

NU Courses Required Before Taking CPU Prerequisite Courses

Many of the Certificate Program prerequisite courses have their own prerequisite courses, and interested students must take this into account when thinking about applying. This table lists the Certificate Program prerequisite courses along with their corresponding NU prerequisites. Detailed information about the CPU prerequisites can be found on the Certificate Program website.

[Financial Economics Prerequisites](#)

[Managerial Analytics Prerequisites](#)

CPU Requirement 1: Calculus and Linear Algebra (7 options)

Options to meet CPU requirement	CPU Prereq Course	CPU Prereq Course Title	Certificate(s) Required For	NU Prereq courses for CPU Prereq Courses (from Course Catalog)
Option 1	MATH 230-0 and	Differential Calculus of Multivariable Functions	FE & MA	MATH 214 or 224
	MATH 234-0 and	Multiple Integration and Vector Calculus	FE & MA	MATH 230
	MATH 240-0	Linear Algebra	FE & MA	MATH 230
Option 2	MATH 290-1 and	MENU: Linear Algebra & Multivariable Calculus	FE & MA	One year of calc (usually in HS) & consent of dept
	MATH 290-2 and	MENU: Linear Algebra & Multivariable Calculus	FE & MA	One year of calc (usually in HS) & consent of dept
	MATH 290-3	MENU: Linear Algebra & Multivariable Calculus	FE & MA	One year of calc (usually in HS) & consent of dept
Option 3	MATH 291-1 and	MENU: Intensive Linear Algebra & Multivariable Calculus	FE & MA	One year of calc (usually in HS) & consent of dept
	MATH 291-2 and	MENU: Intensive Linear Algebra & Multivariable Calculus	FE & MA	One year of calc (usually in HS) & consent of dept
	MATH 291-3	MENU: Intensive Linear Algebra & Multivariable Calculus	FE & MA	One year of calc (usually in HS) & consent of dept
Option 4	MATH 281-1 and	Accelerated Mathematics for ISP: First Year	FE & MA	Only open to ISP students
	MATH 281-2 and	Accelerated Mathematics for ISP: First Year	FE & MA	Only open to ISP students
	MATH 281-3	Accelerated Mathematics for ISP: First Year	FE & MA	Only open to ISP students
Option 5	MATH 285-1 and	Accelerated Mathematics for MMSS: First Year	FE & MA	Open only to MMSS students; First year standing in MMSS
	MATH 285-2 and	Accelerated Mathematics for MMSS: First Year	FE & MA	Open only to MMSS students; First year standing in MMSS
	MATH 285-3	Accelerated Mathematics for MMSS: First Year	FE & MA	Open only to MMSS students; First year standing in MMSS
Option 6	MATH 230-0 and	Differential Calculus of Multivariable Functions	FE & MA	MATH 214 or 224
	MATH 234-0 and	Multiple Integration and Vector Calculus	FE & MA	MATH 230
	And one of the following combinations:			
	GEN ENG 205-1 and	Engineering Analysis I	FE & MA	
	GEN ENG 205-2	Engineering Analysis II	FE & MA	C– or better in GEN ENG 205-1; MATH 220
	or			
	GEN ENG 206-1 and	Honor Engineering Analysis	FE & MA	By consent of instructor
GEN ENG 206-2	Honor Engineering Analysis	FE & MA	By consent of instructor	
Option 7	ES APPM 252-1 and	Honors Calculus for Engineers	FE & MA	Need invitation or instructor consent
	ES APPM 252-2	Honors Calculus for Engineers	FE & MA	Need invitation or instructor consent
	And one of the following combinations:			
	GEN ENG 205-1 and	Engineering Analysis I	FE & MA	
	GEN ENG 205-2	Engineering Analysis II	FE & MA	C– or better in GEN ENG 205-1; MATH 220
	or			
	GEN ENG 206-1 and	Honor Engineering Analysis	FE & MA	By consent of instructor
GEN ENG 206-2	Honor Engineering Analysis	FE & MA	By consent of instructor	

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Requirement 2: Probability (10 options)

