



# Maths with Foundation Year Briefing

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# The School of Mathematics Sciences at QMUL

- One of the largest Maths department in the UK
- Reserach includes both Pure and Applied Mathematics (including Algebra, Geometry, Networks, Relativity, Statistics, Financial Mathematics, ... )
- Information and contact details of staff at <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/maths/>
- A State-of-the-art lecture theater, Undergraduate social hub , Reserach rooms, IT labs, Maths Society, (EDI) and (Me + WE), Maths Ambassadors, etc...
- Maths Office Room MB-102, for Foundation Year contact the Foundation office at email: [fedu@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:fedu@qmul.ac.uk)



# Role of your Departmental Advisor

Every student in QMUL has an academic advisor. Advisor is a source of combination of Academic, Pastoral and Development Support. For example we can support you on the following matters

- **Academic Support**

- We will conduct Advisorials (monthly group advising) in Week 4, 8 and 12 in Sem A and in Week 2, 6 and 12 in Sem B. In Advisorials we can solve Maths riddle, Maths topics, or can have Students' presentations, etc.
- Will write references for you
- Missing Assignments/ Late Submissions
- Advise on your module choices (email or office hour)
- Advise on your progression choice among the Mathematics BSc programmes around March

- **Pastoral Support** Bullying, Harassment, Hate Crime, Safeguarding, Being a Carer, Urgent situations,...

- **Development Support:** flag struggling students to Year Tutors/Student Support Officer, as appropriate.



# Departmental Advisors

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Check out their webpages for offices hours on the Maths department website ('People' tab)



# Module Selection

- You take **8 modules** in your Foundation Year
- Each module has an official code, e.g. “SEF015”, a name and abbreviation, e.g. “Discrete Mathematics” or “DM”
- Overseas students (without IELTS 6.0) may be asked to take English course (SEF009) in Semester 1 and CST (Sef030) in Sem 2

Semester A	
Compulsory	
SEF041	Mathematics B
SEF026	Essential Foundation Mathematics
SEF030	Communication in Science and Technology (CST)
SEF034	Computing
Semester B	
Compulsory	
SEF041	Mathematics B
SEF006	Physics – Fields and Waves
SEF015	Discrete Mathematics
SEF035	Digital Electronics and Computer Systems

# Progression to BSc programmes in Maths

- **Exams:** January & May-June, **Resit capped at 40%** in August
- Most modules have **in-term assessment components**, normally a mid-term test 10-20% of final grade

**GGX2** students to progress to BSc must

- **Pass 7 modules** (including 3 Maths and **CST(Sef030)**)
  - **Average  $\geq 55\%$  over all 8 modules**
  - **Register BSc preference around March**
- **ISEFP:** Students will also be offered their programme of choice if they meet the criteria listed above. Although they will need to complete an internal application in March/April.



# Progression to BSc programmes in Maths

BSc Mathematics (G100, G101,G101Y)  
BSc Mathematics and Statistics (GG31,  
GG32,GG3Y)  
BSc Actuarial Science (G1N3, G1N5, GN3Y)  
BSc Mathematics with Finance and Accounting  
(G1N4, G1N6, G14Y)

Showing main code followed by Professional  
Placement and/or Year Abroad options

- Pass a minimum of 7 modules (105 credits) including SEF030, SEF041, SEF015 and SEF026.
- Achieve an overall average of  $\geq 55\%$  and a weighted average of  $\geq 60\%$  across SEF041 counted as two modules and SEF015.





## Progression to BSc programmes in Maths

- (G100, G101, G101Y) BSc Mathematics
- (G110) BSc Pure Mathematics
- (GG31, GG32, GG3Y) BSc Mathematics and Statistics
- (G1N3, G1N5, GN3Y) BSc Acturial Sciences
- (G1N4, G1N6, G14Y) BSc in Mathematics with Finance and Accounting

We have also options of 4-year BSc with Year Abroad, BSc with Professional placement and Msci options



# Next Steps

## Module registration

- Done on **MySIS** as per your email
- You can change your mind in the first two weeks of lectures (**6th Oct**)

## Week 0

- Follow the Foundation Year enrolment week schedule
- Make sure you know your **timetable** and **room locations**

## Week 1

- Lectures start from Monday September **25th**.



