



Department of Mathematics
Campus Correspondence
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To: Graduate Students in Mathematics
Re: January **Comprehensive Exams. Sign up by November 15**

The purpose of this note is to let you know that the spring **semester Comprehensive & PhD Qualifying Exams** are scheduled as shown below.

Core-I Topology	Mon., Jan. 7, 1 PM - 4 PM	285 Lockett
Core-I Analysis	Tues., Jan. 8, 1 PM - 4 PM	285 Lockett
Core-I Algebra	Thurs., Jan. 10, 1 PM - 4 PM	285 Lockett
Core-II Exams (all)	Fri., Jan. 11, 12:30 PM - 4 PM	285 Lockett

*Students who have taken or are enrolled in Core-I courses **must** sign up for all the corresponding Core-I Exams not yet passed at the intended level (MS or PhD). PhD students who have not yet completed PhD Qualifying but who have taken at least 3 of the Core-II courses must sign up also for a choice of any one of the six Core-II exams. (If no one signs up for a particular Core-II exam, then that exam will not be offered! So please make your choice of Core-II exams carefully.) If there is any doubt, **please see me as soon as possible!** Everyone needs to complete the Exams at the intended level by January of the second year of study here. If there are special circumstances justifying a delay in your case, you need to discuss them with me. If you have already begun taking Comprehensive Exams, you will probably have received instructions from the Graduate Committee. Of course, you may choose to take any exams earlier than required, without risk. Please discuss your situation with me if you are not sure what you should do.*

As most of you probably realize, passing all 3 Core-I Exams at the PhD Level plus one Core-II Exam results in a \$700 increase in the nine month standard Graduate Assistant stipend, and *also raises your priority for available summer teaching.*

To sign up, please check the appropriate line(s) below and leave the bottom part of this note in my letter box or give it to me in person. **The syllabi and test banks of sample problems** can be downloaded from the department's Web Site at [Graduate Exams](#). You will find also pdf files of recent Comprehensive Exams at this website, as well as a description of the policies governing the composition of the Core-1 Exams.

The Department encourages you to form study groups. (Please Note: It is a good idea for Study Groups to consult with appropriate faculty members if a problem seems mystifying!) If you wish to have your name released on request to other students who are planning to take the exams and who wish to form a study group, please check the appropriate line *on the next page, which you should detach and return to me!* Please keep the first page as a schedule reminder!

I am signing up for the **January 2008** tests **checked** below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Core-I Analysis
<input type="checkbox"/>	Core-I Topology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Core-I Algebra

<input type="checkbox"/>	One Core-II Subject, checked below
<input type="checkbox"/>	Math 7210
<input type="checkbox"/>	Math 7350 Complex Variables!
<input type="checkbox"/>	Math 7320
<input type="checkbox"/>	Math 7400
<input type="checkbox"/>	Math 7512
<input type="checkbox"/>	Math 7550

<input type="checkbox"/>	Initial here if you <i>would like your name released to other students</i> planning a study group.
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Name: _____

This form must be turned in by November 15 (unless you have already completed the Comprehensive Exams at the intended level)!