

# MA241-12 Combinatorics

**22/23**

**Department**

Warwick Mathematics Institute

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 2

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

12

**Module duration**

10 weeks

**Assessment**

Multiple

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

N/A

[Module web page](#)

### Module aims

N/A

### Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

I Enumerative combinatorics

-Basic counting (Lists with and without repetitions, Binomial coefficients and the Binomial Theorem)

-Applications of the Binomial Theorem (Multinomial Theorem, Multiset formula, Principle of inclusion/exclusion)

-Linear recurrence relations and the Fibonacci numbers

-Generating functions and the Catalan numbers

-Permutations, Partitions and the Stirling and Bell numbers

## II Graph Theory

-Basic concepts (isomorphism, connectivity, Euler circuits)

-Trees (basic properties of trees, spanning trees, counting trees)

-Planarity (Euler's formula, Kuratowski's theorem, the Four Colour Problem)

-Matching Theory (Hall's Theorem and Systems of Distinct Representatives)

-Elements of Ramsey Theory

## III Boolean Functions

### Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- N/A

### Indicative reading list

Edward E. Bender and S. Gill Williamson, Foundations of Combinatorics with Applications, Dover Publications, 2006. Available online at the author's website:

<http://www.math.ucsd.edu/~ebender/CombText/>

John M. Harris, Jeffrey L. Hirst and Michael J. Mossinghoff, Combinatorics and graph theory, Springer-Verlag, 2000.

### Subject specific skills

N/A

### Transferable skills

Students will acquire key reasoning and problem solving skills which will empower them to address new problems with confidence.

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## Study

### Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	30 sessions of 1 hour (25%)
Tutorials	9 sessions of 1 hour (8%)
Private study	81 hours (68%)
Total	120 hours

### Private study description

Review lectured material and work on set exercises.

## Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

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## Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

### Assessment group D1

	Weighting	Study time
Assignments 4 fortnightly assignments during the term.	10%	
In-person Examination	90%	
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### Assessment group R

	Weighting	Study time
In-person Examination - Resit	100%	
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## Feedback on assessment

Marked assignments and exam feedback.

[Past exam papers for MA241](#)

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## Availability

## Courses

This module is Core for:

- UCSA-G4G1 Undergraduate Discrete Mathematics
  - Year 2 of G4G1 Discrete Mathematics
  - Year 2 of G4G1 Discrete Mathematics

- Year 2 of UCSA-G4G3 Undergraduate Discrete Mathematics

This module is Optional for:

- Year 2 of UCSA-I1N1 Undergraduate Computer Science with Business Studies
- USTA-G300 Undergraduate Master of Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
  - Year 3 of G300 Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
  - Year 4 of G300 Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
- Year 4 of UECA-GL12 Undergraduate Mathematics and Economics (with Intercalated Year)
- USTA-G1G3 Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat)
  - Year 2 of G1G3 Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat)
  - Year 3 of G1G3 Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat)
  - Year 4 of G1G3 Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat)
- USTA-G1G4 Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat) (with Intercalated Year)
  - Year 4 of G1G4 Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat) (with Intercalated Year)
  - Year 5 of G1G4 Mathematics and Statistics (BSc MMathStat) (with Intercalated Year)
- USTA-GG14 Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics (BSc)
  - Year 2 of GG14 Mathematics and Statistics
  - Year 2 of GG14 Mathematics and Statistics
- USTA-Y602 Undergraduate Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
  - Year 2 of Y602 Mathematics, Operational Research, Stats, Economics
  - Year 2 of Y602 Mathematics, Operational Research, Stats, Economics

This module is Core option list A for:

- UMAA-GV17 Undergraduate Mathematics and Philosophy
  - Year 2 of GV17 Mathematics and Philosophy
  - Year 2 of GV17 Mathematics and Philosophy
  - Year 2 of GV17 Mathematics and Philosophy
- Year 2 of UMAA-GV19 Undergraduate Mathematics and Philosophy with Specialism in Logic and Foundations

This module is Core option list B for:

- UMAA-GV19 Undergraduate Mathematics and Philosophy with Specialism in Logic and Foundations
  - Year 3 of GV19 Mathematics and Philosophy with Specialism in Logic and Foundations
  - Year 3 of GV19 Mathematics and Philosophy with Specialism in Logic and Foundations

This module is Core option list C for:

