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Welcome!

We are happy that you have decided to begin graduate studies in Mathematics at the University of Kansas. We have a number of meetings and activities designed to help you as you begin your graduate studies. Please read through the linked materials carefully.

As the Director of Graduate Studies, I am the initial advisor for all incoming students. You are welcome to meet with me to discuss any aspect of the graduate program you might have questions about. I have already met with many of you via Zoom to discuss course selection for the upcoming year. Because the Mathematics Department needs to know your class schedule as soon as possible, I would like to meet with each incoming student no later than August 12. If you have not already done so, please contact me by email at jlmartin@ku.edu to arrange an appointment. I can also be reached by telephone at (785) 864-7114. My office is 618 Snow.

Kate Pleskac is the Graduate Academic Advisor for the Department. She can help you with issues such as enrollment, employment, graduation requirements, and other resources for graduate students. Kate can be reached at kate.pleskac@ku.edu or (785) 864-6653. Her office is 433 Snow.

When you first come to the Mathematics Department, check in with the office staff (405 Snow). They will help you find the right people to talk with you about your GTA appointment, your office, your departmental mailbox, your e-mail account, etc.

If you are an international student, please note that International Student Orientation (“You at KU”) is mandatory. You have probably already been notified, but here is the link: <https://iss.ku.edu/newly-admitted-orientation>. The Mathematics Department will prepay your orientation fee, but you will have to cover your housing. The orientation will be online this year from the period of July 20-August 24.

Finally, note that all new GTAs are expected to complete the New GTA Conference which is being held online. Some of the components are available beginning on August 10. The Essential Modules is available on August 18 and must be completed by August 23. Failure to complete this module by August 23 could result in termination of your GTA appointment. The Mathematics Department will hold mandatory meetings the week of August 17. If visa problems prevent you from being here by that date, contact Professor Weizhang Huang, Department Chair (whuang@ku.edu) and myself immediately.

We have posted at [Resources for New Graduate Students](#) important information that you will need to plan your arrival and the first two weeks at the University of Kansas.

For non-GTAs, there is optional student health insurance available. To find more information and to register after you have enrolled in your classes, please visit <https://humanresources.ku.edu/graduate-student-health-insurance>.

As the Director of Graduate Studies, I am always happy to answer any questions you have about the graduate program and your progress through it. If there is anything I can do to help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Martin
Professor of Mathematics
Director of Graduate Studies