Applied Mathematics-Economics

The Applied Mathematics-Economics concentration is designed to reflect the mathematical and statistical nature of modern economic theory and empirical research. This concentration has two tracks. The first is the advanced economics track, which is intended to prepare students for graduate study in economics. The second is the mathematical finance track, which is intended to prepare students for graduate study in finance, or for careers in finance or financial engineering. Both tracks have A.B. degree versions and Sc.B. degree versions, as well as a Professional track option. If you are interested in declaring a concentration in Applied Mathematics-Economics, please refer to this page (https://economics.brown.edu/academics/undergraduate/concentrations/declaring/) for more information regarding the process.

Standard Program for the A.B. degree
(Advanced Economics track):

Prerequisites:
- MATH 0100 Single Variable Calculus, Part II
- MATH 0520 Linear Algebra

Course Requirements:

Applied Mathematics Requirements

(a) 1

Select one of the following:
- APMA 0160 Introduction to Scientific Computing (preferred)
- APMA 0200 Introduction to Modeling
- CSCI 0111 Computing Foundations: Data
- CSCI 0150 Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming and Computer Science
- CSCI 0170 Computer Science: An Integrated Introduction
- CSCI 0190 Accelerated Introduction to Computer Science

Select one of the following:
- APMA 1200 or APMA 1210 Operations Research: Probabilistic Models

Select one of the following:
- APMA 1650 or APMA 1655 Honors Statistical Inference I

Select one of the following:
- APMA 1160 An Introduction to Numerical Optimization
- APMA 1180 Introduction to Numerical Solution of Differential Equations
- APMA 1200 Operations Research: Probabilistic Models
- APMA 1210 Operations Research: Deterministic Models
- APMA 1330 Applied Partial Differential Equations II
- APMA 1360 Applied Dynamical Systems
- APMA 1660 Statistical Inference II
- APMA 1660 Statistical Inference II
- APMA 1680 Nonparametric Statistics
- APMA 1690 Computational Probability and Statistics

Economics Requirements:

ECON 1300 Intermediate Microeconomics (Mathematical) 3
ECON 1210 Intermediate Macroeconomics
ECON 1630 Mathematical Econometrics I

Two 1000-level courses from the "mathematical-economics" group: 4
- ECON 1170 Welfare Economics and Social Choice Theory
- ECON 1225 Advanced Macroeconomics: Monetary, Fiscal, and Stabilization Policies
- ECON 1255 Unemployment: Models and Policies
- ECON 1470 Bargaining Theory and Applications
- ECON 1490 Designing Internet Marketplaces
- ECON 1545 Topics in Macroeconomics, Development and International Economics
- ECON 1640 Mathematical Econometrics II
- ECON 1660 Big Data
- ECON 1670 Advanced Topics in Econometrics
- ECON 1680 Machine Learning, Text Analysis, and Economics
- ECON 1750 Investments II
- ECON 1805 Economics in the Laboratory
- ECON 1820 Theory of Behavioral Economics
- ECON 1850 Theory of Economic Growth
- ECON 1860 The Theory of General Equilibrium
- ECON 1870 Game Theory and Applications to Economics

One 1000-level course from the "data methods" group: 4
- ECON 1301 Economics of Education I
- ECON 1310 Labor Economics
- ECON 1315 Health, Education, and Social Policy
- ECON 1340 Economics of Global Warming
- ECON 1355 Environmental Issues in Development Economics
- ECON 1360 Health Economics
- ECON 1375 Inequality of Opportunity in the US
- ECON 1400 The Economics of Mass Media
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- ECON 1530 Health, Hunger and the Household in Developing Countries
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- ECON 1670 Advanced Topics in Econometrics
- ECON 1680 Machine Learning, Text Analysis, and Economics
- ECON 1825 Behavioral Economics and Public Policy
- ECON 1830 Behavioral Finance

APMA 1710 Information Theory
APMA 1720 Monte Carlo Simulation with Applications to Finance
APMA 1740 Recent Applications of Probability and Statistics
APMA 1860 Graphs and Networks
MATH 1010 Analysis: Functions of One Variable
APMA 193X, 194X Senior Seminar series, depending on topic
One additional 1000-level economics course.  

Total Credits: 13

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3. Or ECON 1110 with permission. For students matriculating at Brown in Fall 2021 or later, note that if ECON 1110 is used, then one additional course from the mathematical-economics group will be required.
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6. Requires written approval of the Director of Undergraduate Studies in Economics. APMA 1910 is not permitted.

Standard program for the Sc.B. degree  
(Advanced Economics track):

Prerequisites:
- MATH 0100: Single Variable Calculus, Part II
- MATH 0520: Linear Algebra

Course Requirements:
- Applied Mathematics Requirements
  - (a)  
    - APMA 0350: Applied Ordinary Differential Equations 1
    - APMA 0360: Applied Partial Differential Equations 1
  - Select one of the following:  
    - APMA 0160: Introduction to Scientific Computing (preferred)
    - APMA 0200: Introduction to Modeling
    - CSCI 0111: Computing Foundations: Data
    - CSCI 0190: Accelerated Introduction to Computer Science
    - CSCI 0150: Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming and Computer Science
    - CSCI 0170: Computer Science: An Integrated Introduction
  - Select one of the following:  
    - APMA 1200 or APMA 1210: Operations Research: Probabilistic Models
    - APMA 1650 or APMA 1655: Honors Statistical Inference I
  - (b)  
    - Select two of the following:  
      - APMA 1160: An Introduction to Numerical Optimization
      - APMA 1180: Introduction to Numerical Solution of Differential Equations
      - APMA 1210: Operations Research: Deterministic Models
      - APMA 1330: Applied Partial Differential Equations II
      - APMA 1360: Applied Dynamical Systems
      - APMA 1660: Statistical Inference II
      - APMA 1670: Statistical Analysis of Time Series
      - APMA 1680: Nonparametric Statistics
      - APMA 1690: Computational Probability and Statistics
      - APMA 1710: Information Theory
      - APMA 1720: Monte Carlo Simulation with Applications to Finance

