Date: October 9, 2019
To: Physics Graduate Students, Faculty and Administrators
From: Prof. Giovanni Ossola, Qualifying Exam Committee Chair
Re: Winter 2020 Physics First Examination

The Physics First Examination (Qualifying Exam) is scheduled to be administered in 2 sessions during the month of January 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.

Note to doctoral students who did not pass the June 2019 exam: You are required to take the January 2020 exam.

Note to all 1st-year doctoral students: You are required to take the June 2020 Qualifying Exam. However, you may take this January Exam in lieu of the June exam if you believe you are adequately prepared and obtain written approval of the Executive Officer. Sitting for this exam will count as your first attempt.

Examination Schedule, Subject Areas & Room Locations

- Session #1: Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 10:00 A.M.– 2:00 P.M., Room # 9205
- Session #2: Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 10:00 A.M.– 2:00 P.M., Room # 9205

- 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: telephone - 212 817-8650; e-mail - dmoy@gc.cuny.edu. E-mail registration is required.

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 to City College of New York master’s students: you must request registration through Prof. Timothy Boyer (tboyer@ccny.cuny.edu).

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