

Mathematics Education (BS): Computer Specialization

The Mathematics Education: Computer Specialization (BS) degree is one of four undergraduate degree options in the Mathematics Education program in the Department of STEM Education.

This degree program prepares teacher-leaders to have a deep understanding of the mathematics and computer science they will teach and knowledge about different pedagogical strategies they can apply in the classroom. Students take five courses focused on mathematics education, beginning in their sophomore year and take five computer science courses in lieu of math electives. Our professional courses in the junior and senior year offer relevant pedagogical experiences, emphasize teaching mathematics with technology, and provide rich field experiences in math classrooms. Graduates are recommended for an initial North Carolina teaching license in mathematics grades 9-12 and are also poised to teach computer science courses at the secondary level. They will be able to seek employment opportunities in education and make a positive difference in their communities.

Students in this program also have the opportunity to participate in:

- Undergraduate research
- Kappa student chapter of the NC Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and other high impact experiences such as Passport to Success, SAY Village, and study abroad
- Tutoring in local schools

For more information about this program, visit our website (<https://ced.ncsu.edu/programs/mathematics-education-middle-school-or-secondary-bachelor/>).

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Plan Requirements

Code	Title	Hours	Counts towards
Orientation Course			
ED 100	Intro to Education ²	2	
Statistics			
ST 311	Introduction to Statistics ²	3	
ST 312	Introduction to Statistics II ²	3	
ST 307	Introduction to Statistical Programming-SAS ²	1	

Mathematics

MA 141	Calculus I ²	4
MA 241	Calculus II ²	4
MA 242	Calculus III ²	4
MA 225	Foundations of Advanced Mathematics ²	3
MA 403	Introduction to Modern Algebra ²	3
MA 405	Introduction to Linear Algebra ²	3
MA 408	Foundations of Euclidean Geometry ²	3

Computer Science

E 115	Introduction to Computing Environments	1
CSC 110	Computer Science Principles - The Beauty and Joy of Computing ²	3
CSC 116	Introduction to Computing - Java ²	3
CSC 216	Software Development Fundamentals ²	4
CSC 226	Discrete Mathematics ²	3

Sciences

Lab-Based Course (p. 2) ¹		8
GEP Natural Sciences (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/undergraduate/gep-category-requirements/gep-natural-sciences/) ¹		3

Communication

COM 112	Interpersonal Communication	3
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Professional Education

EMS 204	Introduction to Mathematics Education ³	2
ED 204	Introduction to Teaching in Today's Schools ²	2
EDP 304	Educational Psychology ²	3
ELP 344	School and Society ²	3
ECI 305	Equity and Education	3
EMS 480	Teaching Mathematics with Technology ²	3

ED 311	Classroom Assessment Principles and Practices ²	2
ED 312	Classroom Assessment Principles and Practices Professional Learning Lab ²	1
EMS 472	Teaching Mathematics Topics in Senior High School ²	3
EMS 470	Methods and Materials for Teaching Mathematics ²	3
EMS 471	Student Teaching in Mathematics ²	10
EMS 495	Senior Seminar in Mathematics and Science Education ²	2
EMS 490	School Mathematics from an Advanced Perspective ²	3
ECI 416	Teaching Students with Disabilities in Inclusive Classrooms ²	3
GEP Courses		
ENG 101	Academic Writing and Research ¹	4
GEP Humanities (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/undergraduate/gep-category-requirements/gep-humanities/)		6
GEP Health and Exercise Studies (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/undergraduate/gep-category-requirements/gep-health-exercise-studies/)		2
GEP Global Knowledge (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/undergraduate/gep-category-requirements/gep-global-knowledge/) (verify requirement)		
World Language Proficiency (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/undergraduate/gep-category-requirements/world-language-proficiency/) (verify requirement)		
Free Electives		

Free Electives ⁴	4
Total Hours	120

¹ A grade of C- or higher is required.

² A grade of C or higher is required.

³ A grade of B- or better is required.

⁴ Students should consult their academic advisors to determine which courses fill this requirement.

Lab-Based Science Courses

Code	Title	Hours	Counts towards
Chemistry Sequence			
CH 101 & CH 102	Chemistry - A Molecular Science and General Chemistry Laboratory	4	
CH 201 & CH 202	Chemistry - A Quantitative Science and Quantitative Chemistry Laboratory	4	
Biology Sequence			
BIO 181	Introductory Biology: Ecology, Evolution, and Biodiversity	4	
BIO 183	Introductory Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology	4	
Physics Sequence A			
PY 205 & PY 206	Physics for Engineers and Scientists I and Physics for Engineers and Scientists I Laboratory	4	
PY 208 & PY 209	Physics for Engineers and Scientists II and Physics for Engineers and Scientists II Laboratory	4	
Physics Sequence B			
PY 201	University Physics I	4	
PY 202	University Physics II	4	
Physics Sequence C			
PY 211	College Physics I	4	
PY 212	College Physics II	4	

Semester Sequence

This is a sample.

