

Department of Mathematics
Campus Correspondence

April 30, 2015

From: Director of Graduate Studies
Dept. of Mathematics

To: Graduate Students in Mathematics

Re: **August 2015 Comprehensive/Qualifying Exams. Sign up by May 22, 2015**

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

Exam	Date and Time	Room
Analysis	Mon., Aug 17, 1PM-4PM	232 Lockett
Topology	Wed., Aug 19, 1PM-4PM	232 Lockett
Algebra	Fri., Aug 21, 1PM-4PM	232 Lockett

Students who have taken or are enrolled in the Common Core courses **must** sign up for all the corresponding Core Exams not yet passed at the intended level (MS or PhD). If there is any doubt, **please discuss this with 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 Exams at the PhD level 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, give it to me in person, or you may send me the information by email. *The syllabi and test banks of sample problems can be downloaded from the department's Web Site at [Graduate Exams](#). You will also find pdf files of recent Comprehensive Exams at this website, as well as a description of the policies governing the composition of the Core 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 this first page as a schedule reminder!

Please detach this page and turn it in!

I am signing up for the **August 2015** tests **checked** below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Algebra
<input type="checkbox"/>	Analysis
<input type="checkbox"/>	Topology

<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 should be turned in by **May 22, 2015** unless you have already completed the Comprehensive Exams at the intended level!