# ACADEMIC PLANNING SELF-STUDY 2016

# DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS TASSO KAPER, CHAIR

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#### **STEP I. THE CURRICULAR CONTEXT**

#### A. Degrees and minors offered by the Department of Mathematics & Statistics

- 1. Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees
  - a. BA concentration in Mathematics
    - 1. Specialty in Pure and Applied Mathematics
      - 2. Specialty in Statistics
  - b. BA joint concentration in Mathematics and Philosophy
  - c. BA joint concentration in Mathematics and Computer Science
  - d. BA joint concentration in Economics and Mathematics -BA/MA in Economics
  - e. Mathematics and Mathematics Education
  - f. BA/MA in Mathematics and Cognitive and Neural Systems
  - g. MA in Mathematics, including Statistics and Probability
  - h. Masters of Science in Statistical Practice
  - i. PhD in Mathematics, including Statistics and Probability
  - j. Biostatistics (Joint Program with School of Public Health)
- 2. Undergraduate Minors
  - a. Minor in Mathematics
  - b. Minor in Mathematical Statistics
  - c. Minor in Statistical Methods

# **B.** Undergraduate majors offered by other departments and programs that depend on coursework in your department

Majors	Pre-Requisites/ Required
Astronomy	MA 123 + MA 124,MA 225, MA 242
Astronomy and Physics	MA 123, +MA124, MA 225, MA226,
	MA242
Geophysics and Planetary Science	MA 123 + MA 124 or MA 127 or MA 129,
	MA 225
BA in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	MA 121, MA 122 or MA 123, MA 124, or
	MA115, MA 213, 214 or one of MA 121-
	MA 129
Biology	MA 121, MA 122 or MA 123, MA 124, or
	one of MA 121-MA 129, MA 213, MA 214
Biology with Specialization in Ecology and	MA 121, MA 122 or MA 123, MA 124, or
Conservation Biology	one of MA 127,MA 129, MA 196, MA 115,
	MA 116, MA 213, MA 214
Biology with Specialization in Marine	MA 213 + one of MA 123, 124, 127, or
Science	MA129
Biology with Specialization in Neuroscience	MA 121, MA 122 or MA 123, MA 124 or
	MA 115 or MA 213
BA/MA Computer Science and Cognitive	MA 123, MA 124, MA 242
and Neural Systems	
BA/MA Mathematics and Cognitive and	MA 123, MA 124, MA 242 all requirements

Neural Systems	for BA in Math and Cognitive and Neural
	Systems required
BA/MA Psychology and Cognitive and	MA 123, MA 124, MA 242
Neural Systems	
Earth Science	MA 123, MA 124 or MA 127 or MA 129,
	MA 411, MA561, MA562
Environmental Earth Science	MA 123, MA 124 or MA 127 or MA 129
Concentration in Geophysics and Planetary	MA 123, MA 124 or MA 127 or MA 129,
Sciences	MA 225
Economics	MA 121 or MA 122 or MA 123, MA 124 or
	MA 127 or, MA 129, MA 213, MA 214
Geography with Specialization in Human	MA 121, MA 122 or MA 123, MA 124 or
Geography	MA 127 or MA 129, MA 213
Geography with Specialization in Physical	MA 123, MA 124 or 127 or 129, MA 213
Geography	
Environmental Science	MA 123, MA 127, MA 129, MA 213,
	MA 225, MA 226
Environmental Analysis and Policy	MA 121 or MA 123, MA 213
Philosophy and Physics	MA 123, MA 124, MA
Philosophy and Psychology	MA 115, MA 116
Philosophy and Mathematics	MA 123, MA 124 or 127 or MA 129,
	MA 225 or MA 230, MA 242, MA 293,
	MA 294 or MA 341, MA 411, MA 412,
	MA442, MA 511, MA 512, MA 531,
	MA 532, MA294 any course 400 and above
Physics Option I	MA 123, MA 124 or 127, MA 225 and
	MA 200+
Physics Option II	MA 123, MA 124 or MA 127 or MA 129,
	MA 225, MA 242, MA 411, MA 412,
	MA 561
BA/MA Physics	MA 123, MA 124 or 127, MA 225, MA
	242, MA 200+, MA 411, MA 412, MA 531,
	MA 561
Psychology	MA 115, MA 116 or MA 214
Sociology	MA 113 or MA 115 or MA 213

2. Undergraduate majors and degrees outside CAS

Majors	Pre-Requisites/ Required				
College of Communications	MA 113, MA 115				
College of Engineering	MA 123, MA 124, MA 127, MA 225,				
	MA 226				
ENG BS Aerospace Engineering	MA 123, MA 124, MA 225, MA 226				
ENG BS Biomedical Engineering	MA 123, MA 124, MA 142, MA 225,				
	MA 226				
ENG BS Computer Systems Engineering	MA 123, MA 124, MA 193, MA 225,				
	MA 226				
ENG BS Electrical Engineering	MA 123, MA 124, MA 225, MA 226				
ENG BS Manufacturing Engineering	MA 123, MA 124, MA 225, MA 226				
ENG BS Mechanical Engineering	MA 123, MA 124, MA 225, MA 226				
MET BS in Computer Science	MA 118,MA123, MA124, MA 225, MA				
	226, MA 242				
MET BS in Mathematics	MA 226, MA 242				
MET MS in Actuarial Science	MA 226				

MA 575, MA 585
MA 121, MA 122
MA 118 or MA 121
MA 121, MA 122
MA 118 or MA 121
MA 113 or MA 115, MA 118 or MA 121
MA 115, MA 118 or MA 121
MA 113
MA 113, MA 121, MA 122
MA 115, MA 116, MA 121, MA 122
MA 115, MA 116
MA 118 or MA 121
MA 121, MA 122
One Mathematics Course MA 113,
MA 115, MA 116, MA 120, MA 121,
MA 121, MA 123, MA 124, MA 127,
MA 129, MA 213, MA 214
MA 121 or MA 123
MA 113 or MA 115, MA 120

#### 3. Undergraduate Minors

Minors	Pre-Requisites/ Required
Business Administration	MA 123, MA 124 or 127 or MA 129,
	MA 225 or MA 230
Psychology	MA 113 or MA 115 or MA 213
Public Health	MA 115 or MA 213
College of Engineering	MA 123, MA 124, MA 226

# C. Graduate programs offered by other departments and schools that depend on coursework in your program

1. GRS Master Programs outside your department.

Department	Courses
Applied Linguistics Program	MA 613, MA 614
Bioinformatics	MA 555, MA 565, MA 614
Biostatistics (Joint Program with the	MA 575, MA 576, MA 578, MA 581,
department)	MA 582, MA 583, MA 584, MA 587,
	MA 684, MA 685, MA 751, MA 781,
	MA 782, MA 861, MA 882
Cognitive and Neural Systems	MA 123, MA 124, MA 242
	*Prerequisites
Two Courses that can be taken outside of	MA 561, MA 562, MA 563, MA 565,
CNS	MA 570, MA 573, MA 574, MA 579, MA
	581, MA 583, MA 681, MA 684, MA 685,
	MA 717, MA 718, MA 771, MA 775,
	MA 776, MA 781, MA 782, MA783,
	MA 785
Earth Sciences	MA 411, MA 561, MA 562, MA 575,
	MA 576

Energy and Environmental Studies	MA 569, MA 570
-MA in Energy and Environmental Analysis	MA 684
- Electives	MA 565, MA 569, MA 570
International Relations	MA 113, MA 115, MA 614, MA 684
	*Statistics Requirement
Neuroscience	MA121or MA123, MA124, MA 113 and
	MA 115,MA 555, MA 565, MA 573, MA
	574, MA 771
Psycological and Brain Sciences	MA 614, MA 681, MA 684
Sociology	MA 614, MA 684

## 2. GRS Doctoral Programs.

Same as shown in table for Master's Program above with additional PhD programs as listed.

