

To: Graduate Affairs Chair
RE: Foreign Language Requirement

The department expects Ph.D. candidates to be able to read mathematical material in a second language selected from French, German, or Russian. The purpose of the foreign language requirement is that you learn to accurately decipher *mathematics* written in a foreign language.

To satisfy the Language Requirement, set up a meeting with a faculty member of your choice who works in the area of mathematics that you wish to specialize in. This is typically your Ph.D. advisor if you have already formed your Ph.D. committee, or someone who you would like to ask to become your Ph.D. advisor if you have not yet found one.

During the meeting, you should get advice as to a suitable paper or part of a book written in French, German or Russian that would be mathematically valuable for you to study. You should then aim to read, translate, and digest the mathematics contained in the paper or book, hopefully acquiring the necessary skill to read the foreign language while at the same time learning some useful mathematics. You should meet again with the faculty member to discuss the mathematics after you are satisfied that you understand the material. When the faculty member has verified that you have successfully understood the material, he or she will sign below.

I confirm that _____ has fulfilled the
(Student name)

Mathematics Graduate Student Foreign Language Requirement in the

following language: _____.

Faculty printed name

Faculty signature

Date

Return from to Graduate Coordinator upon completion

The language requirement must be completed before an oral examination can be scheduled