

# MATHEMATICS HANDBOOK

(For students who joined in 2020 or later)



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## 1 Introduction

Some of the most powerful and beautiful ideas occur in the field of Mathematics. The wide applicability of these ideas and their deep connection with the natural sciences have made this discipline one of the most fruitful arenas of human inquiry. Combining, as it does, the greatest creative freedom with the most stringent standards of rigor, Mathematics also happens to be the ideal training ground for learning a broad range of analytical and problem-solving skills.

Ashoka University's Mathematics major program has been designed to meet two primary goals:

1. Students should get a broad exposure to the primary areas and the central ideas of contemporary Mathematics (as well as their applications).
2. Students should develop rigorous, analytical reasoning skills, along with problem-solving ability.

Any student joining Ashoka University must attend a certain number of Foundation courses. In addition to the Foundation courses that are common across disciplines, students aiming to choose Mathematics as their major should take the enabling course on Calculus as early as possible. The Department offers the following programs in Mathematics:

1. Major in Mathematics [B.Sc.(Hons.)],
2. Major in Mathematics and Computer Science [B.Sc.(Hons.)],
3. Minor in Mathematics,
4. Concentration in Mathematics.

Few of the higher level courses may vary from semester to semester depending on student and faculty interests. In addition, students have the opportunity to study some special topics in depth under the guidance of a faculty member. At the end of the program of study, we expect students to be able to read and understand mathematical proofs; learn and apply new mathematical concepts; and, construct and communicate a correct and rigorous argument on their own. Most importantly, we expect students to be able to solve new mathematical problems on their own. Students completing this program will be well prepared to pursue Mathematics further or to take up positions that call for innovative problem solving in concert with strong analytical abilities.

## 2 Courses Offered

As of now the following courses are being offered by the Department of Mathematics at Ashoka University. The list of 3000 level and 4000 level elective courses may vary from semester to semester.

- **1000 Level Courses:** Calculus, Linear Algebra, Multi variable Calculus.
- **2000 Level Courses:** Algebra I (groups and rings), Algebra II (groups, rings and fields), Probability and Statistics, Real Analysis, Metric and Topological Spaces.
- **3000 Level Courses:** Complex Analysis, Mathematical modelling (Differential Equations), Linear Algebra and Matrix Analysis, Elementary Differential Geometry, Statistical Inference I, Fourier analysis, Galois' dream, Introduction to Combinatorial techniques.
- **4000 Level Courses:** Topological spaces, Measure theory, Functional analysis, Random graphs, Topics in analysis, Mathematical foundations of data science, Algebraic number theory, Topology and geometry.
- **CTS Course:** Introduction to proofs.

The following is a grouping of the required math major courses based on it being offered on even or odd semesters:

Odd Semester	Even Semester
Calculus	Calculus
Linear Algebra	Linear Algebra
Real Analysis	Metric and Topological Spaces
Algebra I	Algebra II
Complex Analysis	Multi variable Calculus
Mathematical modelling (Differential Equations)	Elementary Differential Geometry
Linear Algebra and Matrix Analysis	
Probability and Statistics	

### 3 Degree Requirements

The course on Calculus is a prerequisite to further mathematics courses. Students thinking of studying mathematics should take this course as early as possible, possibly during the first or the second semester. In particular, a student majoring in math should take Calculus in the first semester. A student who wants to decide later can take the Math FC in the first semester.

The Course MAT 1000 titled Calculus is offered every semester by the Mathematics Department. It is mandatory for all students who wish to take Mathematics as their major, minor or concentration subject. It is a prerequisite for most other courses in mathematics. It may also be required for other mathematics-intensive subjects. It is designated as an “enabler” course. Students are advised to take it as early as possible.

The course is designed for students who have done Mathematics in their Classes 11 and 12 in school. That means they have already learnt some calculus. College level calculus is quite different with its emphasis on concepts, rigour and reasoning in addition

to calculations based on some standard techniques. Students should be prepared for this jump.

A few students who have not done Class 11 and 12 mathematics request that they may be allowed to take this course. At this time the Department allows this possibility. The following paras are addressed to students who wish to try this.

- (a) This is going to be very difficult but not impossible. It will work out only if you learn and master some topics of school mathematics before the course begins. You may need an intensive four to six months of study to achieve this.
- (b) For your guidance a list of such topics is given below
  - (i) Algebra: linear equations, quadratic equations, binomial theorem, sets and functions, graphs of functions, elementary functions like  $x^n$ , exponential and logarithmic functions, arithmetic and geometric progressions.
  - (ii) Trigonometry: the sin, cos and tan functions, their basic properties, trigonometric identities, addition formulas.
  - (iii) Coordinate Geometry: Equations of straight lines, circles, and other curves, slopes and tangents.

