

Unit and programme catalogues

University of Bristol

Programme structure: Engineering Mathematics (MSc) - what's running in 2024/25

Please note: Programme and unit information may change as the relevant academic field develops. We may also make changes to the structure of programmes and assessments to improve the student experience.

This section describes which Units you will take in which year of study. It indicates which units are mandatory and where you will be able to choose. The overall pass marks you will need to achieve in order to progress or achieve an award are shown. The full regulations concerning progression and completion are held in the [University's Regulations and Code of Practice](#). Any particular aspects of your programme that are unusual will be highlighted. If any Units are must pass this will be shown below. The linked unit specifications detail any additional requirements.

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Students must meet with the Programme Director in order to establish which study pattern they should follow, according to their academic and industry background. Elective units are available subject to timetabling constraints.

Mandatory Unit EMATM0038 is must pass. For the definition of must pass units please see the Glossary of Terms from [Annex 1](#) to the Regulations and Code of Practice for Taught Programmes.

Unit name	Unit code	Credit points	Status	Teaching Block
Mathematical and Data Modelling	EMATM0037	10	Mandatory	TB-2
Research Skills	EMATM0036	20	Mandatory	TB-4
Research Project	EMATM0038	60	Mandatory	AYEAR
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Prescribed, preliminary units:				
All students must complete 30 credits of prescribed preliminary units (each preliminary units is worth 10 credits). Preliminary units are grouped by 'strand' depending on your study background and/or industrial experience. The three strands are presented based on the most common prior learning experience of students and consist of the following suggestions. Students with a Mathematical and Statistical background are encouraged to complete EMATM0044, EMAT20920 or EMAT30008, and EMAT30670. Students with an Engineering background are encouraged to complete EMAT30007, EMAT30012 or EMAT33100 or EMAT30010, and EMATM0044 or EMAT30670. Students with a Computational Science background are encouraged to complete EMAT30012, EMAT30010 or EMATM33100, and EMAT20920 or EMAT30008 or EMAT30007. Preliminary choices mixing units from different strand or with alternate choices within each strand are also possible.				
Numerical Methods in Matlab	EMAT20920	10	Optional	TB-1
Applied Statistics	EMAT30007	10	Optional	TB-2
Scientific Computing	EMAT30008	10	Optional	TB-2
Partial Differential Equations	EMAT30010	10	Optional	TB-2
Engineering Mathematics III	EMAT30012	10	Optional	TB-1
Control Theory	EMAT30014	10	Optional	TB-2
Optimisation Theory and Applications	EMAT30670	10	Optional	TB-1
Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos	EMAT33100	10	Optional	TB-1
Introduction to Artificial Intelligence	EMATM0044	10	Optional	TB-2
All students must choose at least 30 M-level credits from the following, LIST A				
Advanced Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos	EMATM0001	10	Optional	TB-2
Mathematical Modelling in Physiology and Medicine	EMATM0007	10	Optional	TB-1
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Unit name	Unit code	Credit points	Status	Teaching Block
Transport and Mobility Modelling	EMATM0021	10	Optional	TB-1
Mathematics of Movement	EMATM0064	10	Optional	TB-2
Bio-Inspired Artificial Intelligence	EMATM0029	10	Optional	TB-2
Intelligent Information Systems	EMATM0042	10	Optional	TB-2
Robotics Systems	EMATM0054	20	Optional	TB-1
Uncertainty Modelling for Intelligent Systems	EMATM1120	10	Optional	TB-1
All students may choose up to 30 M-level credits from the following, LIST B				
Advanced Space Systems	AENGM0089	20	Optional	TB-2
Infrastructure Systems Management	CENGM0072	20	Optional	TB-4
Learning, Computation and the Brain	COMSM0094	10	Optional	TB-1
Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Enterprise	INOVM0015	20	Optional	TB-1
Modern Mathematical Biology	MATHM0014	10	Optional	TB-2D
Complex Networks 4	MATHM6201	20	Optional	TB-1
Advanced Topics in Mechanical Engineering	MENGM0059	20	Optional	TB-4
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Progression/award requirements

The pass mark set by the University for any level 7 unit is 50 out of 100.

For detailed rules on progression please see the [Regulations and Code of Practice](#) for Taught Programmes and the relevant faculty handbook.

Degree classifications:

An award with Merit or Distinction is permitted for postgraduate taught masters, diplomas and certificates, where these are specifically named entry-level qualifications. An award with Merit or Distinction is not permitted for exit awards where students are required to exit the programme on academic grounds. An exit award with Merit or Distinction may be permitted where students are prevented by exceptional circumstances from completing the intended award.

The classification of the award in relation to the final programme mark is as follows:

Award with **Distinction***: at least 65 out of 100 for the taught component overall and, for masters awards, at least 70 out of 100 for the dissertation. **Faculties retain discretion to increase these thresholds.

Award with **Merit***: at least 60 out of 100 for the taught component overall and, for masters awards, at least 60 out of 100 for the dissertation. Faculties retain discretion to increase these thresholds.

* The MA in Law has separate regulations for awarding distinction and merit.

** For the award of Distinction, the Faculty of Engineering requires at least 70 out of 100 for the taught component overall and, for masters awards, at least 70 out of 100 for the dissertation.

Diploma/certificate stages:

All taught masters programmes, unless exempted by Senate, must allow the opportunity for students to choose, or be required, to leave at the postgraduate diploma or certificate stage.

To be awarded a postgraduate diploma, students must have successfully completed 120 credit points, of which 90 must be at level 7.

To be awarded a postgraduate certificate, students must have successfully completed 60 credit points, of which 40 must be at level 7.

Additional progress information

Progression to the dissertation stage is normally only permitted on the satisfactory completion of the taught component

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