Department	Courses		
Psycological and Brain Sciences	MA 614, MA 684		

# 3. Non-GRS Graduate Degrees

Department	Courses
ENG MS in Mechanical Engineering	MA 555, MA 556, MA 561, MA 562,
	MA 573, MA 713, MA 775, MA 776
ENG LEAP Aerospace Engineering	MA 124, MA 225, MA 226
ENG LEAP Biomedical Engineering	MA 123, MA 124, MA 225, MA 226,
	MA 381
ENG LEAP Computer Systems Engineering	MA 124, MA 142, MA 193, MA 225,
	MA 226
ENG LEAP Electrical Engineering	MA 124, MA 142, MA 193, MA 225,
	MA 226
ENG LEAP Manufacturing Engineering	MA 123, MA 124, MA 225, MA 226
ENG LEAP Mechanical Engineering	MA 124, MA 225, MA 226
ENG LEAP Photonics	MA 123, MA 124, MA 225, MA 226
MET Master of Science in Actuarial	MA 123, MA 124, MA 225, MA 230
Science	*Prerequisites
	MA 575, MA 581, MA 582, MA 585,
	MA 590
SAR Doctoral Program in Rehabilitation	MA 614, MA 684
Sciences Psychology	
SED Master of Mathematics for Teaching	MA 541, MA 547, MA 548, MA 549,
	MA 647, MA 648 and two math electives
Mathematical Finance	MA 123, MA 124, MA 225, MA 242,
	MA 226, MA 511, MA 512
	*Prerequisites
	MA 569, MA 577, MA 590, MA 711,
	MA 717, MA 779, MA 780, MA 781,
	MA783

# **D.** College Requirements and Programs: Writing, Foreign Language, Math, General Education (Core Curriculum, and Divisional Studies, Including Honors)

#### 1. Core Curriculum

The department has contributed lecturers to the Core in the past. In recent years, the amount of mathematics and statistics in the Core has been minimized. In fact, the Core is sometimes advertised to students as a way to avoid the MCS divisional studies requirement. This is disappointing, given the importance of numeracy in our modern world.

Members of our department have been working with members of the Department of Computer Science to develop courses that give an introduction to our subjects. These courses introduce our fields as part of the liberal arts and address basic issues of numeracy. MA/CS 109 was offered for the first time in Spring '09 and it has been offered every semester since then with high enrollments.

#### 2. College Honors Program and Kilachand Honors College

The Department of Mathematics and Statistics has a sequence of four honors courses. These courses pre-date the College Honors Program by a number of years. Our goal is to provide to students who would like a more challenging introduction to mathematics an opportunity to pursue the subject more deeply during their freshman and sophomore years. Our honors courses are not restricted to our majors, and many students in the sciences and other disciplines take them.

The department considers these courses to be central to our program. Each is offered once per year and is available to all students.

Since 2011 the department regularly offers MA 148 for KHC.

**MA 129: Honors Calculus**: This course is ideal for freshmen who have a very strong background in calculus from high school and who wish to study mathematics in general, and calculus in particular, at a more sophisticated level. The emphasis is on presenting both the calculus material they already know along with new material at a level more rigorous than the standard calculus sequence.

**MA 230: Honors Multivariable Calculus:** While covering the material of MA 225, this course emphasizes the relationship between the geometry of functions in three and more dimensions and the calculus. Additional topics are added and greater emphasis on vector analysis (which comes quickly at the end of MA 225) is given. This course does not assume familiarity with the topics of MA 129 and, therefore, is available to students who have done well in MA 127 or MA 124.

**MA 231: Honors Differential Equations:** The emphasis of this course is on applications of mathematics to the sciences. The material of MA 226 is covered with greater emphasis on modeling. Students may take this course after MA 230 or MA 225.

**MA 442: Honors Linear Algebra:** While this course is an introduction to linear algebra, mathematical rigor (theorem/proof) is emphasized throughout. Both the topics and the approach are appropriate for mathematics and science students.

3. Teaching seminars toward fulfillment of the College Writing requirement.

Professor Steve Rosenberg's, MA 150, which was designed for the Honors College, will also fulfill the writing requirement.

4. Implementation of the foreign language requirement

The department does not contribute to the implementation of the foreign language requirement.

5. Divisional Studies courses that also serve as gateways to the MA Majors

Currently, the department offers a range of introductory courses for MCS divisional studies credit:

MA 109, MA 113, MA 115, MA 116, MA 120, MA 121, MA122, MA 123, MA 124, MA 127, MA 129, MA 213, MA 214, MA 225

This range of courses in mathematics and statistics allows students to choose courses appropriate to their background. Courses numbered MA 123 and above are considered introductory courses for majors. However, students sometimes choose to major or minor in mathematics or statistics after taking one of the courses numbered below MA 123.

6. Divisional Studies courses that *do not* also count toward majors in the department or division

As noted above, MA 113, MA 115, MA 116, MA 120, MA 121, MA 122 are considered introduction to statistics and mathematics courses for non-majors. However, students can continue in mathematics and statistics after these courses and, with careful advising, can continue without delaying their program or retaking higher numbered courses that cover similar topics.

7. Offering selected courses that are not important for fulfilling requirements for your major(s) or minor(s), but which are in very high demand by students because of their interests.

As noted in the data provided in Parts B and C above, our 100/200-level courses appear frequently in the requirements of many other departments and other schools. We are also often asked to develop more courses to address specific areas for interdisciplinary study. Students complete their MCS Divisional Studies requirements with MA courses that are also requirements of their major. While we have a very healthy number of undergraduate majors, they are never in the majority in our 100-level courses and very seldom in the majority in our 200-level courses. There are also a number of statistics courses at the 400-to 600-levels with sizeable enrollments (some rivaling or surpassing many of our 100/200-

level courses) composed largely of non-majors. These include MA 416, MA 575, MA 581, MA 582, MA 614, and MA 684.

8. Any other aspects of the CAS curriculum you want to mention

Our faculty members have active interdisciplinary interests in both teaching and research at the undergraduate and graduate level. Our involvement in the development of the new quantitative biology major and the proposal to develop a neuroscience major are two examples. It is clear that mathematics and statistics will remain central to the development of many fields, and we are enthusiastic about helping this development.

This situation provides both opportunities and frustration for the department. Recently a number of mathematics and statistics courses have appeared in other schools and departments. We believe that these courses are unnecessary and an economic burden on the institution.

