AMATH & CFRM UNDERGRAD
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

General Questions:

Can I substitute a class or will you waive a course requirement?
In general, we do not approve substitutions for degree requirements. However, students may petition for course substitutions or waivers after admission to the program. If a petition is approved, the course may be replaced with an advanced AMATH or CFRM course; however the advanced course cannot count toward the elective requirement for the major. Thus, in the end, it will not necessarily save you time with fewer classes, but it will let you take more advanced classes.

What is your policy on double majors?
Students may not double major between Amath and CFRM; nor may you double major between Amath/CFRM and ACMS. Our policy on double majors can be found here.

Can I double major with Math?
Yes, Amath or CFRM majors may double major with Math. Please refer to the University’s double major/double degree policies here.

As an Amath/CFRM major, can I minor with Applied Math or CFRM?
It depends on which major or minor you are pursuing. Please refer to our policy on minors here.

What is the difference between the ACMS major and Applied Math/CFRM?
There are some similarities and overlap between the Applied Math and ACMS degree programs, which is why we do not allow for double majors between any of these majors. Both majors can lead to similar career paths and we consider these new majors to be an additional option for students to consider. However, there are differences in course and degree requirements, and the CFRM and AMATH courses are primarily taught from one department.

Is it possible to finish the Applied Math or CFRM degree requirements in 1 year after admission to the major?
Due to course prerequisites and sequencing, this is not possible, unless you have been taking AMATH or CFRM courses before admission. Please refer to the academic planning guides here.

Note: The CFRM curriculum is designed so that students finish CFRM 405-410-415 before attempting the electives: CFRM 442, 430, 422, or 421. This will take approximately 2 years to complete, unless the student has been taking the first year sequence in a CFRM minor.
Applicants/Prospective Students:

Can I still apply to the major if a prerequisite course is in progress (ie: AMATH 301)?
No. You should apply in the admissions cycle that occurs after you have completed the prerequisites.

Can I still apply to the major if I earned AP/IB or transfer credit for MATH 124/125/126?
Yes. In the application simply write either “transfer,” “AP,” or “IB” in the field asking for a grade.

Can I take AMATH or CFRM classes before being admitted to the major?
If you meet the course prerequisites, yes. However, AMATH, CFRM, and ACMS majors will have priority registration during period I. All others can add CFRM or AMATH courses in registration period II.

Am I allowed to reapply if I am not admitted?
We do not limit the number of times you can apply and there are 2 admission cycles per year. However, you should also be aware of how long it will take to finish the degree if admitted.

How can I be a more competitive applicant?
Generally, the admissions committee is looking for strong grades in the prerequisites and relevant coursework in addition to having a strong overall GPA.

What is the admission rate/what are the admission statistics?
Admissions statistics can be found here, towards the bottom of the page.

I am an incoming freshman and have been admitted as a pre-major in the College of Arts and Sciences. How can I declare Applied Math/CFRM as my major?
Admitted UW-Seattle students must submit a separate application for the Applied Math or CFRM majors. If you're interested in the Applied Mathematics major, you can find information about the major and the admissions process here.

I am an incoming freshman and would like to apply for the Applied Math/CFRM major. Where should I go for advising?
As a pre-major, your academic advising will begin through the UW Undergraduate Advising Office: https://www.washington.edu/uaa/advising/. They can help you plan courses, answer registration questions, talk about general ed requirements, and much more. For incoming freshmen, advising for autumn classes will take place at orientation. More info here: https://www.washington.edu/uaa/advising/academic-planning/for-new-students/ Once you have been accepted into a major, your academic advising will take place through that specific department.
Current/Admitted Students:

Can I earn internship credit toward the degree?
Internship credit is optional, so it does not count toward degree/elective requirements. Students in F-1 status are eligible to apply for optional Curricular Practical Training (CPT) after being enrolled full time at a college or university in the U.S. for one academic year. CPT provides temporary work authorization and is granted by the UW International Student Services office. Students must also have a job or internship offer that directly relates to their field of study. For further details, please see our website.

How can I get involved in undergraduate research or independent study?
We offer an independent study course (AMATH 499) or project/thesis option (AMATH 498) with a faculty member. More info here.

I have been admitted to the Amath/CFRM major and would like to drop my current major or add Amath/CFRM as a double major. How can I do this?
Please contact your current major to request a major change. They will be able to submit an electronic Change of Major form on your behalf. If you are double-majoring, you will be required to submit a graduation plan to both departments before the change can be approved.