

**DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN  
FALL 2021 PH.D. ORIENTATION PROGRAM**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 13**

- 9:30 – 9:45      **Introduction to Department of Mathematics**  
Zoom link: <https://illinois.zoom.us/j/81093555454?pwd=ZDBpMlFTRmxqVHMzSjgrd3ZhR0RjQT09>  
*Professor, Chair Vera Hur*  
*Professor Yuliy Baryshnikov, Director of Graduate Studies*  
*Dr. Karen Mortensen, Associate Director of Graduate Studies*  
*Professor Lee DeVille, Former Director of Graduate Studies*
- 9:45 – 10:15      **Welcome and Overview of PhD Program**  
Zoom link: <https://illinois.zoom.us/j/81093555454?pwd=ZDBpMlFTRmxqVHMzSjgrd3ZhR0RjQT09>  
*Professor Yuliy Baryshnikov, Director of Graduate Studies*
- 11:15 – 12:00      **Tour of Altgeld and Coble Halls** – meet in lecture hall 314 Altgeld  
*Kesav Krishnan, Shukun Wu*
- 12:00 – 1:00      **Pick up box lunches and packets** (Outside 267 Altgeld Hall)  
Please find a place to eat outside, or in the lower level of Illini Union, with your fellow students
- 1:15 – 2:00      **Policies and Resources:**  
Zoom link: <https://illinois.zoom.us/j/82315240371?pwd=WXUvUUJkc3NDcXZOeUpmbStET3AwUT09>  
*Dr. Karen Mortensen, Associate Director of Graduate Studies*  
*Professor Lee DeVille, Former Director of Graduate Studies*
- 2:00 – 3:10      **Panel: Illinois Geometry Lab (IGL)**  
Zoom link: <https://illinois.zoom.us/j/86746545536?pwd=SXpVd3lOZVZLVTFkdGpaWVhwSlduUT09>  
*Colleen Robichaux, Nachiketa Adhikari, Bob Krueger, Oscar Gonzalez*

**MONDAY, AUGUST 16**

- 9:30 – 12:30      **Comprehensive Exam - Math 540** – (245 Altgeld Hall) Optional
- 1:00 – 4:00      **Practice Teaching** (see enclosed schedule)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 17**

- 9:30 – 12:30      **Comprehensive Exam Math 500** – (245 Altgeld Hall) Optional
- 9:30 – 12:00      **Advising Sessions** (see enclosed schedule)

- After your advising session, you should register for classes through UI Self-Service. <https://apps.uillinois.edu/selfservice/index.html>. If you haven't already registered!
- First Year PhD students must register for Math 499 (1 hour) in addition to their regular courses.
- Course descriptions can be found at:
- <https://math.illinois.edu/system/files/2021-04/Fall%202021%20Grad%20Course%20Descriptions.pdf>
- <https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/2021/fall/MATH>

- 12:00 – 1:00 International TAs only: please see the enclosed green schedule on the “Graduate Symposium, required sessions for ITAs” (via zoom)
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## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

- 9:00 – 12:00 **Comprehensive Exam Math 542** – (245 Altgeld Hall) Optional
- 10:30 – 11:30 **Panel: Faculty Question & Answer for Grad Students**  
Zoom link: <https://illinois.zoom.us/j/85832582024?pwd=ZWsvQmlRT0hNbmbhOZnBqb2U2MVY5UT09>  
*Professors Jared Bronski, Bruce Reznick, Rick Laugesen*
- 12:00 – 1:00 **Introduction to Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM)**- all genders welcome  
Zoom link: <https://illinois.zoom.us/j/88914998303?pwd=aDZ4VzQrazJPaWRqNjBVWnB5WUtrUT09>  
*Manisha Garg, Grace Jaffe, Hanna Kim, Grace McCourt, Mina Nahvi, and Yansy Perez*
- 1:15 – 2:00 **Funding Opportunities for PhD Students**  
Zoom link: <https://illinois.zoom.us/j/81814031632?pwd=Wi9lR2JoN3lTR094OC9iUEV6UTZMdz09>  
*Professor Yuliy Baryshnikov, Director of Graduate Studies*  
*Dr. Karen Mortensen, Associate Director of Graduate Studies*
- 2:00 – 3:00 **Panel: Grad Student Question & Answer**  
Zoom link: <https://illinois.zoom.us/j/88298202128?pwd=SjdYMUptTk9PZjhyelV3VUNPT0RzUT09>  
*Shiliang Gao, Mina Nahvi, Doron Grossman-Naples, Manisha Garg*
- 3:00 – 4:00 **GEO Presentation** (Graduate Employees’ Organization)  
Zoom Link: <https://illinois.zoom.us/j/82768162229?pwd=SFBwWmJreStYZEg4M0Q0amxmUk15UT09>  
*Grace McCourt and Maddie Faris*

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

- 12:30-4:30 **TA Training** (Required for First Time TAs) (314 Altgeld Hall)
- The schedule for the TA training will be sent to you via your Illinois email account once it is set.  
Please make sure to show up at the designated time.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

- 10:00 **TA Training** (Required for all TAs) (314 Altgeld Hall)

# **SATURDAY, AUGUST 21**

**AWM sponsored picnic at Westside Park, 5-7pm (See flyer in folder)**

## **Additional Resources:**

### **Orientation videos and documents:**

The International Students Office has assembled many helpful videos and resources for incoming graduate students. All students, whether US or international, can access these resources here:

<https://uofi.app.box.com/s/zh93zyu6u99dk3tvzac2aomz30mb4xci>.

The Graduate College also has a collection of helpful links for new graduate students. See

<https://grad.illinois.edu/gradmap/welcome> .

International graduate students can register for an optional online orientation Aug. 18, 10am-1pm. See

[https://isss.illinois.edu/students/incoming/orientation/grad\\_orientation.html](https://isss.illinois.edu/students/incoming/orientation/grad_orientation.html) to register.

### **Take a virtual tour of the Math Library:**

<https://www.library.illinois.edu/mtx/about/>