A similar and particularly frustrating example is the history of the MA 381, an introductory undergraduate course in probability. This course was offered to a large contingent of engineering students and served a useful role for our majors and others in CAS wishing an introduction to the subject at the 300-level. It was regularly taught by Professor Murad Taqqu, a distinguished probabilist on our faculty.

Without consultation, the College of Engineering initiated its own course (EC 381). This course covers the same material as MA 381 and uses a mathematics text. Four years ago ENG even asked us if we knew of someone who could and would be willing to teach EC 381.

#### Additional Comments:

The department works hard to provide a "students-to-seats" ratio that is as close to one as possible. Since so many departments require mathematics and statistics courses as prerequisites, it is our responsibility to make sure that students can take the courses they need in a timely fashion. When required courses reach their enrollment limits, we definitely hear from other departments. Predicting future enrollments is challenging, particularly with freshmen classes.

While it is tempting to use a "just-in-time" approach, i.e., opening new sections as needed at the last minute, this approach is not optimal. Faculty are often fully committed to courses a year in advance by budget requirements and needs of the department. Seeking instructors at the last minute is particularly difficult. Experienced teachers at this level are in high demand in the Boston area. In order to keep a talented instructor, we must guarantee a certain number of courses well before the beginning of the semester.

Traditionally, many 100/200-level MA courses have been taught in large lecture sections (100 to 125 students) with teaching fellows holding four to five discussion sections of approximately 25 students each. Our ability to offer large sections is limited by the number of teaching fellows funded by GRS and by the availability of large lecture halls. In

order to provide sufficient seats for multi-section classes, we offer smaller sections with enrollment limits in the 50-75 student range.

While many students are completely comfortable with (and often prefer) large lecture classes, there is a population of students that prefers these smaller sections, so even if we had an unlimited source of teaching fellows and large lecture halls, we would want to retain a few "small" sections of our large courses.

The department is continuing to develop new offerings that are of interest to a wide range of undergraduates and graduate students. Professor Glenn Stevens has developed MA148 Investigations in Number Theory, which is a seminar for KHC. Professor Steve Rosenberg has developed MA150 Investigations in Geometry, which also fulfills the CAS Writing requirement. Professor Sam Isaacson developed MA579 Numerical Methods for Biological Sciences. Professor Luis Carvalho developed MA589 Computational Statistics. Professor Mark Kramer developed MA665 and MA666 Modeling and Data Analysis in Neuroscience. Professor Uri Eden developed MA681 Accelerated Introduction to Statistical Methods for Quantitative Research. Professor Eric Kolaczyk developed MA703 Statistical Analysis of Network Data. Professor Kostas Spiliopoulos developed MA777 Multiscale Stochastic Systems. Also, for Summer Term, Professor Emma Previato developed MA267 Mathematics of Sustainability.

#### STEP II: ASSESSMENT OF SPECIFIC COURSE NEEDS

#### A. Obligations toward undergraduate education.

#### 1. Courses that must be taught every semester:

The following courses are currently taught every semester. They have consistently high enrollments and are taught in multiple sections. Ideally, faculty should teach these courses, but the size of our permanent faculty does not allow anything close to this. To fill this gap, we are working to make sure that as many of these courses as possible have at least one full time, tenured faculty member as one of the lecturers. This faculty member will serve as a resource for the instructors teaching the other sections. Unfortunately, even this modest requirement is impossible to meet with the size of our faculty. For those multi-section courses for which we are unable to staff even one section with a tenured faculty member, our Undergraduate Committee serves as advisor and mentor for instructors.

	Total	Fall '14	Total	Spring '15		Total
Course	Sections	Total	Sections	Total	Total	Enrollment
	Fall '14	Enrollment	Spring '15	Enrollment	Sections	
MA 109	1	77	-	-	1	77
MA113	4	459	3	361	7	820
MA115	5	591	3	302	8	893
MA116	1	105	2	189	3	294
MA118	1	23	-	-	1	23
MA120	2	72	2	96	4	168
MA121	7	694	3	286	10	980
MA122	1	66	2	141	3	240
MA123	4*	510	2	108	6	618
MA124	3*	369	3*	375	6	744
MA129	1	20	-	-	1	20
MA213	1*	115	1*	91	2	206
MA214	1*	46	1*	69	2	115
MA225	4	437	4	366	8	803
MA226	2	188	3	327	5	515
MA242	3	87	4	116	7	203
MA293	1	34	1	29	2	63

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MA 109 The Art and Science of Quantitative Reasoning: A survey course on topics in Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science providing an introduction to these disciplines as intellectual endeavors and emphasizing their interrelatedness. Satisfies MCS Divisional Studies credit.

MA 113 is designed to be a one-semester, terminal introduction to statistics for students with a minimal technical background. This course serves a number of majors in sociology and various SAR programs.

MA 115/MA 116 is designed to be a basic two-semester introduction to statistics. The student population includes students majoring in psychology, sociology, and certain of the SAR programs, as well as minors in statistical methods and minors in psychology and in public health.

MA 118 College Algebra and Trigonometry: We offer one section of this remedial course each semester.

MA 120 Applied Mathematics for Social and Management Sciences: This introductory course covers a number of techniques of particular use for business and management. It is a requirement for SMG students and is taken by many students in CGS.

MA 121 Calculus for Life and Social Sciences I: This course is the first half of a terminal sequence in calculus. It is satisfies the mathematics requirement for a number of majors including biology and economics.

MA 122 Calculus for Life and Social Sciences II: The continuation of MA 121.

MA 123 Calculus I: A traditional first semester course in calculus for students in engineering and science. It is required for all ENG students (without AP credit) and satisfies the requirement in calculus for many CAS majors.

MA 124 Calculus II: The continuation of MA 123.

MA 127 Enriched Calculus: Covers additional material from Calculus II on and prepares students for MA225.

MA 142 Introduction to Linear Algebra: This is a two-credit introduction to linear algebra which is offered as a service course for ENG students. Even though ENG offers EK 102, they still want us to offer this course.

MA 193 Discrete Mathematics for Engineering: This is a two-credit introduction to discrete mathematics which is offered as a service course for ENG students.

MA 213/MA 214 is a two-semester introductory sequence in statistics aimed at students likely to continue with additional courses in statistics. This course serves majors in various tracks of biology, economics, and in geography, as well as our own statistics majors.

MA 225 Multivariate Calculus: The third semester of calculus for engineering and physical science students. This course is required for all ENG students as well as astronomy and physics majors.

MA 226 Differential Equations: This is the fourth semester of the calculus sequence. This course is required for all ENG students. Over the last 15 years, we have revised this course so that it includes a significant modeling component.

MA 242 Linear Algebra: A traditional introduction to linear algebra. It is required for all

astronomy, physics, and mathematics majors. In the past, we taught many ENG and CS students, but now most ENG students take ENG EK 102 and most CS students take CS 232.

MA 293 Discrete Mathematics: This is an introduction to topics of importance in mathematics and computer science.

#### 2. Courses offered annually:

Our annual offerings include one remedial course, the honors courses, and the 200/300/400- and 500/600-level courses necessary for our majors and minors, majors in other departments and, for 500-level courses, beginning graduate students in mathematics, statistics, and other departments. The breadth of subject areas included in the department is considerable. To provide an intellectually viable program for our majors, we must provide introductory courses in most major areas of mathematics and statistics. Some of these courses have remarkably large audiences. One example is MA 581. It draws many students from economics. Other examples include MA 561/562, which draws graduate students from ENG, MA 565, a required course for the quantitative biology major, and MA 541, a central course in the Masters in the Art of Teaching program for students who want to become high school math teachers.