At different points the course will draw on these topics and if you do not know them, you will find it very difficult to proceed.

- (c) To decide whether you are reasonably prepared, you could look at a standard college level textbook. One such book is Calculus by James Stewart. Some of these books discuss the prerequisites for a Calculus course and also give some tests to check whether a student is reasonably well prepared. You will find other resources on the web. It is recommended that you test yourself and decide whether you are prepared.

### 3.1 Major in Mathematics

Each student will take a total of 15 mathematics courses. For completing a major in Mathematics, one must take the following courses (12 required courses and 3 elective courses).

- **Required Courses:** Calculus, Linear Algebra, Multivariate Calculus, Algebra I, Algebra II, Real Analysis, Probability and Statistics, Metric and Topological Spaces, Complex Analysis, Linear algebra and Matrix Analysis, Elementary Differential Geometry and Mathematical modelling (Differential Equations).
- **Elective Courses:** The list of elective courses in the above list are as follows:
  - 3000 Level Elective Courses:** Statistical Inference I, Fourier analysis, Galois' dream, Introduction to Combinatorial techniques.
  - 4000 Level Elective Courses:** Topological spaces, Measure theory, Functional analysis, Random graphs, Topics in analysis, Mathematical foundations of data

science, Algebraic number theory, Topology and geometry, Applied stochastic processes.

Note that the set of elective courses offered by the department is not *restricted* to the above list. The elective courses offered may vary from semester to semester depending on students' interest and availability of faculty.

The following is the suggested course progression for students taking Calculus in the first semester:

Semester I	Semester II	Semester III	Semester IV	Semester V	Semester VI
Calculus <sup>‡</sup>	Linear Algebra	Algebra I	Algebra II	Complex Analysis	Differential Geometry
	Multi variable Calculus	Real Analysis	Metric and Topology	Mathematical modelling (Differential Equations)	Elective I <sup>§</sup>
		Probability Statistics		Linear Algebra and Matrix Analysis	Elective II
				Elective I	Elective III

The following is the suggested course progression for students taking Calculus in the second semester:

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<sup>‡</sup>Calculus is a mandatory course for all Mathematics majors and minors.

<sup>§</sup>Students are required to take a minimum of 3 Elective courses preferably in their 5th and 6th semester.

Semester I	Semester II	Semester III	Semester IV	Semester V	Semester VI
	Linear Algebra	Algebra I	Algebra II	Complex Analysis	Differential Geometry
	Calculus <sup>¶</sup>	Real Analysis	Metric and Topology	Mathematical modelling (Differential Equations)	Elective I <sup>  </sup>
		Probability Statistics	Multi variable Calculus	Linear Algebra and Matrix Analysis	Elective II
				Elective I	Elective III

### 3.2 Major in Mathematics and Computer Science

Each student will take a total of 9 Mathematics courses and 9 Computer Science Courses and will top it up with any course either from Mathematics / Computer Science avoiding double counting. The academic requirement for this interdisciplinary major is given below:

- **Required Courses (Mathematics):** Calculus, Linear Algebra, Multi variable Calculus, Real Analysis, Algebra I, Probability and Statistics, Statistical Inference I.
- **Elective Courses (Mathematics):** Any course offered by the department of Mathematics which is not listed in the above list of required courses (The CTS course cannot be counted as a math elective if counted as a CTS requirement). The elective courses offered may vary from semester to semester depending on student interest and the availability of faculty.
- **Required Courses (Computer Science):** Introduction to Computer Programming, Computer Organization and Systems, Algorithm Design and Analysis, Computer Networks, Introduction to Machine Learning, Computer Security and Privacy, Theory of Computation.
- **Elective Courses (Computer Science):** Any course offered by the department of Computer Science which is not listed in the above list. The elective courses offered may vary from semester to semester depending on student interest and the availability of faculty.

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<sup>||</sup>Students are required to take a minimum of 3 Elective courses preferably in their 5th and 6th semester.

### 3.3 Minor in Mathematics

Each student will take a total of 6 mathematics courses for completing a minor in Mathematics.

- **Required Courses:** Calculus, Linear Algebra, Multi variable Calculus, Algebra I, Real Analysis and Probability and Statistics (students taking a course in probability as part of their major *may* replace this course with another math course of their choice).

