The demand for qualified mathematically-trained professionals is found in nearly every industry and profession, including biological and physical sciences, computer science, economics, engineering, finance, operations research, and political science. The Mathematics Department offers two undergraduate majors, a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, as well as minors in Mathematics and in Statistics. All of our programs, while structured, are flexible and can be tailored to suit our students’ individual goals.

Our programs provide students with the logical reasoning, quantitative, and analytical thinking skills necessary to compete in today’s complex global environment. We continually strive to improve our students’ knowledge acquisition through ongoing refinement of the instructional process that blends theory with practice. Many of our courses are offered online.

Our major classes are generally small, with most classes having between 10 and 20 students. This allows for a much greater degree of individualized attention for our students. In our capstone course, students learn to write papers in mathematics. Some of these papers, co-authored with our faculty, have appeared in mathematical journals.

BA IN MATHEMATICS
This degree is ideal for those students who wish to attain a broad-based liberal arts and science education. It is a generalized program that enables students to develop critical-thinking, problem solving, analytical, and quantitative skills. Its flexibility allows students to pursue a double major or complete up to two minors. Many of the mathematics majors are double majors in Economics or Computer Science.

BS IN MATHEMATICS
This degree is ideal for those students who desire to achieve a more in-depth education in mathematics. It helps prepare students for employment in quantitative or technical fields such as actuarial science, computer science, finance, operations research, statistics, and science, or for graduate study. Students are encouraged to choose a minor designed to enhance their professional aspirations.

STUDENT SUCCESS
Mathematics students have gone on to work as actuaries, researchers, college professors, university deans, department chairs, media analysts, and entrepreneurs.

- Two graduates have successful tutoring businesses.
- At least five of our students, Fred Buckley, Lisa Fauci, Andrea Marchese ’95, Nermine ELsissi ’02, and Rebecca Conley ’07 have PhDs in Mathematics and are now or were college professors.
- Andrew Williams ’09 is an actuary at AXA Equitable.
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