



Department of Statistics

1220 Medical Science Center
1300 University Avenue
Madison, WI 53706-1510
(608) 262-2598

May 07, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Statistics Graduate Students

FROM: PhD Qualifying Exam Committee (Sunduz Keles, Chair; John Schuppel, Coordinator)

SUBJECT: PhD Qualifying Exam in Statistics, Fall 2018

****Please note that this memo does not apply to students who are entering the department in Summer or Fall 2018; the earliest they should attempt to take the Qualifying Exam would be in Fall 2019.**

The Statistics PhD Qualifying Exam is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 28, 2018**. Students who sign up must indicate whether they will be taking Option A (709/710) or Option B (609/610/849/850). Both options will be held in 133 SMI from 12:30-4:30 pm on August 28th. A detailed syllabus with information about the material to be tested for both options is attached to help you decide which option you will be taking.

Here are the general guidelines for the exam:

1. The exam will be closed book but you are permitted to bring one page of notes. The page of notes may be double-sided (not two one-sided pages back-to-back), and it must be handwritten, non-photocopied originals of standard size (8½" x 11").
2. No stapled sheets are permitted, and all notes will be subject to inspection by the proctors.
3. Statistical tables will be provided as needed.
4. You will need a hand calculator. The main office has hand calculators that you may check out up to one week from the exam. Checking out early is in general a good idea to familiarize yourself with the calculator. No other calculators, cell phone applications, or computers will be allowed.
5. Please check https://www.stat.wisc.edu/phd-masters/PhD_Exam_Syllabus for notes on the Departmental PhD Regulations. Note, in particular, that a student must pass the Exam within six semesters from the first fall semester of registration as a graduate student in the department. Each student may sit for the Exam a maximum of two times.

If you wish to take the PhD Qualifying Exam this Fall semester, please complete the attached registration form and return it to John Schuppel (jschuppel@stat.wisc.edu) by **12:00 am, Tuesday, May 31, 2018** (a signed and scanned form sent as a PDF is acceptable).

If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Sunduz Keles (the Qualifying Exam Committee Chair).

Attached: Registration form