

## **MATH 791: Graduate Seminar** *Fall 2020 Graduate Course Syllabus*

**NJIT Academic Integrity Code:** All Students should be aware that the Department of Mathematical Sciences takes the University Code on Academic Integrity at NJIT very seriously and enforces it strictly. This means that there must not be any forms of plagiarism, i.e., copying of homework, class projects, or lab assignments, or any form of cheating in quizzes and exams. Under the University Code on Academic Integrity, students are obligated to report any such activities to the Instructor.

### **COURSE INFORMATION**

**Course Description:** All master's and doctoral students receiving departmental or research-based awards must register for this course each semester.

This course is a zero-credit seminar course, mandatory for all supported PhD students. The aim of the course is to introduce PhD students to methods of mathematical and interdisciplinary research by means of seminars and (for the enhanced mode) accompanying reading. The enhanced mode is specifically designed to familiarize students with the research of DMS faculty members, to better equip them to choose a thesis advisor.

**Number of Credits:** 0

**Prerequisites:** Registration in the Ph.D. program or departmental approval.

**Course-Section and Instructors**

Course-Section	Instructor
Math 791-001	Professor S. Afkhami

**Office Hours for All Math Instructors:** [Fall 2020 Office Hours and Emails](#)

**Materials:** There is no textbook for this course. First year PhD students who take the enhanced mode of the course (described below) will be expected to read the materials accompanying the faculty lectures as directed.

**University-wide Withdrawal Date:** The last day to withdraw with a **W** is **Monday, November 9, 2020**. It will be strictly enforced.

### **COURSE OUTLINE: BASIC MODE AND ENHANCED MODE**

**Basic Mode:** Full-time PhD students in or beyond their second year of study take the basic mode of this course. This consists of attendance at the weekly Applied Math colloquium, which is presented by invited speakers of national and international repute. Students must submit short (between 1 paragraph and one page) written reports on the seminars through the provided web-based interface, no later than one week after the seminar takes place.

Details of the seminar schedule may be found at the Departmental Applied Math Colloquium webpage, or at the Applied Math Colloquium Google Calendar, which will be shared with registered students.

**Enhanced Mode:** In addition to the requirements of the Basic Mode outlined above, students in their first year on the PhD program will attend a series of faculty research talks, held approximately every second week. Faculty members who give these talks will provide accompanying reading.

Details of the faculty talks will be posted on the Applied Math Colloquium Google Calendar, which will be shared with registered students.

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## POLICIES

**DMS Course Policies:** All DMS students must familiarize themselves with, and adhere to, the **Department of Mathematical Sciences Course Policies**, in addition to official **university-wide policies**. DMS takes these policies very seriously and enforces them strictly.

### Basic Mode Grading Policy

Written Reports for Colloquium	100%
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### Enhanced Mode Grading Policy

Written Reports for Colloquium	35%
Written Report for Chosen Faculty Talk	35%
Attendance at Faculty Talk	30%

### Grade Scale

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**Attendance Policy:** Attendance at all classes will be recorded and is **mandatory**. Please make sure you read and fully understand the **Math Department's Attendance Policy**. This policy will be strictly enforced.

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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**Accommodation of Disabilities:** Disability Support Services (DSS) offers long term and temporary accommodations for undergraduate, graduate and visiting students at NJIT.

If you are in need of accommodations due to a disability please contact Chantonette Lyles, Associate Director of Disability Support Services at 973-596-5417 or via email at [lyles@njit.edu](mailto:lyles@njit.edu). The office is located in Kupfrian Hall, Room 201. A Letter of Accommodation Eligibility from the Disability Support Services office authorizing your accommodations will be required.

For further information regarding self identification, the submission of medical documentation and additional support services provided please visit the Disability Support Services (DSS) website at:

- <https://www.njit.edu/studentsuccess/accessibility/>

**Important Dates** (See: **Fall 2020 Academic Calendar, Registrar**)

Date	Day	Event
September 1, 2020	T	First Day of Classes
September 5, 2020	S	Saturday Classes Begin

September 7, 2020	M	Labor Day
September 8, 2020	T	Monday Classes Meet
September 8, 2020	T	Last Day to Add/Drop Classes
November 9, 2020	M	Last Day to Withdraw
November 25, 2020	W	Friday Classes Meet
November 26-29, 2020	R - Su	Thanksgiving Recess - University Closed
December 10, 2020	R	Last Day of Classes
December 11 & 14, 2020	F & M	Reading Days
December 15 - 21, 2020	F - R	Final Exam Period

## Course Outline

**\*Events:** Dates subject to change. Faculty seminars (FS) will be announced by email to class members.

Week	Day	Event*
1	Monday	2:30PM - 3:30PM
	Friday	11:30AM - 1:00PM

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