### 3.4 Concentration in Mathematics

Each student will take a total of 4 mathematics courses for completing a concentration in Mathematics.

- **Required Courses:** Calculus, Linear algebra, Algebra I.
- **Elective Courses:** Any course offered by the department which is not listed in the above list (The CTS course cannot be counted as a math elective if counted as a CTS requirement).

## 4 Course Outlines

The following are brief descriptions of the mandatory courses. The contents written here are a broad guideline. The contents of the actual courses and references followed may be different.

### 4.1 MAT 1000: Calculus\*\*

- **Syllabus:** Number systems. Sequences and series. Functions of a real variable. Graphs of functions. Limits and continuity. Differentiation. Mean value theorem. L'Hospital rule. Maclaurin and Taylor series. Curve tracing. Riemann integral. Definite and indefinite integrals. Fundamental theorem of calculus. Applications of differential and integral calculus in areas such as optimization and mechanics.
- **Desirable:** Mathematics at 10+2 level.
- **Suggested Books:**
  1. J. Stewart: Calculus, Cengage Publishers, 2012.
  2. K. A. Ross: Elementary Analysis, The Theory of Calculus, Second Edition, Undergraduate Texts in Mathematics, Springer, 2013.

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3. G. B. Thomas and R. L. Finney: Calculus and Analytic Geometry, Second Edition, Addison-Wesley Publishing, 1998.

## 4.2 MAT 1001: Linear Algebra

- **Syllabus:** Real vector spaces, subspaces, spanning sets, basis sets, dimension of a vector space. Solution of a system of linear equations. Row space and column space of a matrix, rank of a matrix, elementary row and column operations of a matrix. Inversion of square matrices, rank factorization of a matrix. Properties of determinants. Linear transformations, range and null space of a linear transformation, rank-nullity theorem. Matrix representation of a linear transformation. Inner product spaces, normed linear spaces, examples of different normed linear spaces, orthonormal basis sets. Eigenvalues, eigenvectors, characteristic polynomials. Spectral theorem for real symmetric matrices. Singular value decomposition.
- **Desirable:** Mathematics at 10+2 level.
- **Suggested Books:**
  1. A. R. Rao and P. Bhimsankaram: Linear algebra, Hindustan book agency, 2000.
  2. S. H. Friedberg, A. J. Insel and L. E. Spence: Linear algebra, Pearson, 2015.
  3. D. C Lay: Linear algebra and its applications, Pearson, 2014.

## 4.3 MAT 1004: Multi variable Calculus

- **Syllabus:** Review of vectors and matrices. Curves and surfaces. Partial derivatives. Total differential and gradients. Maximum and minimum values. Lagrange multipliers. Double integrals, Fubini's theorem. Line integrals in the plane. Green's theorem. Triple integrals and surface integrals in 3-space. Stokes theorem. Applications of multivariable calculus.
- **Prerequisite(s):** MAT 1000: Calculus.
- **Suggested Books:**
  1. James Stewart: Calculus, Cengage Publishers, 2012.
  2. Marsden and Tromba: Vector Calculus, W. H. Freeman, 2003.
  3. S. Lang: Calculus of several variables, Springer, 3rd edition, 1996.

## 4.4 MAT 2001: Algebra I

- **Syllabus:** Groups: Group structure and examples. Subgroups and cosets. Normal subgroups and Quotient groups. Lagrange, Euler and Fermat's theorem. Homomorphism, Isomorphism, Automorphism. Group actions. Class equation,

Cauchy's theorem, Cayley's theorem. Simplicity of alternating groups. Sylow theorems.

Rings: Rings, Integral domains and fields. Isomorphism, homomorphism and quotient fields. Ideals - prime and maximal. Euclidean domain, division rule. Polynomials, irreducibility and Eisenstein's criterion. Chinese remainder theorem.

– **Desirable:** Mathematics at 10+2 level.

– **Suggested Books:**

1. M. Artin: Algebra, Second Edition, Pearson Prentice-Hall of India, 2011.
2. D. S. Dummit and Richard M. Foote: Abstract Algebra, Wiley, 2005.
3. J. A. Gallian: Contemporary Abstract Algebra, Eighth Edition, Brooks/Cole Cengage Learning, 2013
4. Yvette Kosmann-Schwarzbach: Groups and Symmetries: From Finite Groups to Lie Groups by Springer, 2010.
5. I. S. Luthar and I. B. S. Passi. Algebra Volumes 1 & 2, Narosa, 1996, 1999.

