Date:    February 4, 2020

To:       Physics Graduate Students, Faculty and Administrators

From:     Prof. Giovanni Ossola, Qualifying Exam Committee Chair

Re:       Summer 2020 Physics First Examination (Qualifying Exam)

The Physics First Examination (Qualifying Exam) is scheduled to be administered in 2 sessions during the
month of June 2020. Each session will be a test of 2 subject areas over a 4-hour period. Please see details
below for exam dates, times, locations and registration.

A note to all 1st-year doctoral students: You are required to take the June 2020 Qualifying Exam.1

Examination Schedule, Subject Areas & Room Locations

• Session #1:   Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M., Room # C202/C203/C204/C205
• Session #2:   Wednesday, June 17, 2020, 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M., Room # C202/C203/C204/C205

• Classical Mechanics
• Electricity and Magnetism

• Session #1

• Quantum Mechanics
• Statistical Mechanics

• Session #2

Exam Location (both sessions) – see above for room locations

The Graduate Center CUNY
365 5th Avenue, New York, NY 10016 (entrance at 5th Ave, between 34th & 35th Streets)

Registration Instructions & Exam Procedures

To register for this exam, please contact Daniel Moy at the Graduate Center’s Doctoral Physics Program office
via e-mail at DMoy@gc.cuny.edu. E-mail registration is requested.

Upon registration, doctoral students will be assigned a Registration Number and provided with exam
instructions by e-mail. Please note that your Registration Number must be used on all exam papers. DO
NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ON ANY OF YOUR ANSWER SHEETS.

Special Note: CCNY master’s students must request registration through Prof. Timothy Boyer (tboyer@ccny.cuny.edu). If you have been accepted into the CUNY Ph.D. Physics Program and wish to have your exam graded on a doctoral basis, you must inform Prof. Boyer in advance of the above exam dates and take all 4 subject tests on the above dates.

Past exams may be found at the Physics website: The Graduate Center, CUNY - Past 1st Examination Exams (https://www.gc.cuny.edu/Page-Elements/Academics-Research-Centers-Initiatives/Doctoral-Programs/Physics/Qualifying-Exam).

1 Exception: if you passed the exam in January 2020 or another previous time.