



**Newsletter for New Graduate Students
Department of Mathematics**

Early Summer 2025

Welcome to UK Mathematics! As a new graduate student, you are indeed a part of a talented group of students. We are excited to be part of your journey and hope the information in this Early Summer newsletter will make the beginning of graduate school a little smoother. You will receive another newsletter in mid-July with details on “start of program” information!

By now, or very soon, you should have received a letter from the Graduate School. Please complete any requests stated in this letter.

Set up your online accounts:

You will find your Student ID and the User ID in your Graduate School acceptance letter.

Activate your LinkBlue account (you will use this for registering for classes, viewing grades, and other student computing resources.) Go to: <http://www.uky.edu/its/customer-support-student-it-enablement/customer-services/linkblue-account> If you need help setting up your account or email, please send an email to 218HELP@uky.edu or call 859-218-HELP (4357) or view the tutorial https://uky.service-now.com/techhelp?id=kb_article&sysparm_article=KB0011413

If you still need to submit your final transcripts, send to gradtranscripts@uky.edu

Find a place to live. If you have not yet arranged for housing in Lexington, you may be interested in a survey of our current graduate students about their impressions of various apartments and houses they have leased in the Lexington area – <https://www.ms.uky.edu/~gsc/resources.php> Occasionally there are current graduate students who may be looking for a roommate(s). If you are interested in this option, let me know and we will connect you. The University Housing Office also provides information about graduate student housing – both on-campus and off-campus <https://www.uky.edu/housing/about-graduate-family-housing>

August Dates: Attached you will find the August calendar with the events listed which you will need to attend.

- The Graduate School will have required in-person TA Orientation, Tuesday & Wednesday, August 12-13, along with online components.
- Math Early-Orientation, August 12-15 (Tuesday – Friday), is optional (although **highly recommended**) for all new graduate students.
- Math Department Orientation on Monday & Tuesday, August 18-19, with advising/registration meetings on Aug 20, is **required** for new graduate students.
- Back-to-School Meetings on Thursday, August 21, are mandatory.

If you have any questions throughout the summer, send Rejeana Cassady rejeana.cassady@uky.edu or Ben Braun benjamin.braun@uky.edu (through June 30) or Bert Guillou bertguillou@uky.edu an email and we will be happy to assist you!