Bachelor of Science in COMPUTING MATHEMATICS

計算數學理學士

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The constant development of new fascinating applications of Mathematics, so far thought to be completely out of reach of mathematical reasoning, combined with the ever-increasing performances of computers, make studying the Mathematics of Computing more exciting and gratifying than ever!

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Studying mathematics can lead to an exciting career. It offers a lifetime of solving fascinating problems. It is a profession which is in demand by every sector of modern society. The computer revolution has intensified this demand.

MODERN MATHEMATICS

Mathematics is not only an exciting subject in itself, it also has many far-reaching applications in all branches of science and technology. It is also at the heart of numerous modern commercial and industrial activities. During the past decades, mathematics has developed beyond belief. New theories such as chaos, solitons, fractals and wavelets have been introduced. New applications, such as option pricing in finance, X-ray tomography, coding, image and video compression, soliton optical communication, and nuclear waste disposal, are constantly being discovered. Mathematics is an ever-expanding subject. The next decades promise to be as exciting and full of new innovations as the last ones!

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

The Department specialises in applied and computational mathematics. Undergraduate teaching is backed up by extensive research on a wide range of topics. This places us in close contact with many modern uses of mathematics. Our programme is both relevant and up-to-date.

We are proud of our academic staff, many of whom are internationally renowned scholars. For example, Professor Stephen Smale, member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, and winner of a Fields Medal (which is the highest achievable honour in mathematics, comparable to a Nobel Prize) and a Wolf Prize, was Distinguished University Professor in the Mathematics Department from 1995 to 2001. Professor Philippe G. Ciarlet, member of the French Academy of Sciences and of seven other academies, was Chair Professor of the Department until August 2011. He joined the office of the College of Science and Engineering in September 2011 as University Distinguished Professor. Professor Ciarlet has received numerous distinctions, among which a Grand Prize of the French Academy of Sciences and an Alexander von Humboldt Research Award.

Professor Smale and Professor Ciarlet are currently Senior Fellows in the Institute for Advanced Study of City University of Hong Kong.

現代數學

數學不單是一門有趣的學科，更在各個科技領域裡都有很多重要的應用。它在現代工商業的運作與發展中經常起著關鍵性的作用。在過去數十年，數學的發展超乎想像。新的理論如混沌理論、孤立子理論、分形理論及小波理論等都陸續創立；新的應用領域如金融上的期權定價、X射線斷層掃描、編碼、影像壓縮、光纖通訊及核廢料處理等都被開發出來。數學是一門不斷成長及發展的學科，未來的數十年與過去的數十年相比，必定會是更加激動人心和充滿創意的。

數學系

本系專長於數學的實際應用及計算，系內同仁廣泛而深入的研究為良好的教學提供了紮實的基礎，教學內容緊密地聯繫現代數學的應用。我們的數學課程既緊貼時代發展，又具有實際運用價值。

本系的教員令我們深感自豪，當中不乏享譽國際的學者。如美國國家科學院院士、菲爾茲獎（數學界中相當於諾貝爾獎的最高榮譽獎）及沃爾夫獎得主Stephen Smale教授，就是本系一九九五至二零零一年間的傑出大學教授。二零零九年八月Smale教授重返城大出任大學傑出教授。二零零九年八月Smale教授重返城大出任大學傑出教授。法國科學院院士Philippe G. Ciarlet教授，曾任本系講座教授至二零一一八年八月，九月開始出任科學及工程學院大學傑出教授。Ciarlet教授獲頒多個獎項，其中包括法國科學院的法國科學大獎及洪堡研究獎。

Smale教授及Ciarlet教授現為香港城市大學高等研究院資深院士。
MAJOR AIMS

The Bachelor of Science in Computing Mathematics programme was introduced in 1994. This major is unique in Hong Kong. It emphasizes the balance between theories and their applications to practical problems, with a special focus on applied mathematics linked to computational aspects.

The major aims at equipping students and producing graduates with a strong background in:

- data analysis
- mathematical modelling
- scientific computing
- technical computer software

Students are trained to think quantitatively and analyse problems critically.

EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Mathematics strongly supports and encourages students to join outbound exchange programmes to widen their horizon and enrich learning experiences. Students can participate in the student exchange programmes from their second to fourth year of studies.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA

"It was really a fantastic experience for me to go abroad and be an exchange student…. the academic atmosphere made me find the motivation for learning…. It was the first time that I began to understand the true meaning of cultural blending, to respect their traditions, to learn their manners behaving in a way different from that we got used to, to exchange stories in each others’ own countries and see how diversified this world is."