Overall, the enrollment in our 500-level courses is quite robust. Generally, our undergraduates are ready for most 500-level courses only in their senior year. Courses not offered yearly are therefore only available to every other graduating class. There will always be courses that do not have large enrollments, but if they were missing from our program, it would deprive the students of the opportunity to learn a large area of mathematics.

Class size becomes an issue for courses numbered above 226. These courses cover material of increasing mathematical rigor and require more intensive interaction with faculty. While there are a few upper level courses that are taught in the large lecture/discussion section format, this scheduling is due solely to the imbalance between demand for the course and the supply of faculty

MA 119: This unusual course is a "half semester" course that Professor Hall offers only to designated ENG students who need special attention so that they can succeed in MA 123. These students take MA 123 concurrently.

Honors Courses: MA 129, MA 230, MA 231, MA 442. These courses were described earlier in this document.

MA 127: This course is a difficult one to describe. It is intended for freshman who have taken calculus in high school and who are not quite ready for MA 225. Many of these students are our best math students, but they do not have the inclination to take MA 129.

Upper-level courses (detailed below): MA 294, MA 341, MA 411, MA 412, MA 416, MA 471, MA 511, MA 512, MA 531, MA 532, MA 541, MA 542, MA 555, MA 556,

MA 561, MA 562, MA 563, MA 564, MA 565, MA 569, MA 573, MA 581, MA 582, MA 583, MA 590, MA 614, MA 684, MA 685

MA 294 provides an introduction to combinatorics and abstract algebra for both mathematics and computer science students.

MA 341 is an introduction to number theory. This is a central area of mathematics with a rich history. Moreover, it has found many recent applications in coding and security. It is of interest to mathematics and computer science students and serves as an introduction to more rigorous courses at the 500 level.

MA 411/412 and MA 511/512: All pure and applied math majors are required to take one of these two sequences in analysis. These courses also draw students from physics, economics, and engineering.

MA 416 is an intermediate statistics course required of all statistics majors and all minors in statistical methods. It is also popular with students majoring in psychology and sociology.

MA 471 is an introduction to chaotic dynamics. It meets with MA 671, which is popular with SED graduate students. This course serves as an introduction to the upper-level course offerings in dynamical systems and ordinary differential equations.

All pure and applied mathematics majors are required to take one 500-level sequence in addition to the analysis sequence. These sequences include MA 531/532 (mathematical logic), MA 541/542 (algebra), MA 539/555/556 (numerical analysis), MA 561/562 (methods of applied mathematics including partial differential equations), MA 563/564 (geometry and topology), MA 573/565/574 (ordinary differential equations), and MA 581/ 582/583 (probability and statistics). Faculty in the associated research groups usually teach these courses.

MA 569 is a course in operations research. It is required for those in the joint concentration in economics and mathematics, and it is also popular with students who major in economics. For many years it was also a required course in the Program in Mathematical Finance, but SMG is now offering its own version, MF 769, of this course.

Statistics majors must take MA 575 (linear models), MA 581 (probability), and either MA 582 (mathematical statistics) or MA 583 (stochastic processes). MA 581 is also popular among a large number of outside majors, particularly economics. MA 584 Multivariate Statistical Analysis, is offered every year.

MA 590 is a graduate level introduction to probability, which is slightly more advanced than MA 581. Registration is restricted to MA students in the Mathematical Finance Program

MA 614 is offered as a service course for other graduate departments whose students need an introduction to statistics.

MA675-676 is the Statistics Practicum course that lies at the heart of the MSSP program and is offered every year.

MA681 is offered both for PhD students in Bioinformatics and Neuroscience every Fall and for MSSP students every Fall.

MA 684 is required of all minors in statistical methods and is a popular choice among our statistics majors as one of their two required 500-level electives.

Two new sections of MA684 and 685 were added in AY 15-16 for the MSSP students.

MA685 is also popular among our statistics majors in fulfillment of elective requirements and also among our minors in statistical methods for their one elective requirement.

3. Courses that are offered every other academic year (or as available staffing allows):

MA 539 Methods of Scientific Computing: As the name suggests, this course involves the use of the computer to help produce meaningful computational results. Professor Samuel Isaacson offered this course in Spring '10.

MA 557 Mathematical Structures in Physics

MA 574 Applied Nonlinear Dynamics: Until two years ago, we offered this course every year for at least a decade. However, now that MA 565 has been revived for the quantitative biology track, we plan to offer this course less often.

The following statistics courses are among those that have been taught roughly every other year on average recently, although the actual frequency depends upon a combination of faculty availability and interests, as well as periodic requests from other departments: MA 568 (statistical analysis of point process data), MA 578 (Bayesian statistics), MA 585 (time series), MA 587 (sampling design), MA588 (nonparametric statistics). Primarily our statistics majors take these courses in fulfillment of their requirement of two 500-level elective courses.

#### **B.** Obligations toward graduate education.

1. Which courses and course types should be offered every semester?

One 800-level seminar course in statistics (e.g., 881, 882, 884) is offered each semester. Instruction of such courses is rotated among the statistics faculty. These courses are currently the only PhD-level courses in statistics offered beyond the basic required sequences in the three areas of applied statistics, mathematical statistics, and probability (see below).

2. Which courses and course types should be offered annually?

Many of the 500-level courses in mathematics cited in Part A also play a role in our

graduate program. Some beginning graduate students take them to fill gaps in their backgrounds.

At the 700-level, the core courses in mathematics are MA 711 (measure theory and Lebesgue integration), MA 721/722 (differential topology), MA 741/742 (graduate-level algebra), MA 771 (dynamical systems), MA 775 (ordinary differential equations).

MA 575/576, supplying a classical foundation in applied statistics, are required of all MA students in statistics, and usually necessary for our PhD students in statistics. MA575 is also required of all MA students in biostatistics.

MA 684/685, covering multivariable and multivariate statistics, have for years served as popular courses for graduate students in fields like psychology, sociology, and education.

MA 779/780 and MA781/782, supplying foundations in probability and in mathematical statistics, respectively, are required of all of our PhD students in statistics. MA781/782 are also required of all PhD students in biostatistics.

3. Which courses and course types should be offered every other academic year?

MA 713 (graduate complex analysis) is a classic graduate course in mathematics which we offered each spring until Spring '08. However, after reviewing enrollment numbers, we have decided to experiment with offering it every other year.

MA 717 is a standard graduate course in functional analysis. It is also a required course for the PhD in Mathematical Finance.

MA 725 is a graduate-level introduction to differential geometry.

MA 727/728 is a one-year sequence in algebraic topology. We alternate offering MA 725 and MA 727/728.

MA 731 is a one-semester course in Lie Groups that is offered once every two or three years.

MA 743/744 Algebraic Number Theory is offered every other year.

MA745/746 Algebraic Geometry is offered every other year.

MA 750/751, covering post-classical applied statistics, are required of all PhD students in statistics.

