Spring 2027 Registration Memo

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

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

October 5 – December 31, 2026: University registration window

November 6: Early deadline for funded students (TA, RA) to complete their registration. (Early deadline allows us to check your registration and GRIDS for errors.)

November 6 (Noon): The GRIDS closes. The information you provide in your GRID is final and cannot be changed after this deadline. Read the memo from Dr. Simmons about the GRID.

January 6, 2027 (12:01 am) – January 11, 2027 (11:59 pm): Drop/Add window

January 6, 2027: Spring classes begin

PREPARE TO REGISTER

Lift all Holds. Each semester you are expected to have health insurance coverage and to fill out the Student Financial Responsibility Agreement. See how to lift the Financial Agreement Hold: https://studentfinance.fsu.edu/student-accounts/registration-and-other-holds/financial-responsibility/student-financial

First year students, you will have a Hold if your admissions documents are not complete. Final, official transcripts are required to continue studying at FSU. Check your Holds.

WHAT COURSES SHOULD I TAKE?

It is your responsibility to enroll in the right courses for your major, 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 directors maintain web pages that explain requirements and list elective courses. Make sure you are checking your major web page. If you are in Year 3 and beyond, your primary academic advisor is your (intended) dissertation advisor, and you should discuss your courses with him or her.

If you wish to take a course outside of the College of Arts & Sciences, this now requires special permission. Let Elizabeth Scott know in a timely manner. Classes outside the College include the following: economics, finance, and engineering courses. Classes inside the College include the following: statistics, biology, chemistry, computer science, and physics. Although classes inside the College do not require special permission, it is still best practice to discuss your classes with your PhD advisor / director and staff advisor.

WHO ARE THE DIRECTORS?

Pure Math: Dr. Sam Ballas
Applied and Computational Math: Dr. Ziad Musslimani
Financial Math: Dr. Alec Kercheval. Dr. Ling Zhu is serving as interim director.
Biomath: Dr. Richard Bertram. Dr. Bhargav Karamched is serving as interim director.
Data Science: Dr. Tom Needham

REGISTRATION GUIDE, YEAR BY YEAR

YEAR 1 AND 2 STUDENTS

Full time students take 3, 3-hour, letter-graded courses for a total of 9 hours. In some majors, students must take seminars in addition to three courses. For example, **all first-year Pure students must register for MAT 5933: Introduction to Research in Spring.** Consult with your director about the seminars you must take.

If you are a TA, you may have to take 3 hour Spoken English. Check with Dr. Leah Hollingsworth about this.

Funded students (TA) must complete their qualifier exams no later than by the beginning of their fourth semester! Please see the requirements for continued funding at: https://mathematics.fsu.edu/graduate/timely-progress-and-requirements-phd-students

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 https://mathematics.fsu.edu/graduate/timely-progress-and-requirements-phd-students) Therefore, Year 3 students who have not yet passed candidacy exam must take and pass it in Spring or Summer 2027. Inform the Graduate Advisor, Ms. Elizabeth Scott, when you are planning to take your candidacy exam.

You should take at least one, 3-hour, graded course, but it could be changed to S/U grading. 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) will come from:

- 2-4 hours of MAT 6908 (Candidacy Prep). Ask Ms. Elizabeth Scott to make a section for you.
- 1 – 4 hours of MAT 5907, Directed Independent Study. Elizabeth Scott sends out the DIS form alongside this memo. If you need the DIS form again, ask Ms. Scott.
- major seminars; consult your major web page
- the departmental Colloquium (MAT 5921). (See PhD requirements in the next paragraph.)
- International students can get writing help by taking EAP 5845: Academic Writing for International Graduate Students

BEYOND YEAR 3

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

the PhD:

- At least 24 hours of dissertation (MAT 6980),
- At least 2 hours of the department Colloquium (MAT 5921)
- A note on seminar enrollment: You are expected to take advanced seminars offered in your major each semester. The amount of flexibility allowed may differ by major, but the expectation is that students will continue to enroll in seminars and/or courses while dissertating. Your major director may monitor seminar enrollment and may require you to enroll in a particular seminar.

HOW MANY HOURS DO I NEED?

Note that a TA/RA must register for at least 9 hours in order to receive a paycheck, tuition waivers, and the health insurance subsidy.

If you are not a TA/RA, then the minimum number of hours you must register for is:

- Domestic PhD students: 2 dissertation hours.
- International PhD students: 9 hours. In your final semester, you may register for 2 dissertation hours. Submit a Final Term Form to CGE. (https://cge.fsu.edu/international-students/current-students/enrollment)
- International MS students: 9 hours unless it is your final semester. Complete the Final Term Form with CGE and contact Ms. Scott to receive verification from the Dean's office. (https://cge.fsu.edu/international-students/current-students/enrollment)

Final Note: Appropriate adjustments to your registration may be made, if necessary, by the Associate Chair for Graduate Studies and the Graduate Advisor.