Miss Biyue HUANG/BSCM 2012

University of Mannheim, Germany

"It was a marvelous journey of self-discovery to support personal growth and a straight forward path to become familiar with diverse cultures. I had come out of my shell speaking in German every day. Language barrier is not a serious problem because the majority of workers are able to speak in English…. It is also highly recommended to study in Mannheim for competitive students who like challenges in an international environment because most of the classmates are the elite around the world. The fantastic teaching atmosphere provides more room for students to think outside the box. Meanwhile, classmates you know here might be your business partners in the future career."

Mr Lucas S K MAK/BSCM 2014
University of Toronto, Canada

“...it was a really great experience for learning about the teaching system abroad and practicing English. It really broadened my vision and gave me an opportunity to know another world. It also made me think about the teaching and learning environment in Canada and let me think about my future in choice of graduate school. I appreciate the chance to explore the world in my youth as Ostrovsky said, youth should be “full of power, full of expectation for voluntary, full of knowledge and the aspirations of the struggle, filled with hope and confidence”.

Miss Siyu ZHANG/BSCM 2012

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Korea

“Exchange is not a year in your life, but a life in one year.” I didn’t quite get the meaning of this sentence until I joined the exchange program myself. During this four-month exchange life in South Korea, I have experienced much more than I could ever expect…. I am no longer a stranger as I first arrived. I have adapted to the new life, become good friends with those people and I can even communicate with local people in Korean... Thanks to the exchange program, I have become more independent and mature, developed intercultural knowledge, and more importantly had friends all around the world. I recommend everyone to join the exchange program and I am sure this will become a treasure in your life.”

Miss Diqian HU/BSCM 2010

**CURRICULUM STRUCTURE**

Students are required to complete 121 credit units in different courses. Cores cover the followings:

- Analysis
- Applied Analysis
- Applied Statistics
- Complex Analysis
- Computing Mathematics Laboratory
- Data Structures and Data Management
- Discrete Mathematics
- Elementary Numerical Methods

Students also need to satisfy the university requirements in language and Chinese civilization. The curriculum is very flexible. The university requirement for gateway education and free electives give students opportunities to develop their own interests in other subjects.

**CURRICULUM STRUCTURE**

學生必須在不同的學科內完成一百二十一個學分。主要的學科包括:

- 分析
- 應用分析
- 應用統計
- 複調函數
- 計算數學實驗
- 數據結構和數據管理
- 離散數學
- 基本數值方法
- 助優化導論
- 編程語言
- 線性分析
- 多變量微積分
- 數值微分方程方法
- 常微分方程
- 偏微分方程
- 概率及統計學

此外，學生亦須符合大學對語言及中國文化方面的統一要求。本課程極具靈活性, 通過大學對選讀精進教育科目及自由選科的要求，為學生提供機會以發展他們在其他學科領域裡的興趣。
ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants with Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) (for 2021 Entry)

In addition to the General Entrance Requirements of the University, candidates must satisfy the following programme-specific entrance requirements:

- Level 3 or above in English Language, Chinese Language and Mathematics Compulsory Part;
- Level 2 or above in Liberal Studies; AND
- Elective 1
  Level 3 or above in one elective subject from:
  - Biology
  - Business, Accounting and Financial Studies (Accounting or Business Management)
  - Chemistry
  - Design and Applied Technology
  - Information and Communication Technology
  - Mathematics Extended Part (Modules 1 or 2)
  - Physics
  - Science (Combined Science or Integrated Science)
- Elective 2
  Level 3 in any elective subjects (excluding Applied Learning subjects)

CAREER PROSPECTS / FURTHER STUDIES

As graduates of our programme, they are in hot demand in a number of fields, including data analysis, business intelligence analysis, mathematical modelling, quantitative business planning, scientific programming. There is also a demand for mathematics teachers in Hong Kong secondary schools. In recent years, about 10% of our graduates found jobs in intelligent business units of major banks in Hong Kong.

Apart from joining the workforce, some of our graduates further their studies locally or in overseas universities, such as University of Cambridge and University of Oxford in UK, University of Toronto in Canada, and Harvard University, New York University, University of Chicago and Universities of California in the US.