MA 770 is a new course that involves mathematical and statistical methods in bioinformatics.

MA 831 is a topics course in mathematical physics.

MA 876 is the seminar in partial differential equations that Professor Wayne offers each spring.

Over the last 10 years, we have also offered 700-level courses in algebraic number theory and algebraic geometry, and 800-level seminars in number theory and geometry, and dynamical systems. The schedule that we have drafted for next year contains a different mix of courses. These offerings are being proposed after significant discussion among the faculty and the advanced graduate students.

# STEP III: PLANNING FOR EFFECTIVE, EFFICENT, EQUITABLE, and SUSTAINABLE COURSE STAFFING:

Our offerings are generally divided between mathematics and statistics courses (although there are courses that touch both fields), and this division is respected in the assignment of courses.

Courses up to and including the 500-level are of sufficiently general nature and the members of the department have broad enough interests that a variety of faculty can teach them. This flexibility permits a consistent set of offerings for our undergraduates when individual faculty members take leave, sabbatical, or obtain grant funded course releases.

The sheer number of sections of 100/200-level courses that we offer to the college and university, along with the 300-to-600-level courses we offer for a viable major and for those needing upper-level material means that we will have to make extensive use of instructors for the foreseeable future. Indeed, in recent years we have had to use instructors even for some 500-level courses simply because no tenured faculty member was available.

Our commitment to enhancing the experience of all undergraduates continues to expand, but is threatened by staffing issues. We have embraced our responsibility to reach out to other departments to create interdisciplinary courses, to provide courses for the Honors College, to teach in the Core and to develop new courses. We have enthusiastically engaged in the RULES program for revision of our Freshman sequences, all while enrollments continue to grow and the importance of mathematics and statistics in the curriculum continues to expand. Staffing issues remain the primary obstruction to our continuing these efforts.

In order to make the best of our current situation, we have established the following guidelines:

- 1. All faculty are encouraged to teach 100/200-level courses regularly. These include large lecture classes and the Honors classes, which the department feels are as important as large lecture classes. However, sometimes the needs of the department, our majors, or our clients require that certain faculty be assigned to more advanced courses.
- 2. Whenever possible, large lecture multi-section classes will have at least one section taught by a tenured faculty member, and this individual will serve as a resource and mentor to the instructors teaching the course. Ideally, this would be true of all multi-section classes. However, even with the recent replacements and additions to our faculty, the size of our faculty does not allow us to guarantee this.
- 3. Where it is not possible for a tenured faculty member to teach a section of a multisection course, the Undergraduate Committee will serve as resource and mentor of the instructors.

The following tables indicate our plan for staffing our courses over the next three years. As was discussed above, it was natural to divide our offerings into two groups, mathematics and statistics, and the following tables reflect this division.

Projections are based on enrollments over the most recent 10 year period.

## MATHEMATICS THREE YEAR PROJECTIONS FALL

Course		Title	Proj	Fall 2016	Proj	Fall 2017	Proj	Fall 2018
			Enrl		Enrl		Enrl	
MA 109	A1	The Art and Science of Quantitative Reasoning	125	Hall	125	Kolaczyk	71	Hall
MA 118	A1	College Algebra and Trigonometry	40	P/T Lecturer	40	Kimura	40	P/T Lecturer
MA 120	A1	Applied Mathematics for Social and Management Science	30	P/T Lecturer	30	P/T Lecturer	30	F/T Lecturer
	B1		50	Stevens, A	50	F/T Lecturer	50	F/T Lecturer
MA 121	A1	Calculus for Life and Social Sciences I	125	Arazyan	125	P/T Lecturer	125	F/T Lecturer
	B1		50	Fried, I	125	Fried, Isaac	125	F/T Lecturer
	C1		125	P/T Lecturer	50	P/T Lecturer	50	Fried, I
	D1		125	P/T Lecturer	125	F/T Lecturer	125	P/T Lecturer
	E1		125	Arazyan	125	P/T Lecturer	125	F/T Lecturer
	F1		100	P/T Lecturer	125	P/T Lecturer	100	F/T Lecturer
	G1		125	Panth	100	P/T Lecturer	125	F/T Lecturer
MA 122	A1	Calculus for Life and Social Sciences II	100	Chung	125	F/T Lecturer	100	F/T Lecturer
MA 123		Calculus I – RULES Coordinator		P/T Lecturer		Meuser		Blanchard
			TF's	P/T Lecturer		F/T Lecturer		F/T Lecturer
	A1		150	McQuighan	150	F/T Lecturer	150	Wayne
	B1		150	Blanchard	150	Arazyan	150	Blanchard
	C1		150	P/T Lecturer	150	Szczesney	150	Kaper
	D1		150	Kohl	150	Hall	150	P/T Lecturer
MA 124	A1	Calculus II	134	P/T Lecturer	134	F/T Lecturer	134	F/T Lecturer
	B1		133	Panth	125	Post Doc	125	Meuser
	C1		133	P/T Lecturer	133	Meuser	133	F/T Lecturer
MA 127	A1	Enriched Calculus	-		30	P/T Lecturer	-	
MA 129	A1	Honors Calculus	20	Rohrlich	20	Stevens	20	Rohrlich
MA 142	A1	Introduction to Linear Algebra	-		50	F/T Lecturer	-	
MA 193	A1	Discrete Mathematics for Engineering	30	Chung	30	P/T Lecturer	30	F/T Lecturer

MA 225	A1	Multivariate Calculus	125	Szczesny	125	F/T Lecturer	125	Rohrlich
	B1		125	Beck	125	Previato	125	Previato
	C1		125	Salins	125	F/T Lecturer	125	Rohrlich
	D1		50	Asst NT NH	50	F/T Lecturer	50	F/T Lecturer
MA 226	A1	Differential Equations	125	Devaney	125	Devaney	125	Devaney
	B1		75	P/T Lecturer	75	Hall	75	P/T Lecturer
MA 231	A1	Honors Differential Equations	20	Lau	20	P/T Lecturer	20	P/T Lecturer
MA 242	A1	Linear Algebra	30	Rosenberg	35	Blanchard	35	F/T Lecturer
	B1	_	30	Chung	30	Isaacson	30	Fried, D
	C1		30	Enkosky	30	Rosenberg	35	Rosenberg
	D1		30	Vo	30	P/T Lecturer	30	P/T Lecturer
MA 293	A1	Discrete Mathematics	35	Arazyan	35	Stevens	35	Kanamori
MA 411	A1	Advanced Calculus	50	Rohrlich	50	Rohrlich	50	Kon
MA 471/ MA 671	A1	Chaotic Dynamical Systems (Meets with MA671)	45	Devaney	45	Devaney	45	Devaney
MA 511	A1	Introduction to Analysis I	50	Fried, D	50	Fried, D	50	Pollack
MA 531	A1	Mathematical Logic	30	Kanamori	30	Kanamori	30	Kanamori
MA 541	A1	Modern Algebra I	40	Weinstein	40	F/t Lecturer	40	Weinstein
MA 556	A1	Numerical Analysis II	20	Fried, Isaac	20	Fried, I.	20	Fried, Isaac
MA 561	A1	Methods of Applied Mathematic I	30	Beck	30	Kon	30	Isaacson
MA 563	A1	Introduction to Differential Geometry	30	PD Geo NH	30	Li	30	Fried, D
MA 565	A1	Mathmod Life Science	30		30	Isaacson	30	
MA 569	A1	Optimization Methods Of Operation Research	30	P/T Lecturer	30	Lam	30	F/T Lecturer
MA 573	A1	Qualitative Theory of Ordinary Diff Equations	20	Hall	20	Beck	20	Hall
MA 665	A1	Introduction Mathematical Methods in Neuroscience	20	Kramer	20	Kramer	20	Kramer

