Fall 2021 Registration Memo

(This memo is posted at
https://www.math.fsu.edu/~mhurdal/StudentResources/Graduate/index.math)

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

July 15 – July 30: Fall registration window for current students.

July 23: Early deadline for funded students (TA, RA) to complete their registration. (Early deadline allows us to check your registration and grid for errors.)

July 23 (Noon): GRID closes. The information you provide in your GRID is final and cannot be changed after this deadline. Read the memo from Dr. Kirby about the GRID.

Aug 20: Fall Organizational Meetings for TAs, and Fall reception for all graduate students.

Aug 21 (12:01 am) - Aug 26 (11:59 pm): Drop/Add window

Aug 23: Classes begin

Aug 25: Funded students should have all Drop/Add changes complete, because this is the final day for tuition waivers to be applied

WHAT COURSES SHOULD I TAKE?

It is your responsibility to enroll in the right courses for your area, and to do so, you need to consult your director. Your director will tell you what courses need to be taken during the first two years as you complete your Master’s requirements. The area web pages also list required and elective courses. If you are in Year 3 and beyond, your primary academic advisor is your (intended) major professor, and you should discuss your courses with him or her.

WHO ARE THE DIRECTORS?

Pure Math: Dr. Ettore Aldrovandi
Applied and Computational Math: Dr. Ziad Musslimani
Financial Math: Dr. Ling Zhu
Biomath: Dr. Richard Bertram

YEAR 1 AND 2 STUDENTS

Full time students take 3 letter-graded courses for a total of 9 hours. In some areas, students must take seminars, in addition to three courses. Consult your director about the seminars you must take.

If you are a funded student (TA, RA), you may have to take 1hr Spoken English. Check with Dr. Kirby about this.

Funded students (TA, RA) must complete their qualifier exams no later than by the beginning of their fourth semester! (Please see the requirements for continued funding at: http://www.math.fsu.edu/graduate-general-info/TimelyProgress.math)
YEAR 3 STUDENTS

This is the final year students must take their Doctoral Candidacy exam to ensure their departmental funding is continued. (Please see the requirements for continued funding at: http://www.math.fsu.edu/graduate-general-info/TimelyProgress.math) The exam must be taken in Fall or Spring. Inform the Graduate Advisor, Ms. Elizabeth Scott, on the semester you are planning to take your candidacy exam. You should take at least one 3-hour course, and it could be S/U graded. Discuss with your intended major professor or director whether a second course may be beneficial for your research. The rest of the hours (for a total of 9 or 12) will come from:

i) 2-4 hours of MAT 6908: Candidacy Prep with your major professor. Ask Ms. Elizabeth Scott to make you a section;
ii) your area seminars;
iii) the Graduate Student Seminar (MAT 6939-01) run by students; and/or
iv) the departmental Colloquium (MAT 5921).

BEYOND YEAR 3

You are a doctoral candidate and have a lot of experience on registration! Talk to your major professor to see if s/he recommends you take a course. You must register for dissertation hours (at least 2) with your major prof, every semester including summer. In addition, the following requirements must be satisfied with grade of S before completing the PhD:

i) At least 24 hours of dissertation (MAT 6980),
ii) At least 2 hours of the department Colloquium (MAT 5921), and
iii) At least 3 hours of your area seminar (MAT 5939), as indicated by your director. You are encouraged (in some cases required) to take advanced seminars offered in your area each semester.

You may take additional seminars, such as the Graduate Student Seminar, as well. If you are planning to defend your dissertation, inform Ms. Elizabeth Scott about your intent, and the exact date of your defense when its scheduled.

Note that a TA/RA must register for at least 9 (international) or 12 (domestic) hours. Sometimes these numbers change, and we make the appropriate modifications explained below. If you are not a TA/RA, then the minimum number of hours you must register is:

Domestic students: 2 dissertation hours.
International students: 9 hours, until you collect 24 dissertation hours. After you reach 24 hours, the minimum enrollment is 3 hours. (For more details go to the International Students link and pick F1 or J1, at http://cge.fsu.edu)
REGISTRATION HOURS, SPECIAL NOTES

Right now, the requirement for funded in-state (Florida resident) students is 12 hours. However, this has frequently changed in the last year due to COVID-19. Therefore, the Fall enrollment requirement may change. Check for announcements from Elizabeth Scott.

If students do not correct their schedules for any reason (under enrollment, over enrollment, failure to choose a seminar, etc), the Area Director may have Elizabeth Scott make adjustments to student schedules.