TA Duties and Responsibilities

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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;
• Office hours for full-time TAs: Holding three office hours (combined for both sections) per week;
• Office hours for half-time TAs: Holding 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 the final exam and entering exam grades on Canvas;

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 at 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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