Application for Distinction in Mathematics

Return application and references to Ellen Haberoth in, RMS 307, by the last Friday in April.

Name: ___________________________________________ Advisor: ______________________________

Majors/concentrations: ____________________________________________________________________

Guidelines for Distinction in Mathematics

Satisfying each of the following criteria makes a student’s work worthy of consideration for receiving “distinction in mathematics.” These are necessary but not sufficient conditions. Under extraordinary circumstances a student not satisfying all three criteria might be considered for distinction.

a) Minimum 3.6 GPA in courses labeled MATH.

b) Significant coursework beyond the minimum mathematics major, including at least 3 MATH courses at Level III

c) Distinguished work in at least one of the following areas:

- Scholarly inquiry in mathematics or mathematics education, resulting in a paper and public presentation.
- Independent study in mathematics or mathematics education with a St. Olaf faculty member, resulting in a paper and public presentation.
- Extensive participation and significant achievement in mathematics problem-solving activities and contests. Participation should be sustained over 2 or 3 years; high scores and public presentation of solutions measure achievement.

List 300-level mathematics courses taken (if not at St. Olaf, indicate where):

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Please describe your mathematical accomplishments and/or activities that will support your case for distinction. Include scholarly activity, independent study resulting in a paper and public presentation, and participation in problem solving contests. Be sure to include titles for papers and the circumstances under which you gave presentations.

References
Two references from mathematicians familiar with your work are required. If your reference is from St. Olaf, please ask the faculty member to complete the Distinction Reference Form on the following page. If your reference is from another institution, please ask that a letter of support be emailed to the MSCS department chair. Indicate your references below.

1) Name: ____________________________ Institution: __________________

2) Name: ____________________________ Institution: __________________

Student Waiver Relating to Confidential Reference or Recommendation
I understand that the recommendation/reference may include information from my St. Olaf College transcript and from other education records held by the College. I also understand that the recommendation/reference will be confidential, and I waive any right I may have had to review it.

Student Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

Date received: ____________________ Math Program decision: ________________

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Mathematics Distinction Reference Form

Student name: _______________________________ Date: ____________

Faculty name: ______________________________

To the faculty supporter: The above named student is applying to graduate with distinction in mathematics. Please indicate your level of support for the application and provide brief comments on behalf of the student in the space provided.

___ Strongly recommend

___ Recommend

___ Do not recommend
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