Guidelines for registering for classes
Ph.D. program, Department of Mathematics, University of Utah
2016-2017 Academic Year

Instructions for all students

- All supported Ph.D. students must register for 9 – 12 credits to receive waived tuition costs.
- Ph.D. students supported by a grant must register for 9 – 11 credits (except RTG).
- There are advantages to signing up for the minimum 9 credits, especially if you are not a resident of the state of Utah or are on a grant.
- If you are trying to get both a Ph.D. and master’s degree, there can be advantages to signing up for the maximum (usually 12) credits. Talk to me if you are unsure.
- Students supported by an RTG grant should talk with Jim Keener (Math Bio) or Ken Bromberg (Alg Geom + Top) as sometimes they should sign up for as few as 3 credits.
- All students who can are strongly encouraged to take the GSAC colloquium for 1 credit (or more, if you are doing more than just attending).
- There are many reading courses you can set up, and both official and unofficial seminars too. These should be taken for credit if you still need credits.
- There may be other classes that you are required to take for your program too (for instance in math biology, or if you are first time instructor for a lecture class).
- Students working with an advisor should usually sign up for thesis research 7970 since you need 14 credits of thesis research in order to graduate.

Additional instructions for first year students

- If you have not passed a given qualifying exam upon entrance, you need to take corresponding course.
- If you are unsure if a course is appropriate for you, talk to your faculty mentor or the instructor for the course.
- Before signing up for a seminar for credit, talk to your faculty mentor or one of the faculty members in charge of the seminar, to make sure it is appropriate for you.
- Definitely talk about your plan for courses with your faculty mentor!