- Year 2 of UMAA-GV19 Undergraduate Mathematics and Philosophy with Specialism in Logic and Foundations

This module is Core option list D for:

- UMAA-GV18 Undergraduate Mathematics and Philosophy with Intercalated Year

- Year 4 of GV18 Mathematics and Philosophy with Intercalated Year
- Year 4 of GV18 Mathematics and Philosophy with Intercalated Year
- Year 4 of UMAA-GV19 Undergraduate Mathematics and Philosophy with Specialism in Logic and Foundations

This module is Option list A for:

- UMAA-G105 Undergraduate Master of Mathematics (with Intercalated Year)
  - Year 2 of G105 Mathematics (MMath) with Intercalated Year
  - Year 3 of G105 Mathematics (MMath) with Intercalated Year
  - Year 4 of G105 Mathematics (MMath) with Intercalated Year
- UMAA-G100 Undergraduate Mathematics (BSc)
  - Year 2 of G100 Mathematics
  - Year 2 of G100 Mathematics
  - Year 2 of G100 Mathematics
  - Year 3 of G100 Mathematics
  - Year 3 of G100 Mathematics
  - Year 3 of G100 Mathematics
- UMAA-G103 Undergraduate Mathematics (MMath)
  - Year 2 of G100 Mathematics
  - Year 2 of G103 Mathematics (MMath)
  - Year 2 of G103 Mathematics (MMath)
  - Year 3 of G100 Mathematics
  - Year 3 of G103 Mathematics (MMath)
  - Year 3 of G103 Mathematics (MMath)
- UMAA-G106 Undergraduate Mathematics (MMath) with Study in Europe
  - Year 2 of G106 Mathematics (MMath) with Study in Europe
  - Year 3 of G106 Mathematics (MMath) with Study in Europe
- Year 2 of UMAA-G1NC Undergraduate Mathematics and Business Studies
- Year 2 of UMAA-G1N2 Undergraduate Mathematics and Business Studies (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 2 of UMAA-GL11 Undergraduate Mathematics and Economics
- Year 2 of UECA-GL12 Undergraduate Mathematics and Economics (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 3 of UPXA-FG33 Undergraduate Mathematics and Physics (BSc MMathPhys)
- UPXA-GF13 Undergraduate Mathematics and Physics (BSc)
  - Year 3 of GF13 Mathematics and Physics
  - Year 3 of GF13 Mathematics and Physics
- UMAA-G101 Undergraduate Mathematics with Intercalated Year
  - Year 2 of G101 Mathematics with Intercalated Year
  - Year 4 of G101 Mathematics with Intercalated Year

This module is Option list B for:

- UCSA-G500 Undergraduate Computer Science
  - Year 2 of G500 Computer Science
  - Year 2 of G500 Computer Science
- UCSA-G503 Undergraduate Computer Science MEng

- Year 2 of G500 Computer Science
- Year 2 of G503 Computer Science MEng
- Year 2 of G503 Computer Science MEng
- Year 2 of USTA-G300 Undergraduate Master of Mathematics,Operational Research,Statistics and Economics
- USTA-GG14 Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics (BSc)
  - Year 3 of GG14 Mathematics and Statistics
  - Year 3 of GG14 Mathematics and Statistics
- Year 4 of USTA-GG17 Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics (with Intercalated Year)
- USTA-Y602 Undergraduate Mathematics,Operational Research,Statistics and Economics
  - Year 2 of Y602 Mathematics,Operational Research,Stats,Economics
  - Year 2 of Y602 Mathematics,Operational Research,Stats,Economics
  - Year 3 of Y602 Mathematics,Operational Research,Stats,Economics
  - Year 3 of Y602 Mathematics,Operational Research,Stats,Economics
- Year 4 of USTA-Y603 Undergraduate Mathematics,Operational Research,Statistics,Economics (with Intercalated Year)

This module is Option list E for:

- Year 3 of USTA-G300 Undergraduate Master of Mathematics,Operational Research,Statistics and Economics
- USTA-G301 Undergraduate Master of Mathematics,Operational Research,Statistics and Economics (with Intercalated
  - Year 3 of G30H Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Statistics with Mathematics Stream)
  - Year 4 of G30H Master of Maths, Op.Res, Stats & Economics (Statistics with Mathematics Stream)