# Problems / Queries

- **Read** the Student Handbook supplied in your email. It contains lots of important information not covered in this presentation.
- Consult the QMplus Science and Engineering Foundation Support page:  
<https://qmplus.qmul.ac.uk/enrol/index.php?id=3829/>
- Email your advisor (remember email etiquette) and **attend the monthly Advisorials**
- If you are ill and miss an Assessment, you can file an **EC form via your MySIS account.**
- **DO NOT SIT AN EXAM IF NOT FIT** (college 'Fit to Sit' policy)
- Contact the Foundation Year Office for admin matters:  
Email: [fedu@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:fedu@qmul.ac.uk) or request for a teams meeting



## Meet your advisors

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## SMS FOUNDATION YEAR STUDENTS WELCOME WEEK 2023

	Monday 18th September	Tuesday 19th September	Wednesday 20th September	Thursday 21st September	Friday 22nd September		
10:00 – 11:00			<b>International Students Social Event</b> 10:00 - 12:00 Location: Queens Lawn Tent	<b>QMSU Freshers Fair - 10:00 - 18:00</b> Great Hall - People's Palace Building	<b>QMSU Freshers Fair - 10:00 - 16:00</b> Great Hall - People's Palace Building		
11:00 – 12:00	<b>Maths Foundation Programme Talk</b> 11:30 - 12:30 Engineering Building 2.09	<b>International Students Information Session</b> 11:00 - 13:00 Graduate Centre, Peston Lecture Theatre				<b>Maths ID card collection</b> 11:45 - 12:45 Octagon - Queen's Building	
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Lunch</b> 12:30 - 13:30 Drapers Godward Square						
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Maths Building Tour</b> Meet in the Maths Building					<b>QMSU Freshers Fair - 10:00 - 18:00</b> Great Hall - People's Palace Building	<b>QMSU Freshers Fair - 10:00 - 18:00</b> Great Hall - People's Palace Building
14:00 – 15:00	<b>Navigating QMplus</b> 14:30 - 15:00 Queens Building LG5						
15:00 – 16:00	<b>Human Bingo</b> 15:00 - 15:30 Maths Building 203/204	<b>Foundation Welcome Talk</b> 15:00 - 16:00 David Sizer Lecture Theatre					
16:00 – 17:00							
	<b>Queen Mary Campus Tours (no booking required)</b> - will take place every hour from 10:00 to 15:00 leaving from the welcome desk in Library square.						

**KEY:** Compulsory Sessions Optional Sessions Optional Drop in any time International Students only



## Announcements

(i) **Mentimeter Poll:** Asking students to choose Advisorials Timings for Week 4, 8 and 12 in Sem A.

### (ii) **Course Representative**

Students can nominate themselves to be a Course Representative and there will be an election where students can vote. The Course representatives from all programmes will attend meetings with **Sarah Luoise** and the **Director of Foundation** to provide feedback. The Course Representative will gather feedback, suggestions etc from their peers and report back to foundation team so they can make changes or address issues.

(iii) **DONT FORGET:** Students need to complete a specific task within the first two weeks of term.

An Online Consent Module:

<https://qplus.qmul.ac.uk/enrol/index.php?id=13572>



# Semester and Examination Dates for Year 2023/2024

For 23/24 the main semester and examination dates are as follows:

Welcome week:	18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023
Semester A Teaching:	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023– 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Semester A Examination period:	<b>4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>
Semester B Teaching:	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024 – 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Bank Holidays:	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 and 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024
Semester B Examination period:	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024</b>
Bank holidays:	6 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> of May 2024
Late Summer Exam period:	5 <sup>th</sup> August – 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 (for resit and deferred first sit exams)

**Many Thanks**

