

TA Duties and Responsibilities

of

Math Graduate Students

Core TA Job Duties:

- Meeting with the instructor or the course head once a week;
- Full time TAs: Holding two 50-minute discussion sections per week;
- A full time TA is required to hold three office hours (combined for both sections) per week. A half-time TA assisting with only one discussion section per week is required to hold two office hours per week.
- Grading of weekly quizzes or homework problem sets (but not both) and entering grades on Canvas;
- Proctoring and grading of all midterms and entering grades;
- Proctoring and grading of the final and entering grades.

1st Year Grader Duties:

- Proctoring and grading of all midterms and of the final for the assigned course.

TA and 1st Year Grader Responsibilities:

- It is the responsibility of a TA or grader to find out about exam proctoring and grading times ahead of time and to arrange his/her schedule to avoid any time conflicts during these times.
- A TA or grader must be reachable through his/her department e-mail and must answer all queries from the instructor or course head in a timely manner (certainly within 24 hours).
- A TA or grader must grade papers according to a rubric developed by or with the instructor or course head.

- All substitutions must be requested at least two weeks in advance and must be approved in writing (e.g., by e-mail) by the instructor and course head.
- Any absence due to an emergency (such as sudden illness) must be reported immediately to the instructor and course head with cc to the staff (staff@math.northwestern.edu).

Please note: Failure of a TA to complete these duties and responsibilities constitutes delinquency and may result in punitive action by the department or the graduate school.

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