First-Year Graduate Seminar, MATH:5900  
Course meeting time and place: 3:30P – 4:20P in 218 MLH  
Department of Mathematics: [https://math.uiowa.edu/](https://math.uiowa.edu/)

Course ICON site: To access the course site, log into Iowa Courses Online (ICON) [https://icon.uiowa.edu/index.shtml](https://icon.uiowa.edu/index.shtml) using your Hawk ID and password.

Course Home  
The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) is the home of this course, and CLAS governs the policies and procedures for its courses. Graduate students, however, must adhere to the academic deadlines set by the Graduate College.

Instructor: Ryan Kinser  
Office location: 14A for Ryan  
Student drop-in hours: whenever door is open and I’m not speaking with someone else (Students are invited to drop by during these hours to discuss questions about the course material or concerns. I am also available by appointment if you are unable to attend my drop-in hours.)  
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DEO: same person

Description of Course  
Seminar for first-year graduate students in Mathematics and Applied Mathematical and Computational Sciences.

Learning Objectives  
The students will be introduced to important aspects of graduate school in mathematical sciences, particularly related to teaching, research, and career planning.

Textbook/Materials  
All materials will appear on ICON.

Academic Honesty and Misconduct  
All students in CLAS courses are expected to abide by the CLAS Code of Academic Honesty. Undergraduate academic misconduct must be reported by instructors to CLAS according to these procedures. Graduate academic misconduct must be reported to the Graduate College according to Section F of the Graduate College Manual.

Student Complaints
Students with a complaint about a grade or a related matter should first discuss the situation with the instructor and/or the course supervisor (if applicable), and finally with the Director or Chair of the school, department, or program offering the course.

Undergraduate students should contact CLAS Undergraduate Programs for support when the matter is not resolved at the previous level. Graduate students should contact the CLAS Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Outreach and Engagement when additional support is needed.

Drop Deadline for this Course
You may drop an individual course before the deadline; after this deadline you will need collegiate approval. You can look up the drop deadline for this course here. When you drop a course, a “W” will appear on your transcript. The mark of “W” is a neutral mark that does not affect your GPA. Directions for adding or dropping a course and other registration changes can be found on the Registrar’s website. Undergraduate students can find policies on dropping and withdrawing here. Graduate students should adhere to the academic deadlines and policies set by the Graduate College.

Grading System and the Use of +/-
Offered on S-U basis only for all students

Course Grades
Final course grades will be assessed on the following scale.
Satisfactory (S): All activities completed, no absences unless properly excused
Unsatisfactory (U): otherwise

Date and Time of the Final Exam
There is no final exam

Calendar of Course Assignments and Exams
A detailed course calendar can be found on ICON under “Syllabus”.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Course Policies

Attendance and Absences
University regulations require that students be allowed to make up examinations which have been missed due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances. Students with mandatory religious obligations or UI authorized activities must discuss their absences with me as soon as possible. Religious obligations must be communicated within the first three weeks of classes. No course meetings or assignments should be missed except under extreme circumstances, which should be communicated to Prof. Kinser as soon as possible.

Exam Policies

Communication: UI Email
Students are responsible for all official correspondences sent to their UI email address (uiowa.edu) and must use this address for any communication with instructors or staff in the UI community.

University Policies

- Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
- Basic Needs and Support for Students
- Classroom Expectations
- Exam Make-up Owing to Absence
- Free Speech and Expression
- Mental Health
- Military Service Obligations
- Non-discrimination
- Religious Holy Days
- Sexual Harassment/Misconduct and Supportive Measures
- Sharing of Class Recordings