#### 4.5 MAT 2002: Algebra II

– **Syllabus:** Rings and Fields: U.F.D., P.I.D, factorization of polynomials. Field extensions. Normal extensions, Separable extensions. Galois extensions, Galois group. Fundamental theorem of Galois Theory. Cyclic Extensions, Solvability by radicals. Geometric constructions.

Groups: Solvable and nilpotent groups. Presentation of groups. Fundamental theorem for finitely generated Abelian groups. Semi-direct products, amalgamated products and HNN- extensions.

– **Prerequisite(s):** MAT 2001: Algebra I.

– **Suggested Books:**

1. M. Artin: Algebra, Second Edition, Pearson Prentice-Hall of India, 2011.
2. D. S. Dummit and Richard M. Foote: Abstract Algebra, Wiley, 2005.
3. Patrick Morandi: Field and Galois Theory . Springer, 1996.
4. Yvette Kosmann-Schwarzbach: Groups and Symmetries: From Finite Groups to Lie Groups. Springer, 2010.
5. I. S. Luthar and I. B. S. Passi: Algebra Volumes 1 & 2, Narosa, 1996, 1999.

#### 4.6 MAT 2003: Real Analysis

– **Syllabus:** Real and complex number systems. Limits of sequences. Monotonic sequences. Limits superior and limits inferior. Convergence of a series. Absolute and conditional convergence. Power series over real and complex numbers and their radius of convergence. Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem, Cantor and

Heine-Borel Theorems. Point wise and uniform continuity. Sequences and series of functions. Point wise and uniform convergence of sequence of functions. Integrals and derivatives of sequences and series of functions. Elementary transcendental functions. Improper integrals, Riemann-Stieltjes integral. Idea of Lebesgue integral, Weierstrass approximation Theorem.

– **Prerequisite(s):** MAT 1000: Calculus.

– **Desirable:** MAT 1004: Multivariate Calculus.

– **Suggested Books:**

1. T. M. Apostol: Mathematical Analysis, Second Edition, Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, 1974.
2. T. Tao: Analysis I, Hindustan Book Agency, 2017.
3. T. Tao: Analysis II, Hindustan Book Agency, 2017.
4. K. A. Ross: Elementary analysis The theory of calculus, Springer, 2013.

#### 4.7 MAT 2020: Probability and Statistics<sup>††</sup>

– **Syllabus:** Frequency and axiomatic definition of probability, random experiments with equally likely finite outcomes, Inclusion exclusion principle. General finite sample spaces, infinite sample spaces. Concept of probability spaces and construction of probability measures. Conditional probability, Bayes theorem, Independence of events. Random variable (discrete), probability mass function and distribution function. Examples: Bernoulli, Binomial, Poisson, Geometric distributions. Expectation and variance of a random variable, sum law and product law of expectation, moment generating functions. Random vector (discrete), joint distribution, Marginal distributions, joint moment generating functions, covariance, Multinomial distributions. Continuous random variables, density functions, distribution functions, expectation, variance, moment generating function, example: uniform, normal, and exponential. Continuous random vector, joint density function, joint distribution function, conditional density, example: multivariate normal.

Markov's and Chebyshev's inequalities. The law of large numbers and Central Limit theorem (without proof).

Descriptive statistics, Distribution of sampling statistics, Parameter Estimation and basics of hypothesis testing.

Simple linear regression with one regressor (only if time permits).

– **Suggested Books:**

1. S. M. Ross: First Course in Probability, Pearson.
2. S. M. Ross: Introduction to Probability and Statistics for Engineers and Scientists.

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3. J. L. Devore: Probability and Statistics for Engineering, Cengage, 2012.
4. V. K. Rohatgi, E. S. Saleh: An Introduction to Probability and Statistics, Wiley-Blackwell, 3rd edition, 2015.

