

**GENERAL EXAM CHECKLIST**  
**Department of Mathematics, University of Washington**

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- Be registered for the quarter in which you plan to take the general exam
- 60 credits must be completed (in-progress credits are allowed)
- Complete all Mathematics Program Requirements:
  - o Three years of full-time study (two of which must be at the UW)
  - o Two three-quarter sequences of [core mathematics courses](#)
  - o Pass two [preliminary exams](#)

**4 months prior to exam:**

- Establish a [supervisory committee](#). Consult with your research adviser for the members of this committee. Inform Sarah Garner ([sterrs@uw.edu](mailto:sterrs@uw.edu)) of your committee members once you have their agreement to serve. The committee must include:
  - o A minimum of four members: Chair, Graduate School Representative (GSR), and 2 additional members (one of which must be a member of the [graduate faculty](#)).

**1 month prior:**

- Set an exam day and time with your committee.
- Collect and collate concurrences (email OK) from all faculty on the supervisory committee, indicating their agreement on the requested date and time. Forward emails to Sarah Garner ([sterrs@uw.edu](mailto:sterrs@uw.edu)) for approval records.
- Submit the exam request online (<http://www.grad.washington.edu/mygrad/student.htm>)

**2 weeks prior:**

- Provide the *General Paper* to your committee.

**1 week prior:**

- Your committee will decide if you are ready to complete the general exam.
- You should receive an email approving your exam request.

**After the exam:**

- You will receive an email with the outcome of your exam.
- If you pass, you may request your masters degree if you have not already received it: <http://www.grad.washington.edu/mygrad/student.htm>
- You should register for MATH 800 dissertation credits starting the quarter after you pass your general exam.
- You will be promoted to PDTA II and receive a salary raise in the next quarter after you pass.
- Approximately 4 months after passing the General Exam, you will receive your candidate certificate in the mail.