First Year

Fall Semester		Hours
MA 141	Calculus I ²	4
CSC 110	Computer Science Principles - The Beauty and Joy of Computing ²	3
ENG 101	Academic Writing and Research	4
E 115	Introduction to Computing Environments ²	1
ED 100	Intro to Education ³	2
GEP Health and Exercise Studies (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/undergraduate/gep-category-requirements/gep-health-exercise-studies/)		1
Hours		15

Spring Semester		Hours
MA 241	Calculus II ²	4
Science (p. 2) ¹		4
CSC 116	Introduction to Computing - Java ²	3
COM 112	Interpersonal Communication	3
GEP Health and Exercise Studies (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/undergraduate/gep-category-requirements/gep-health-exercise-studies/)		1
Hours		15

Second Year

Fall Semester		Hours
MA 242	Calculus III ²	4
ST 311	Introduction to Statistics ²	3
EMS 204	Introduction to Mathematics Education ³	2
ED 204	Introduction to Teaching in Today's Schools	2
Science (p. 2) ¹		4
GEP Humanities (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/undergraduate/gep-category-requirements/gep-humanities/) Requirement		3
Hours		18

Spring Semester		Hours
CSC 216	Software Development Fundamentals ²	3
CSC 217	Software Development Fundamentals Lab ²	1
CSC 226	Discrete Mathematics ²	3
MA 225	Foundations of Advanced Mathematics ³	3
ST 312	Introduction to Statistics II ²	3
ST 307	Introduction to Statistical Programming-SAS ²	1
ECI 305	Equity and Education ³	3
Hours		17

Third Year

Fall Semester		Hours
MA 405	Introduction to Linear Algebra ³	3
MA 403	Introduction to Modern Algebra ³	3
ED 311	Classroom Assessment Principles and Practices	2
ED 312	Classroom Assessment Principles and Practices Professional Learning Lab ³	1

ELP 344	School and Society	3
EDP 304	Educational Psychology ³	3
Hours		15

Spring Semester

EMS 472	Teaching Mathematics Topics in Senior High School ³	3
EMS 480	Teaching Mathematics with Technology ³	3
ECI 416	Teaching Students with Disabilities in Inclusive Classrooms ³	3
GEP Natural Sciences (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/undergraduate/gep-category-requirements/gep-natural-sciences/)		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15

Fourth Year

Fall Semester		Hours
MA 408	Foundations of Euclidean Geometry ²	3
EMS 490	School Mathematics from an Advanced Perspective ³	3
EMS 470	Methods and Materials for Teaching Mathematics ³	3
GEP Humanities (http://catalog.ncsu.edu/undergraduate/gep-category-requirements/gep-humanities/)		3
Free Elective		1
Hours		13

Spring Semester		Hours
EMS 471	Student Teaching in Mathematics ³	10
EMS 495	Senior Seminar in Mathematics and Science Education ³	2
Hours		12
Total Hours		120

Major/Program Footnotes:

- ¹ At most one grade below a C- is permitted in the courses satisfying the science requirement.
- ² At most one grade below a C is permitted in the mathematics, statistics, and computer science courses.
- ³ A grade below a B- is not permitted in EMS 204. A grade below a C is not permitted in all other EMS, EDP, ECI, ELP, and ED courses.

Career Opportunities

Career Titles

- Elementary School Teacher
- High School Teacher
- Math Professor
- Middle School Teacher

Learn More About Careers

NCcareers.org (<https://nccareers.org/>)
 Explore North Carolina's central online resource for students, parents, educators, job seekers and career counselors looking for high quality job and career information.

Occupational Outlook Handbook (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>)

Browse the Occupational Outlook Handbook published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to view state and area employment and wage statistics. You can also identify and compare similar occupations based on your interests.

Career One Stop Videos (<https://www.careeronestop.org/>)

View videos that provide career details and information on wages, employment trends, skills needed, and more for any occupation. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Focus 2 Career Assessment (<https://careers.dasa.ncsu.edu/explore-careers/career-assessments/>) (NC State student email address required)

This career, major and education planning system is available to current NC State students to learn about how your values, interests, competencies, and personality fit into the NC State majors and your future career. An NC State email address is required to create an account. Make an appointment with your career counselor (<https://careers.dasa.ncsu.edu/about/hours-appointments/>) to discuss the results.

Focus 2 Apply Assessment (<https://www.focus2career.com/Portal/Register.cfm?SID=1929>) (Available to prospective students)

A career assessment tool designed to support prospective students in exploring and choosing the right major and career path based on your unique personality, interests, skills and values. Get started with Focus 2 Apply and see how it can guide your journey at NC State.

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (<https://www.nctm.org/About/>)

North Carolina Association of Educators (<https://www.ncae.org/>)

American Mathematical Society (<https://www.ams.org/home/page/>)

Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (<https://www.siam.org/>)