

# Application to Enrol in a Mathematics Special Study Course – MATH 492/493

This application is to be filled out by students who are interested in enrolling in one of Athabasca University’s Special Study courses in Mathematics, i.e., MATH 492 or MATH 493. Each course is worth 3 credits.

**Notes:**

* Before filling out this form, first read the relevant **course syllabus** and **samples of study proposals**. Ensure that you have completed the appropriate prerequisites for your chosen topic.
* The first Special Study course you take will be given the course number MATH 492 by default. If you take a second Special Study course, it will be given the course number MATH 493. You must complete the appropriate MATH 492 course before enrolling in any subsequent MATH 493 course.
* Before you will be allowed to register in either of these project courses, the appropriate Course Coordinator must approve this application. You may submit this application to the coordinator by email. Return this application to **Dr. James Greenwood-Lee** (jgreenwoodlee@athabascau.ca).

## A. Course Information

**Name of course applied for (choose one):**

[ ]  MATH 492: Special Study I

[ ]  MATH 493: Special Study II

## B. Student Information

**1. Name**

* Usual first and last

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**2. Athabasca University student identification number**

* A prospective student can make this application without first being enrolled at Athabasca University. Such individuals may leave this section blank.

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**3. Address**

* Street address or P.O. box number

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**5. Province/state**

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**6. Postal code**

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**7. Telephone number**

* Include area code

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8. Best times to contact by telephone

* The Course Coordinator usually needs to discuss the application with each applicant. The easiest way to do this is by telephone.

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9. Email address

* Please clearly differentiate numbers 0 and 1 from letters o and l.

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10. General background and educational goals

* For example, finishing up a B.Sc., transferring last few credits to another university

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11. University-level math courses completed

* Include course name, number of credits, institution, and year completed. A copy of a transcript may be attached instead.
* You must possess prerequisites that are appropriate for the chosen topic.

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## C. Proposed Project

**1. Specific field of study and topic to be discussed**

* For example, Combinatorics, Graph Theory, Algebra, Dynamical systems, Optimization, etc.

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**2. Topics and learning outcomes**

* See the **sample project proposals** for examples.

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**3. Course materials to be used**

* For example, books, periodicals, computer programs, etc. It is your responsibility to acquire and pay for all the necessary materials.

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**4. Proposed assessment**

* For example, written report, assignment set, etc.

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## D. Project Supervisor

**1. Proposed supervisor**

* You must identify a faculty member within the Faculty of Science & Technology at Athabasca University as a potential Project Supervisor. This involves contacting this person and obtaining their tentative agreement to be a supervisor.
* If there is not an AU faculty member who possesses expertise in the proposed area of study, a co-supervisor who is not a faculty member at AU might also be necessary (see below).

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**2. Expertise of proposed co-supervisor in the area of study (if applicable)**

* If there is not an AU faculty member who possesses expertise in the proposed area of study, a co-supervisor who is not a faculty member at AU might also be necessary. At minimum, the co-supervisor must have a master’s degree in the area of study.
* Specify proposed co-supervisor’s educational qualifications and experience

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**3. Postal address of proposed co-supervisor (if applicable)**

* Street address or P.O. box number, city or town, province or state, and postal code

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**4. Telephone number of proposed co-supervisor (if applicable)**

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**5. Best times to contact proposed co-supervisor by telephone (if applicable)**

* The Course Coordinator will need to discuss the application with the proposed co-supervisor. The easiest way to do this is by telephone.

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**6. Email address** **of proposed co-supervisor (if applicable)**

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## E. Schedule

**1. Expected start date**

* Note: It usually takes at least a month from when a completed application is received to when the student can enrol in the course.

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2. Expected completion date

* Athabasca University allows students six months to complete a 3-credit course. Student loans usually restrict students to four months.
* For these courses, expect that it will take 4–6 weeks between when you first send the draft of your proposal to the Course Coordinator and when the final proposal is approved.
* These courses normally take a great deal of time; allow plenty of lead time and time for completion.

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3. Date application was submitted

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4. Student’s signature

* By submitting this application, you certify that the included information is truthful and accurate.

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