaching provision, by a panel consisting of experts external to the School. The process is organised at a School-level basis with the Director of Education 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.

The Staff-Student Liaison Committee provides a formal means of communication and discussion between the School and its students. The committee consists of student representatives from each year of the programmes, together with appropriate representation from staff within the School. It is designed to respond to both the general needs of students, and subject specific concerns, as well as act as a forum for discussing programme and module developments. Staff-Student Liaison Committees meet regularly throughout the year.

The Director of Education and Deputy Director of Education both attend the Staff-Student Liaison Committee and the School's Teaching and Learning Committee and ensure that student feedback is fed into the review of modules and programmes. Student views are also incorporated in the Committee's work in other ways, such as through the National Student Survey (NSS) and student module evaluations.

What academic support is available?

Each student is allocated a personal academic advisor, 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 Education Services Team. 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 Education. Programmes are monitored continuously and reviewed every few years by the Teaching and Learning Committee.

How inclusive is the programme for all students, including those with disabilities?

Queen Mary has a central Disability and Dyslexia Service (DDS) that offers support for all students with disabilities, specific 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);

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- 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.

Programme-specific rules and facts

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 such as Settlement Executive for an investment management company, which involves ensuring that all trades are settled on time. 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:

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Person responsible for management of programme:

Shabnam Beheshti, DoE

Date Programme Specification produced / amended by School / Institute Learning and Teaching Committee:

14 Dec 2022

Date Programme Specification approved by Taught Programmes Board: