

Join the Putnam Exam Practice

Interested in problem-solving strategies in mathematics?

Join us for fun practice with the Putnam exam!

What is the Putnam Exam?

The William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition is a university-level mathematics contest for undergraduate students in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

When and where?

The 86th Putnam Competition will be held on Saturday, December 6th, 2025.

Our practice sessions will meet Tuesdays from 3:00 PM to 4:15 PM in Daniels Hall 209B. We will discuss some problem-solving techniques from the following books, and work on some past Putnam problems:

- *Problems-Solving Through Problems* (Loren Larson)
- *Problem-Solving Strategies* (Arthur Engel)

Some sample topics include: mathematical induction, enumerative combinatorics, the pigeonhole principle, modular arithmetic, sequences, and polynomials.

Contact us:

If you are interested in joining this learning group, please send your request to tung.nguyen@elmhurst.edu. It is perfectly fine if your goal is simply to learn some interesting mathematics and not necessarily take the Putnam Exam.