#### 4.8 MAT 2026: Metric and Topological Spaces

- **Syllabus:** Metric spaces, open and closed sets. Euclidean spaces, normed linear spaces, examples of different normed linear spaces, sequence spaces. Completeness, Baire category Theorem. Compactness, characterization of compact spaces. Product spaces, Tychonoff's theorem. Continuous functions, equicontinuous families, Arzela-Ascoli Theorem. Connectedness, path connectedness. Inverse function theorem, Implicit function theorem.  
Introduction to general topological spaces, separation axioms. Hausdorff spaces. Convergence of nets.
- **Prerequisite(s):** MAT 1000: Calculus, MAT 1001: Linear Algebra, MAT 2003: Real Analysis.
- **Desirable:** MAT 1004: Multivariate Calculus.
- **Suggested Books:**
  1. J. F. Simmons: Introduction to topology and modern analysis, Krieger Publishing, 2003.
  2. M. O. Searcoid: Metric Spaces, Springer, 2007.
  3. S. Shirali and H. L. Vasudeva: Metric Spaces, Springer, 2006.
  4. S. Kumaresan: Topology of metric spaces, Narosa.
  5. J. R. Munkres: Topology, Pearson, 2nd edition, 2000.

#### 4.9 MAT 3000: Elementary Differential Geometry

- **Syllabus:** Space curves, Curvature and orientability of surfaces, Gauss-Bonnet theorem, Brief introduction to metric geometry Hopf-Rinow theorem.
- **Prerequisite(s):** MAT 1000: Calculus, MAT 1004: Multivariate Calculus, MAT 2003: Real Analysis, MAT 2026: Metric and Topological Spaces.
- **Suggested Books:**
  1. M P. do Carmo: Differential Geometry of Curves and Surfaces, Prentice-Hall, 1976.
  2. A. Pressley: Elementary Differential Geometry, Springer, 2010.

#### 4.10 MAT 3013: Mathematical modelling (Differential Equations)

- **Syllabus:** Differential equation associated to real life problems, First order differential equation on  $\mathbb{R}$  of the form  $y'(x) = f(x, y(x))$ , Equivalent integral

equation, Existence of approximate solutions of equation upto error  $\epsilon$  by Cauchy-Euler method, Existence and uniqueness of solutions when  $f$  is Lipschitz continuous in the second variable, Necessary conditions for  $f(x, y)$  to be Lipschitz continuous in  $y$ , Picard's method of solutions of equation, Higher order differential equations, Vector valued ordinary differential equations, Reformulation of higher order differential equations as first order vector valued differential equations, Linear vector valued first order differential equation,  $Y'(x) = AY(x) + C(x)$  — Homogeneous case,  $C = 0$ , Characteristic values, characteristic vectors of square matrices, Solution when  $A$  is independent of  $x$ , Linear independence of solutions associated to characteristic values, General solution of the inhomogeneous equation, Peano's approximation method for existence of solution.

– **Prerequisite(s):** MAT 1000: Calculus, MAT 1001: Linear Algebra, MAT 1004: Multivariate Calculus, MAT 2003: Real Analysis.

– **Suggested Books:**

1. E. A. Coddington: An Introduction to ordinary differential equations, Prentice Hall India, 1968
2. V. I. Arnold: Ordinary Differential Equations, MIT Press.

#### 4.11 MAT 3018: Complex Analysis

– **Syllabus:** The algebra and geometry of complex numbers, representations of a complex number. Exponential and logarithmic functions. Differentiation, analytic functions, Cauchy-Riemann equations. Contour integrals, Independence of path. Cauchy's Integral Theorem, Cauchy's Integral Formula, Liouville's Theorem and its applications. Complex power series, uniform convergence. Removable and isolated singularities, Taylor's and Laurent's Theorems. The residue theorem and applications.

– **Prerequisite(s):** MAT 1000: Calculus, MAT 1001: Linear Algebra, MAT 1004: Multivariate Calculus, MAT 2003: Real Analysis.

– **Suggested Books:**

1. I. V. Ahlfors: Complex Analysis, Mcgraw Hill, 1979.
2. J. B. Conway: Functions of one complex variable, Springer.
3. T. W. Gamelin: Complex Analysis, Springer, 2003.

#### 4.12 MAT 3120: Linear Algebra and Matrix Analysis

– **Syllabus:** Bases, dimension. Subspaces. Norms and inner products. Linear operators. Matrix representations. Similarity and unitary similarity. Dual spaces. Transpose and adjoint. Eigenvalues, singular values and norms of operators. Special classes of operators: hermitian, normal, unitary, positive definite, projections. Spectral theorem. Singular value decomposition. Schur triangular

form. QR decomposition. Applications. Commuting operators and simultaneous reduction to diagonal and triangular forms. Additional topics to be chosen from the following (suggested) list: Variational principles for eigenvalues and singular values, The Jordan canonical form; nonnegative matrices and the Perron Frobenius theory; applications of singular value decomposition, discrete Fourier transform.

– **Prerequisite(s):** MAT 1000: Calculus, MAT 1001: Linear algebra, MAT 2003: Real Analysis.

