Frequently Asked Questions by incoming/potential graduate students

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Please consult the departmental webpage for general information about the department, graduate courses and requirements, and the faculty and their research interests.

Is it possible to defer my admission?

You may defer your admission one time for up to one year. After one year it is necessary to submit a new application.

I have been accepted to a graduate program in the Math department. Now what?

We fully realize that once accepted incoming students are anxious to get everything ready for their first quarter of study.

The first order of business is to pay your deposit, which confirms your intention to enroll. Instructions on how to pay your deposit come from the Office of Graduate Studies and are included in the materials sent with your acceptance letter.

When will I receive information about registering for classes?

Information on how and when you can register will be provided by the Office of Graduate Studies. Information about the registration process is typically sent out to confirmed incoming students around July 15th, and registration time tickets are typically issued around August 1st.

Do I need health insurance? What health insurance options are available?

All students enrolled for one or more hours of graded credit at the University of Denver must carry adequate health insurance. To better serve our students, the university offers several health insurance options. Students who already have health insurance can opt out of the University insurance plan.

The Health and Counseling Center verifies health insurance information for confirmed students and will likely contact you during the summer to ensure that all your health insurance requirements are in place.

Where should I live? Is on-campus housing available?

DU offers several housing and meal plan options for graduate students. For more information visit http://www.du.edu/housing/grad/index.html.

In addition to DU housing there are many off-campus housing options near campus.
Who is my advisor?

Upon your acceptance you will be assigned an advisor within the department. We highly recommend contacting your advisor before coming to campus. They will be able to provide additional information to you about the program and your course of study. As you develop your research interests it is often the case that a student’s advisor may change.

Can I visit the campus/department before the fall quarter?

You can contact the Math department directly to set up a visit. This is especially useful during the summer when faculty members are not around on a daily basis and helps everyone to coordinate schedules.

Is there an orientation I can attend?

Yes. The Office of Graduate Studies offers an orientation for incoming graduate students in the fall. This typically takes place at the start of the Fall Quarter. As an incoming student, you will receive more information about this event from Graduate Studies.

The Math Department also holds its own orientation for the program. This typically takes place at the start of the Autumn Quarter. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, and to meet Faculty, staff, and current graduate students. You will receive additional information about the departmental orientation as details are finalized.

What is the Quarter System and how does it differ from the Semester System?

At the University of Denver the academic school year is broken up into three academic quarters – Autumn, Winter, and Spring. Each quarter is ten (10) weeks in length. Most schools on the semester system have 2 semesters that are fifteen weeks in length. The quarter system allows the university to offer, and students to take a broader range of courses over the same period of time than at a semester school. A limited number of undergraduate courses are also offered during the Summer quarter. More information about the academic calendar is available from the Registrar.