MA 666	A1	Advanced Modeling and Data Analysis in Neuroscience	20	Kramer	20	Kramer	20	Kramer
MA 671	A1	Chaotic Dynamical Systems (meets with 471)	10	Devaney	10	Devaney	10	Devaney
MA 711	A1	Real Analysis	20	Kon	20	Weiner	20	Kon
MA 721	A1	Differential Topology I	20	Rosenberg	20	Szczesny	20	Kimura
MA 725	A1	Differential Geometry I		N/O	5	Rosenberg		N/O
MA 727	A1	Algebraic Topology I	20	Fried, D	20	N/O	20	Fried, D
MA 731	A1	Lie Groups Lie Alg	20	N/o	20	Li	20	N/O
MA 741	A1	Algebra I	10	Previato	10	F/T Lecturer	10	Previato
MA 745	A1	Algebraic Geometry I	10	Kimura	10	Previato	10	Kimura
MA 775	A1	Ordinary Differential Equations	20	N/O	20	N/O	20	N/O
MA 776	A1	Partial Differential Equations	10	N/O	10	Wayne	10	N/O
MA 783	A1	Advances Stochastic Processes	15	N/O	15	N/O	15	N/O
MA 822	A1	Seminar Topics in Geometry	5	N/O	5	N/O	5	N/O
MA 831	A1	Topics in Mathematical Physics	5	N/O	5	N/O	5	N/O
MA841	A1	Seminar: Algebra	20	Bergdall		N/O		Pollack
MA 843	A1	Advanced Number Theory I	10	N/O	10	Weinstien	5	N/O
MA 844	A1	Advanced Number Theory II	10	N/O	10	N/O	10	N/O
MA 861	A1	Seminar: Algebra	10	Bergdall	10	N/O	10	Rosenberg
MA 871	A1	Seminar Dynamical Systems	10	N/O	10	Wayne	8	N/O

Course		Title	Proj Enrl	Fall 2015	Proj Enrl	Fall 2016	Proj Enrl	Fall 2017
MA 113	A1	Elementary Statistics	125	Weiner	125	Weiner	125	F/T Lecturer
	B1		90	P/T Lecturer	90	P/T Lecturer	90	D'Agostino
	C1		125	Weiner	125	F/T Lecturer	125	P/T Lecturer
	D1		125	Enkosky	125	PT Lecturer	125	Weiner
MA 115	A1	Statistics I	125	P/T Lecturer	125	F/T Lecturer	125	F/T Lecturer
	B1		125	Ginovyan	125	Spiliopoulos	125	Spiliopoulos
	C1		125	Ginovyan	125	F/T Lecturer	125	F/T Lecturer
	D1		125	P/T Lecturer	125	P/T Lecturer	125	P/T Lecturer
	E1		125	Enkosky	125	P/T Lecturer	125	F/T Lecturer
MA 116	A1	Statistics II	125	Ginovyan	125	F/T Lecturer	125	F/T Lecturer
MA 213 RULES	A1	Basic Statistics and Probability	26	Assoc Stat NH	26	Post Doc	26	Eden
MA 214	A1	Applied Statistics	50	Gangopadhyay	50	Eden	50	Post Doc
			U	PPER DIVISION	COUR	SES		I
MA 416	A1	Intermediate Statistical Methods	60	Massaro	60	P/T Lecturer	60	P/T Lecturer
MA 568	A1	Statistical Anal of Point Proc Data	20	Eden	20	N/O	20	Eden
MA 575	A1	Applied Regression & Analysis Variance I	70	Zhang	70	Ginestet	45	Kolacyzk
MA 577	A1	Mathematics of Financial Derivatives	30	Bourguin	30	Guasoni	30	Guasoni
MA 578	A1	Bayesian Stats	30	P/T Lecturer	30	N/O	30	N/O
MA 581	A1	Probability	75	Taqqu	75	Weiner	75	Taqqu
MA 588	A1	Nonparametric Statistics	30	N/O	30	Carvalho	30	N/O
MA589	A1	Comp Statistics	30	N/O		N/O		Carvalho
MA 5XX		New Course		Eden		Eden		Eden
MA 614	A1	Statistical Methods	75	P/T Lecturer	70	Heeren	70	P/T Lecturer
MA 675		Stat Practicum 1	30	Wright	30	Wright	30	Wright
	A1		30	Kolaczyk	30	Kolaczyk	30	Kolaczyk
	A2		30	New Prof of Practice	30	New Prof of Practice	30	New Prof of Practice
MA 681	A1	Acc Intro Stats Meth	50	F/T Lecturer	50	Eden	50	FT Lecturer
	B1		50	Wright	50	Wright	50	Wright
MA 684	A1	Appl Mult	30	New Prof of Practice	30	New Prof of Practice	30	New Prof of Practice

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MA 685	A1	Advanced	30	P/T Lecturer	30	D'Agostino	30	P/T Lecturer					
		Topics in App											
		Stat Analysis											
MA 6XX	A1	New R Course	30	Wright	30	Wright	30	Wright					
	GRADUATE COURSES												
MA 703	A1	Stats of		N/O	30	Kolacyzk		N/O					
		Networks				-							
MA 750	A1	Advanced	15	N/O	15	Gangopadhyay	15	N/O					
		Statistical											
		Methods I											
MA 779	A1	Probability	20	Taqqu	20	Taqqu	20	Taqqu					
		Theory I											
MA 781	A1	Estimation	20	Gangopadhyay	20	F/T Lecturer	20	Gangopadhyay					
		Theory											
MA 881	A1	Statistics	20	Prof Stat NH	20	N/O	20	Stats New					
		Seminar						Hire					
MA 901	A1	Internship in	20	Kolaczyk	10	Kolaczyk	10	Kolaczyk					
		Stat											