– **Suggested Books:**

1. S. Axler: Linear Algebra Done Right , Second Edition, UTM, Springer, 1997
2. M. E. Taylor, Linear Algebra.
3. S. R. Garcia and R. Horn: A Second Course in Linear Algebra.

## 5 Frequently asked questions

If your questions do not appear in the list below, then consult one of the contacts mentioned below.

**Q 1.** *Is the 1000/2000/3000 level system an equivalent of the 100/200/300 level system?*

**A 1.** Yes.

**Q 2.** *Is it mandatory for majors to take calculus by the end of first year?*

**A 2.** Yes. Otherwise it would be very difficult to complete your math major in 3 years. Indeed, it is extremely helpful to take calculus by the end of first year in case you intend to major in other mathematically-oriented majors such as Physics, Computer Science and Economics.

**Q 3.** *Is Multi variable Calculus the same course as Calculus II?*

**A 3.** Yes.

**Q 4.** *Is ‘Probability and Statistics’ course the same course as Probability theory?*

**A 4.** Yes, it will be treated as the same course. Students who joined in 2019 or earlier are required to take the Probability theory course and students who joined in 2020 (or later) need to take the Probability and Statistics course to complete a math major.

**Q 5.** *Now the Probability and Statistics course is started, will the Statistical Inference course be offered?*

**A 5.** Yes, it will be offered as an elective course and the course content for Statistical Inference is different from Probability and Statistics.

**Q 6.** *Is it mandatory for majors to take multivariable calculus by the end of second year?*

**A 6.** No, it is not mandatory. But it would be helpful while doing real analysis. But if you cannot do it in the first year, you can still do it in your 4<sup>th</sup> semester.

**Q 7.** *Is it mandatory for majors to take linear algebra by the end of second year?*

**A 7.** No, but it is strongly recommended.

**Q 8.** *What is the policy on cross-listed courses?*

**A 8.** Cross-listed courses are those courses which arise out of a discipline different from Mathematics but are cross-listed with mathematics. The students can take cross-listed courses towards their Major. The information of cross-listed courses (if there are any) will be shared with the students.

**Q 9.** *I took a course in Monsoon 2019 which was cross-listed with CS. It is being offered again in 2020 but is not showing as cross-listed. Is this a problem?*

**A 9.** No. It is normal for courses to not be cross-listed with other departments in every semester that they're offered. If you took a course, which was cross-listed in the semester that you took it, it will count towards your degree. Please cross-check the course code of such courses in your LMS.

**Q 10.** *Can I write a thesis in the third year?*

**A 10.** No. Only ASPs with prior approval from the department can write a capstone thesis with the department.

**Q 11.** *I'm going on a semester abroad. Can I substitute the required courses with a summer abroad course?*

**A 11.** The specific course along with its detailed syllabus will need to be shared with the Head of the Department and a decision will be taken on a case-by-case basis.

**Q 12.** *I'm interested in TA-ing for the Monsoon semester. How should I proceed?*

**A 12.** Only third year and fourth year students are eligible to TA for courses. The Department notifies the students about TA requirements in the beginning of the semester and calls for applications.

**Q 13.** *Whom should I contact for further queries?*

**A 13.** You can email Tanya Chatterjee ([tanya.chatterjee\\_ug23@ashoka.edu.in](mailto:tanya.chatterjee_ug23@ashoka.edu.in)), the student representative and send a copy of that email to the Department Manager Bhudev Sharma ([bhudev.sharma@ashoka.edu.in](mailto:bhudev.sharma@ashoka.edu.in)) for any queries. For course related matters, you can also email Professor Kumarjit Saha ([kumarjit.saha@ashoka.edu.in](mailto:kumarjit.saha@ashoka.edu.in)).

**Q 14.** *I am confused about which elective courses to opt for. Is there someone I can talk to?*

**A 14.** You may consult the course descriptions provided on the AMS or may reach out to your peers or seniors who have already taken courses you may be interested in. You may also seek guidance from the respective instructor.

**Q 15.** *Is there an order that courses have to be taken in?*

**A 15.** Yes. The course progression section provides a recommended order, which takes into account the prerequisites of each course.

**Q 16.** *Where can I find more information related to course descriptions and syllabus?*

**A 16.** You can consult the website (<https://ashoka.edu.in/mathematicsdepartment>) and under the tab 'Programs' click on 'Math Major'. Each semester's courses will have descriptions on AMS as well.