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Option 1	MATH 310-1	Probability and Stochastic Processes	FE & MA	MATH 234 and MATH 240
Option 2	MATH 311-1	MENU Probability and Stochastic Processes	FE & MA	MATH 290-1,2,3 or 291-1,2,3 or consent of the department; MATH 320-1 or 321-1 recommended
Option 3	STAT 320-1	Stat Theory & Methods	FE & MA	STAT 202 or STAT 210; corequisite: MATH 234
Option 4	STAT 383-0	Probability and Statistics for ISP	FE & MA	Ordinarily taken only by students in ISP; permission required otherwise; MATH 281-1,2,3; PHYSICS 125-1,2,3.
Option 5	MATH 385-0	Probability and Statistics for MMSS	FE & MA	Only open to MMSS students; Second-year standing in MMSS
Option 6	IEMS 202-0	Probability	FE & MA	Concurrent enrollment in MATH 234
Option 7	EECS 302-0	Probabilistic Systems and Random Signals	FE & MA	MATH 234
Option 8	BMD_ENG 220-0	Introduction to Biomedical Statistics	FE & MA	None stated
Option 9	CHEM_ENG 312-0	Probability and Statistics for Chemical Engineering	FE & MA	MATH 220, 224, 230, 234, or equivalent
Option 10	MATH 314-0*	Probability and Statistics for Econometrics	FE & MA	MATH 234 and MATH 240 or equivalent

*MATH 314 ("Probability and Statistics for Econometrics") is a new course, designed to prepare students for ECON 381-1 and 2.

Requirement 3: Econometrics/Statistics (3 -5 options)

Options to meet CPU requirement	CPU Prereq Course	CPU Prereq Course Title	Certificate(s) Required For	NU Prereq courses for CPU Prereq Courses (from Course Catalog)
Option 1*	ECON 381-1	Econometrics	FE & MA	ECON 310-1 (ECON 310-2, 311 recommended); MATH 230, 234, 240, and 314 or equivalent (for "equivalents," refer to Econ Dep't FAQs question, "which econometrics course should I take?")
	ECON 381-2	Econometrics	FE only	ECON 381-1 (ECON 310-2, 311 recommended)
Option 2*	MATH 386-1	Econometrics for MMSS	FE & MA	Open only to MMSS students; Second-year standing in MMSS
	MATH 386-2	Econometrics for MMSS	FE only	Open only to MMSS students; Second-year standing in MMSS; MATH 386-1
Option 3^	IEMS 303-0 and	Statistics I	MA only	IEMS 202 or equivalent
	IEMS 304-0	Statistics II	MA only	IEMS 303 or equivalent
Option 4^	STAT 320-2 and	Statistical Theory and Methods II	MA only	STAT 320-1 and MATH 240
	IEMS 304-0	Statistics II	MA only	IEMS 303 or equivalent
Option 5^	STAT 320-2 and	Statistical Theory and Methods II	MA only	STAT 320-1 and MATH 240
	STAT 350-0	Regression Analysis	MA only	STAT 320-2 or equivalent
Option 6^^	STAT 383-0 and	Probability and Statistics for ISP	MA only	MATH 281-1,2,3; PHYSICS 125-1,2,3
	STAT 350-0	Regression Analysis	MA only	STAT 320-2 or equivalent
	or	Regression Analysis	MA only	STAT 320-2 or equivalent
	IEMS 304-0	Statistics II	MA only	IEMS 303 or equivalent

* Financial Economics Certificate applicants must take both classes in the sequence to fulfill Option 1 (ECON 381-1 and 2) or Option 2 (MATH 386-1 and 2) in the Econometrics/Statistics requirement. Managerial Analytics Certificate applicants only need to take the first course in Option 1 (ECON 381-1) or Option 2 (MATH 386-1).

^ Options 3, 4 and 5 are only offered to Managerial Analytics applicants. IEMS 304 and STAT 350 may be taken concurrently with CPU courses.

^^ Option 6 is only available for ISP students. IEMS 304 and STAT 350 may be taken concurrently with CPU courses.

Requirement 4: Microeconomics (2 options)

Options to meet CPU requirement	CPU Prereq Course	CPU Prereq Course Title	Certificate(s) Required For	NU Prereq courses for CPU Prereq Courses (from Course Catalog)
Option 1	ECON 310-1	Microeconomics	FE & MA	ECON 201,202, MATH 220
Option 2	MMSS 211-1	Social Science Theories & Meth-First Yr	FE & MA	Open only to MMSS students

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Requirement 5: Optimization (3 options)

Options to meet CPU requirement	CPU Prereq Course	CPU Prereq Course Title	Certificate(s)	
			Required For	NU Prereq courses for CPU Prereq Courses (from Course Catalog)
Option 1	MATH 368-0	Introduction to Optimization	MA only	MATH 258-3, 290-3, or 291-3; or both MATH 240 and 300
Option 2	IEMS 313-0	Deterministic Models & Optimization	MA only	GEN ENG 205-1; MATH 230; sophomore standing
Option 3	CHEM ENG 345-0	Process Optimization	MA only	Junior standing