### MATHEMATICS THREE YEAR PROJECTIONS SPRING

Course		Title	Proj	Spring 2017	Proj	Spring 2018	Proj	Spring 2019
			Enrl		Enrl		Enrl	
MA 118	A1	College Algebra and Trigonometry	30	Enkosky	30	P/T Lecturer	30	P/T Lecturer
MA 120	A1	Applied Mathematics for Social and Management Science	30	Enkosky	125	F/T Lecturer	30	Guasoni
	B1		75	Stevens, Aaron	75	P/T Lecturer	75	Stevens, Aaron
MA 121	A1	Calculus for Life and Social Sciences I	120	Arazyan	120	F/T Lecturer	120	Arazyan
	B1		120	Panth	120	F/T Lecturer	120	Panth
	C1		75	Fried, Isaac	75	Fried, Isaac	75	Fried, Isaac
MA 122	A1	Calculus for Life and Social Sciences II	75	Chung	100	P/T Lecturer	100	Chung
	B1		100	Kohl	100	F/T Lecturer	100	F/T Lecturer
MA 123	A1	Calculus I	100	Panth	125	F/T Lecturer	100	Panth
	B1		75	Panth	30	P/T Lecturer	75	Panth
MA 124		Calculus II RULES Coordinator		P/T Lecturer		Kimura		Szczesny
			TFs	P/T Lecturer		F/T Lecturer		F/T Lecturer
	A1		150	P/T Lecturer	150	Kimura	150	Pollack
	B1		150	PD Geo NH	150	Beck	150	Szczesny
	C1		150	Kimura	150	F/T Lecturer	150	Kimura
MA 142	A1	Introduction to Linear Algebra	30	P/T Lecturer	20	F/T Lecturer	20	P/T Lecturer
MA 148	A1	Investigation in Number Theory	20	Stevens, Glenn	20	Stevens, Glenn	20	Stevens, Glenn
MA 150	A1	Investigation in Geometry	20	Rosenberg	20	Rosenberg	20	Rosenberg
MA 193	A1	Discrete Mathematics for Engineering	30	P/T Lecturer	30	F/T Lecturer	30	P/T Lecturer
MA 196	A1	Introductive Quantitative Biology	20	N/O	30	P/T Lecturer	20	N/O
MA 225	A1	Multivariate Calculus	125	Chung	125	F/T Lecturer	125	Chung
	B1		100	P/T Lecturer	100	F/T Lecturer	100	Rohrlich
	C1		100	VO	75	Weinstein	100	Pollack
	D1		50	Chung	50	Rohrlich	50	Chung

MA 226	A1	Differential Equations	125	Blanchard	125	Hall	125	Hall
	B1	· ·	125	Devaney	125	Devaney	125	Devaney
	C1		100	Hall	60	Guasoni	100	Blanchard
MA 230	A1	Honors Multivariate Calculus	20	Rohrlich	10	Stevens	20	Hall
MA 242	A1	Linear Algebra	30	Kon	30	P/T Lecturer	30	Arazyan
	B1		30	Previato	30	Previato	30	Arazyan
	C1		30	Blanchard	30	F/T Lecturer	30	Arazyan
	D1		30	P/T Lecturer	30	P/T Lecturer	30	Arazyan
MA 293	A1	Discrete Mathematics	35	Arazyan	35	F/T Lecturer	35	Wright
MA 294	A1	Applied Abstract Algebra	30	Bergdall	30	F/T Lecturer	30	Kanamori
MA 341	A1	Introduction to Number Theory	30	Weinstein	30	P/T Lecturer	30	Bergdall
	1		U	PPER DIVISION		RSES		
MA 412	A1	Complex Variables	50	Szczesny	35	Kaper	35	Kimura
MA 442	A1	Honors Linear Algebra	20	McQuighan	15	Rohrlich	20	PD Dynamics New Hire
MA 505	A1	History of Math	35	Kanamori	50	Kanamori	35	ТВА
MA 512	A1	Introduction to Analysis I	30	Fried, David	15	Weinstein	30	Fried, David
MA 528	A1	Intro to Modern Geometry	15	Previato	15	Previato	15	Previato
MA 532	A1	Foundations of Math	30	Kanamori	10	Kanamori	30	Kanamori
MA 539	A1	Methods of Scientific Computing	25	N/O	25	N/O		N/O
MA 542	A1	Modern Algebra II	25	Weinstein	20	P/T Lecturer	25	Weinstein
MA 555	A1	Numerical Analysis I	30	Fried, Isaac	15	Fried, Isaac	30	Fried, Isaac
MA 562	A1	Methods of Applied Mathematics II	30	P/T Lecturer	10	F/T Lecturer	30	ТВА
MA 564	A1	Introduction to Topology	30	Szczesny	10	Szczesny	30	Szczesny
MA 565	A1	Math Models in Life Science	30	Isaacson	20	N/O	30	TBA
MA 579	A1	Numerical Methods for Biological Sciences	30	N/O	30	Isaacson	30	N/O

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MA 713	A1	Functions of a Complex Variable	20	N/O	20	Blanchard	20	N/O
MA 717	A1	Functional Analysis	20	N/O	20	Kon	20	N/O
MA 722	A1	Differential Topology II	20	Kimura	20	Rosenberg	20	Kimura
MA 726	A1	Diff Geom II	20	N/O	20	Lau	20	N/O
MA 727	A1	Algebraic Topology I		N/O		N/O		N/O
MA 731	A1	Lie Groups		N/O		N/O		N/O
MA 742	A1	Algebra II	20	N/O		Szczesny	20	N/O
MA 745	A1	Algebraic Geometry I	5	N/O		TBA	5	N/O
MA 746	A1	Algebraic Geometry II	20	Stevens	20	N/O	20	TBA
MA 770	A1	Mathematical and Statistical Methods of Bioinformatics	20	Taqqu	20	N/O	20	Taqqu
MA 771	A1	Intro Dynamical Systems	20	Wayne	20	Devaney	20	TBA
MA 775	A1	Ordinary Differential Equations	20	N/O	20	Beck	20	N/O
MA 776	A1	Partial Differential Equations		N/O		N/O		N/O
MA 777	A1	Multi Scale Methods	20	Spiliopoulos	20	N/A	20	Spiliopoulos
MA 822	A1	Topics in Geometry and Topology	20	TBA	20	Post Doc	20	Geo New Hire
MA 842	A1	Seminar: Algebra	20	Asst NT NH	20	N/O	20	Stevens, Glenn
MA 844	A1	Adv Num Theory II	20	N/O	20	Pollack	20	N/O
MA 872	A1	Seminar: Dynamical Systems	20	N/O	20	N/O	20	N/O
MA 876	A1	Seminar: Partial Diff. Equations	20	Wayne	20	N/O	20	Wayne

