



Course information 2011–12

MT3041 Advanced mathematical analysis (half course)

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Prerequisite

If taken as part of a BSc degree, courses which must be passed before this half course may be attempted:

MT2116 Abstract mathematics.

Aims and objectives

The course is designed to enable students to:

- develop further their ability to think in a critical manner
- formulate and develop mathematical arguments in a logical manner
- improve their skills in acquiring new understanding and experience
- acquire an understanding of advanced mathematical analysis.

Essential reading

For full details please refer to the reading list.

There is no single textbook which corresponds to the subject exactly as it is treated here. Please see the subject guide for six recommended textbooks.

Three which are particularly useful are:

Bartle, R.G. and D.R. Sherbert *Introduction to Real Analysis*. (John Wiley and Sons: New York)

Binmore, K.G. *Mathematical Analysis: A Straightforward Approach*. (Cambridge University Press: Cambridge)

Bryant, Victor Yet *Another Introduction to Analysis*. (Cambridge University Press: Cambridge)

Learning outcomes

At the end of this half course and having completed the essential reading and activities students should:

- ✓ have a good knowledge of the mathematical concepts in real analysis
- ✓ be able to use formal notation correctly and in connection with precise statements in English
- ✓ be able to demonstrate the ability to solve unseen mathematical problems in real analysis.
- ✓ be able to prove statements and to formulate precise mathematical arguments.

Assessment

This course is assessed by a two hour unseen written examination.

Students should consult the *Programme Regulations for degrees and diplomas in Economics, Management, Finance and the Social Sciences* that are reviewed annually. The Prerequisites, Exclusions, and Syllabus are subject to confirmation in the *Regulations*. Notice is also given in the *Regulations* of any courses which are being phased out and students are advised to check course availability.

Syllabus

This is a description of the material to be examined, as published in the *Regulations*. On registration, students will receive a detailed subject guide which provides a framework for covering the topics in the syllabus and directions to the essential reading.

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After studying this course, students should be equipped with a knowledge of concepts (such as continuity and compactness) which are central not only to further mathematical courses, but to applications of mathematics in theoretical economics and other areas. More generally, a course of this nature, with the

emphasis on abstract reasoning and proof, will help students to think in an analytical way, and be able to formulate mathematical arguments in a precise, logical manner.

Specific topics covered are:

- series of real numbers;
- series and sequences in n -dimensional real space \mathbb{R}^n ;
- limits and continuity of functions mapping between \mathbb{R}^n and \mathbb{R}^m ;
- differentiation
- the topology of \mathbb{R}^n ;
- metric spaces
- uniform convergence of sequences of functions.