

Welcome to the School of Mathematics



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First Year Course Structure

- **First year:** everyone does the same

Teaching Blocks:	TB1(12 weeks)	TB2(12 weeks)
	Analysis 1A	Analysis 1B
All year	Calculus 1 →	Calculus 1
All year	Linear Algebra →	Linear Algebra
	Foundations and Proof	Intro to Group Theory
	Computational Maths	Mechanics 1
	Probability 1	Statistics 1

- **Joint programmes:** fixed selection of above units
- **Future years:** flexible choices

First Year Lectures

- Each unit (course) – 2 lectures per week
- Weekly Computational Maths lab in the computer room
- One problem session per week in each of
 - Analysis 1A/B
 - Linear Algebra and Geometry
 - Foundations and Proof
 - Probability
 - Mechanics

First Year Tutorials

- 3 tutorials per week (2 for joint): Pure – Applied – Statistics
- Tutorials on online timetable – also check/reply to email
- Homework set by lecturer each week – Hand in to tutor before tutorial
- Get back with marks/comments and discuss in tutorial
- Homework / tutorial attendance compulsory
- Some homeworks assessed and contribute to unit mark
- Your independent study – roughly 4 hours per unit per week

Assessment

- Exams, coursework, assignments, projects, presentations
- Final assessment mark – pass borderline 40, first class borderline 70
- Credit points achieved by getting 40. Must get 120cp to progress to the following year.
- Degree classification rules: based on weighted average of second, third (and fourth) year marks
- 11-22 January 2016: exams for TB1 units
- 16 May - 3 June 2016: exams for full year and TB2 units
- 31 August - 16 September 2016: Resit/supplementary exams – must be available

Feedback

Information about reactions to a product, a person's performance of a task, etc. which is used as a basis for improvement. (Oxford Dictionary)

- Two-way process
- Helps to improve future performance

Feedback at University

At University three main functions:

- To provide you with a clear indication of how good your work is in relation to the expectations of your lecturers.
- To give guidance about how to improve for your next piece of work.
- To identify the things you are doing well and should continue doing for next time.

Feedback to you

- [Tutorials](#) – discussion
- [Marked problem sheets](#) – find out what feedback you should expect to get, know what to do with it and let us know if you do not receive it
- [January examinations](#) – results – exam papers and solutions
- [End-of-year examinations](#) – results – exam papers and solutions

Feedback from you

- Speak to lecturer or tutor
- Lecture and tutorial questionnaires, post-it notes
- suggestion box

`https://mathematics.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/feedback`

- Staff Student Consultative Committee
- School Teaching, Learning and Assessment Committee

Further Information

- Read your Undergraduate Handbook - leaflets
- Look online – Mathematics unit web pages – Blackboard
- Talk to your personal tutor
- Contact the undergraduate admin team: G3 or math-info@bristol.ac.uk



Enjoy your study in Bristol!