

Welcome!

Math Graduate Program People

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Program Timeline

- ▶ Years 1–2: pass qualifying exams (“quals”) and early coursework
- ▶ Years 3–4: choose advisor, start research, complete advanced coursework, pass preliminary PhD exam (“prelim”), Responsible Scholarship training
- ▶ Years 5–6: continue research, pass comprehensive PhD exam (“oral comps”), write and defend dissertation, find a job

Quals

- ▶ **As a first-year student, your main focus should be the qualifying exams.**
- ▶ Each student must pass two quals by start of third year:
 1. either Algebra or Analysis, and
 2. either Numerical Analysis or Probability & Statistics.
- ▶ Quals are offered every August and January
- ▶ The best way to prepare: two-semester course sequences (727/728 PS; 765/766 AN; 781/782 NA; 790/791 AL)
- ▶ Study groups in department, led by senior grad students
- ▶ Archive of previous quals currently available from [old department website](#) (location may move)

Beyond Quals

While your main focus should be the quals, you can also start planning for what comes next!

- ▶ Start thinking about [research areas](#) that interest you
- ▶ Talk to individual faculty (weekly department tea, Tue/Thu 3:30-4:00pm, Snow 406, is a great venue to talk informally with faculty and other graduate students)
- ▶ Attend bluecolloquium (Thursdays, 4-5pm, Snow 306) and perhaps a [seminar](#)

Resources for Students

- ▶ Kate, Jeremy, GSO
- ▶ Student Access Center (access.ku.edu): coordinates accommodations for students with disabilities
- ▶ Counseling and Psychological Services (caps.ku.edu): can help students with adjusting to grad school, anxiety/depression, stress, . . .
- ▶ COVID-19 information and resources: protect.ku.edu
- ▶ Many other campus resources for study skills, writing, recreation, etc.