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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Statistics Graduate Students

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

SUBJECT: PhD Qualifying Exam in Statistics, Fall 2019

**\*\*Please note that this memo does not apply to students who are entering the department in Summer or Fall 2019; the earliest they should attempt to take the Qualifying Exam would be in Fall 2020.**

The Statistics PhD Qualifying Exam is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 27, 2019**. 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 27<sup>th</sup>. Link to a detailed syllabus with information about the material to be tested for both options is provided below 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](https://www.stat.wisc.edu/phd-masters/PhD_Exam_Syllabus) for the syllabus and 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.
6. A no-show to the exam without a medical report will be counted as a failed attempt towards the allowed maximum number of two attempts. Under the circumstances where it is not possible to obtain/provide a medical report, the committee will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.
7. You can request withdrawal from the exam up to one week prior to the exam date by notifying the chair of the Qualifying Exam Committee with a written request. The committee will discuss the request and notify you within two business days.

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 pm, Tuesday, May 28, 2019** (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