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Course		Title	Proj Enrl	Spring 2017	Proj Enrl	Spring 2018	Proj Enrl	Spring 2019
MA 113	A1	Elementary Statistics	125	D'Agostino	125	Weiner	125	Weiner
	B1		125	Weiner	125	F/T Lecturer	125	D'Agostino
	C1		125	Enkosky		D'Agostino		P/T Lecturer
MA 115	A1	Statistics I	125	Ginovyan	125	F/T Lecturer	125	Ginovyan
	B1		125	Massaro	125	P/T Lecturer	125	Massaro
	C1		50	Arazyan	50	P/T Lecturer	50	Arazyan
MA 116	A1	Statistics II	125	Ginovyan	125	FT Lecturer	125	Ginovyan
	B1		100	Wright	100	Lam	100	F/T Lecturer
MA 213 RULES	A1	Basic Statistics and Probability	160	Zhang	125	Carvalho	160	Huang
MA 214	A1	Applied Statistics	75	Assoc Stat NH	75	Gangopadyay	75	Carvalho
RULES		Statistics	TI	DED DIVISION	COUD	SEC		
MA 570	A1	Stochastic	30	PPER DIVISION Krigman	10	Lam	30	ТВА
MA 370	AI	Methods of Oper Research	50	Krigman	10	Lam	50	IDA
MA 576	A1	App Reg. & Analysis of Var. II	30	Asst Stat NH	10	Carvalho	30	Carvalho
MA 578	A1	Bayesian Statistics	10	N/O	10	N/O	10	N/O
MA 582	A1	Mathematical Statistics	50	Weiner	35	Weiner	35	Weiner
MA 583	A1	Introduction to Stochastic Processes	50	Bourguin	20	Eden	50	Spiliopoulos
MA 584	A1	Multivariate Statistical Analysis	30	N/O	10	Bourguin	10	N/O
MA 585	A1	Time Series Analysis	30	Gangopadhyay	15	Gangopadhyay	30	Gangopadhyay
MA 588	A1	Non Parametric Statistics	30	N/O	30	Ginovyan		Spiliopoulos
MA 676	Lab	Stat Practicum II	Lab	Wright	Lab	Wright	Lab	Wright
	A1	Kolaczyk	30	Kolaczyk	30	Kolaczyk	30	Kolaczyk
	A2	New Prof of	A2	New Prof of	A2	New Prof of	A2	New Prof of
		Practice		Practice		Practice		Practice
MA 684	A1	Multivariate Analysis	115	Heeren	100	F/T Lecturer	115	Heeren
MA 685	A1	Adv Top App Stat Anal	30	New Prof of Practice	30	New Prof of Practice	30	New Prof of Practice
MA 751	A1	Advanced Statistical Methods II	30	Kon	20	Kon	30	Kon
MA 780	A1	Probability	20	Prof Stat NH	20	Taqqu	20	Prof Stat NH

		Theory II						
MA 782	A1	Hypothesis Test	20	Eden	20	Kolaczyk	20	Zhang
MA 783	A1	Advanced Stochastic Processes	20	Lau	20	Eden	20	Lau
MA 882	A1	Statistics Seminar II	20	Salins	20	N/O	20	TBA
MA 884	A1	Seminar: Probability and Statistics	20	N/O	20	Spiliopoulos	20	N/O
MA 901	A1	Internship in Statistics	10	Kolaczyk	10	Kolaczyk	10	Kolaczyk
	A2		10	Wright	10	Wright	10	Wright

#### STEP IV: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF UPDATES AND TEN-YEAR PLANNING

#### 1. UPDATES:

In Step I, we have added the new Masters of Science degree program in Statistical Practice.

In Step I, we have updated the lists of our courses that are required and recommended for Bachelors, Master, and PhD degrees in other disciplines.

In Step I, we have updated the information about our very successful CS/MA109 course, now in its sixth year.

In Step I, we have updated the listing of honors courses in mathematics and statistics, and in the KHC.

In Step I, we have added a complete listing of the new mathematics and statistics courses that were created in the past few years.

In Step II, the data in the enrollment tables have been updated and reflect actual enrollments.

In Step III we updated the three-year staffing plan.

In Step IV, the statement of goals and planning has been updated

#### 2. GOALS AND PLANNING:

Over the coming ten years, mathematics and statistics will play an ever-increasing role in technology and society. Data is generated in ever-vaster amounts, and data-interpretation plays an ever-more central role in fields ranging from biology to engineering, and from economics to the social sciences.

The Mathematics and Statistics Department plans to further build on its long history of generating essential statistics and probability theory for making sense of data and for developing cutting edge mathematics that answers pressing scientific and engineering questions. In addition, the Department plans to deepen its already active participation in campus-wide initiatives in the areas of bioinformatics, neuroscience, quantitative reasoning for College majors, systems biology, Kilachand Honors College, and a variety of outreach programs ---such as Focus on Mathematics, our Math Science Partnership with area high schools, and PROMYS, our Summer program for gifted high school students.

The Department's research program and teaching mission in core areas of mathematics are in serious need of additional faculty, especially in the areas of algebra & number theory and of geometry & topology.

The group in number theory consists of only five faculty, three who will be of retirement age in the coming ten. The junior member in this group is one of the most successful researchers

nationally and internationally in his age group. For us to retain him, and for us to maintain our internationally recognized stature in this field, it is imperative that two additional faculty be hired in number theory over the next five to ten years, as also detailed in or strategic plan of 2010.

Our core research and teaching missions in geometry and topology are also in significant need of revitalization over the coming ten years. The group is currently below critical mass in terms of faculty and graduate students. In this group also, three members will be of retirement age in this period. The lack of critical mass has had a deleterious effect on our ability to attract the brightest PhD students in these fields. Indeed, over the past three years, we have lost a series of highly qualified PhD applicants to comparable (and even some lesser) schools due to the relatively small size of the core faculty in geometry, topology, and mathematical physics. The lack of critical mass of faculty in these fields, as well as in algebra & number theory has also negatively impacted our ability to offer a well-developed graduate curriculum.

The search planned for this current 2014-15 AY to hire one mathematician in Stochastic Process and Probability is a critical first step in the essential endeavor of getting these core disciplines above critical mass. We are grateful for the administration's strong support for this search this year. It represents a small first, but much needed, installment in the overall effort for us to maintain our stature as a Group I mathematics department, a ranking which we have held since 1996 and which, as measured by our success in research funding, we eminently deserve to retain. Finally, we observe that we are in the strongest position to attract new faculty to BU in the coming five years while our current faculty are still in their prime. The longer we wait, the harder it becomes.

#### 3. THE CURRICULAR CONTEXT, COURSE NEEDS, AND COURSE STAFFING:

At the undergraduate level, we foresee that ---over the coming ten years--- the numbers of students enrolled in mathematics and statistics courses will increase somewhat above the extremely high current level. In particular, we are developing a number of new courses and revising existing course offerings to reflect the growing demand among students from various majors, including mathematics and statistics majors.

We have developed three new courses for the Kilachand Honors College, the first of which, MA 141, was offered by Prof. Previato, and the other two of which, MA 148 and MA 150, were developed by Professors Rohrlich and Rosenberg and where offered 2012-13 for the first time. Over the next ten years, we plan to propose additional honors courses at the 200--500 levels, which will expose BU students to important fundamental questions that mathematics and statistics can help answer.

At the graduate level, we have embarked on an effort to return the size of the PhD program from its current low of approximately 55 PhD students back to the level of 60 PhD students, which was the average size approximately throughout the 1990s and the first half of the 2000.

Course development in the area of probability and stochastic processes is another activity being pursued actively by our group in this field, including Professors Taqqu, and Spiliopoulos.

We have launched the new MSSP (Masters of Science in Statistical Practice) in January 2015.

The core of this new MS program is the Statistics Practicum sequence, in which students will acquire experience consulting in statistics and practice those skills throughout the duration of their time in the program.

Professor Kolaczyk has developed a new graduate level course in statistical analysis for data on networks, based on the new graduate textbook he has published with Springer.

We continue with active teaching involvement in the undergraduate neuroscience program, with Prof. Kramer regularly teaching the 100-student NE204 course. Similarly, we continue our active involvement with the graduate programs in neuroscience (PIN) and in bioinformatics. Professors Eden and Kramer regularly teach graduate-level courses in neuroscience and Professors Carvalho, Kolaczyk, and Kon regularly teach courses in bioinformatics and serve on various committees for the program.