- APMA 1740: Recent Applications of Probability and Statistics
- APMA 1860: Graphs and Networks
- MATH 1010: Analysis: Functions of One Variable
- APMA 193X, 194X Senior Seminar series, depending on topic

Total Credits: 16

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Standard program for the A.B. degree (Mathematical Finance track):

Prerequisites:

MATH 0100 Single Variable Calculus, Part II
MATH 0520 Linear Algebra

Course Requirements: 13 Courses: 6 Applied Math and 7 Economics

Applied Mathematics Requirements

(a) APMA 0350 Applied Ordinary Differential Equations 2
& APMA 0360 Applied Partial Differential Equations 1

Select one of the following: 1
APMA 0160 Introduction to Scientific Computing (preferred)
APMA 0200 Introduction to Modeling
CSCI 0111 Computing Foundations: Data
CSCI 0150 Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming and Computer Science
CSCI 0170 Computer Science: An Integrated Introduction
CSCI 0190 Accelerated Introduction to Computer Science
APMA 1200 Operations Research: Probabilistic Models 1
APMA 1650 Statistical Inference I 1
or APMA 1655 Honors Statistical Inference I

(b) Select one of the following: 1
APMA 1160 An Introduction to Numerical Optimization
APMA 1180 Introduction to Numerical Solution of Differential Equations
APMA 1210 Operations Research: Deterministic Models
APMA 1330 Applied Partial Differential Equations II
APMA 1360 Applied Dynamical Systems
APMA 1660 Statistical Inference II
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APMA 1690 Computational Probability and Statistics
APMA 1710 Information Theory
APMA 1720 Monte Carlo Simulation with Applications to Finance (preferred)
APMA 1740 Recent Applications of Probability and Statistics
APMA 1860 Graphs and Networks
MATH 1010 Analysis: Functions of One Variable

Economics Requirements:

ECON 1130 Intermediate Microeconomics 1
ECON 1210 Intermediate Macroeconomics 1
ECON 1630 Mathematical Econometrics I 1

Select two 1000-level courses from the "financial economics" group: 2
ECON 1710 Investments I
ECON 1720 Corporate Finance
ECON 1730 Venture Capital, Private Equity, and Entrepreneurship
ECON 1750 Investments II
ECON 1760 Financial Institutions
ECON 1780 Advanced Topics in Corporate Finance
ECON 1830 Behavioral Finance

Select one 1000-level course from the "mathematical economics" group: 1
ECON 1510 Consumer Behavior
ECON 1545 Economic Analysis of Contracts
ECON 1670 Economic Analysis of Contracts II
ECON 1690 Topics in Macroeconomics, Development and International Economics
ECON 1640 Mathematical Econometrics II
ECON 1660 Big Data
ECON 1670 Advanced Topics in Econometrics
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ECON 1750 Investments II
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ECON 1820 Theory of Behavioral Economics
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Select one 1000-level course from the "data methods" group: 2
ECON 1301 Economics of Education I
ECON 1310 Labor Economics
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ECON 1340 Economics of Global Warming
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**Standard program for the Sc.B. degree (Mathematical Finance track):**

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Honors
Applied Math-Economics concentrators who wish to pursue honors must find a primary faculty thesis advisor in either Economics or Applied Math. They will be held to the Honors requirements of their advisor's department. Joint concentrators in Applied Mathematics-Economics with an Economics thesis advisor should follow the requirements published here (https://economics.brown.edu/academics/undergraduate/honors-and-capstones/thesis/), while concentrators with an Applied Math thesis advisor should follow the requirements published here (https://www.brown.edu/academics/applied-mathematics/undergraduate-program/honors/).

Professional Track
The requirements for the professional track include all those of the standard track, as well as the following:
Students must complete full-time professional experiences doing work that is related to their concentration programs, totaling 2-6 months, whereby each internship must be at least one month in duration in cases where students choose to do more than one internship experience. Such work is normally done at a company, but may also be at a university under the supervision of a faculty member. Internships that take place between the end of the fall and the start of the spring semesters cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.

On completion of each professional experience, the student must write and upload to ASK a reflective essay about the experience, to be approved by the student's concentration advisor.

• Which courses were put to use in your summer's work? Which topics, in particular, were important?
• In retrospect, which courses should you have taken before embarking on your summer experience? What are the topics from these courses that would have helped you over the summer if you had been more familiar with them?
• Are there topics you should have been familiar with in preparation for your summer experience, but are not taught at Brown? What are these topics?
• What did you learn from the experience that probably could not have been picked up from course work?
• Is the sort of work you did over the summer something you would like to continue doing once you graduate? Explain.
• Would you recommend your summer experience to other Brown students? Explain.