

Meeting minutes: Graduate committee meetings January 24 and January 31, 2013

Meeting on January 24, 2013:

Begin: 3:30pm

End: 4pm

The complete committee attended.

Three graduate students have taken the qualifying examination in analysis in January 2013. The faculty involved in the grading of the exam recommended that none of the students have passed this qualifying exam. The committee approved this recommendation. The committee chair will inform the students about the results. For one student this was the last attempt for this qualifying exam, resulting in dismissal from the Ph.D. program with the end of the semester. The committee chair will inform the Graduate College accordingly.

Meeting on January 31, 2013:

Begin: 3:30pm

End: 4:30pm

The complete committee attended.

Two graduate students have taken the qualifying examination in algebra in January 2013. The faculty involved in the grading of the exam recommended that none of the students have passed this qualifying exam. The committee approved this recommendation. The committee chair will inform the students about the results.

A discussion about possible changes to the current structure of the qualifying examination ensued, including the possible introduction of a "mixed qualifying examination" and/or a mandatory first attempt within one year after admission. Several options were discussed, but no consensus on recommending a specific change to the department has been reached yet.