

Dear Part II mathematicians

This message contains important information about the conventional, in-person, classed examination in Part II.

DATES FOR THE EXAMS

The Faculty has now received confirmation from the University that the intention will be to hold these exams at the following times:

9:00 am Tuesday 8th September,
9:00 am Wednesday 9th September, 1:30 pm Thursday 10th September, 1:30 pm Friday 11th September.

The venue for most candidates is expected to be the Sports Hall. Special arrangements of the usual kinds, including alternative venues, will apply for those candidates with approved examination adjustments.

The Faculty will do its best to avoid changes to the dates and times above, but this cannot be guaranteed, given the unpredictable nature of the Covid-19 epidemic.

NEXT STEPS

Details of all students who have registered to take the conventional exam have been sent to the University Exams Office and from there to college Tutorial Offices. Students should therefore expect to be contacted by their colleges in the near future, to make arrangements for returning to Cambridge.

Some of the standard exam hall protocols and procedures will require modification, to ensure a safe environment for candidates and attendants. The University will be taking steps to put necessary precautions in place and further information will be provided once the details are confirmed.

UIS ACCOUNTS

UIS computing accounts for Part II Maths students should remain operational until after the exams are complete. Please use your crsid@cam e-mail address when communicating with the Faculty.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CONVENTIONAL EXAM

If you have registered to take the conventional exam but change your mind, you can withdraw. It is very important that you inform the Faculty of your decision to withdraw by e-mailing the Undergraduate Office <mailto:undergrad-office@maths.cam.ac.uk> as well as your college Tutorial Office.

EXAMINATION OUTCOMES: RESULTS AND TRANSCRIPTS (A REMINDER)

The conventional Part II exam will consist of four three-hour written papers of the form described in the Schedules. Candidates will be classed 1, 2i, 2ii, 3, or fail, as usual, but there will be no recommendation or restriction on the percentage of candidates who can be awarded any given class. Classing will be based on the academic standard of individual performances, with reference to the qualitative attainment criteria in the Schedules. Any credit from the Computational Projects will contribute to the conventional exam in the usual way.

A student who has passed the June online exam will have been awarded their class in Part IB as their class in Part II. Their University transcript (as displayed on CamSIS) will now show just this class, with no UMS percentage or rank.

If a student obtains a class in the conventional exam that is better than their IB result, then their class in Part II will be upgraded. If, however, they obtain a class that is the same or worse, then they will retain their IB result as their class in Part II. Thus, a student cannot be awarded a worse class in Part II by sitting the conventional exam.

Irrespective of what happens to their class, a student who sits the conventional exam will have a UMS percentage added to their transcript, corresponding to their performance in the conventional exam. No rank will be recorded.

The arrangements above are in accordance with the University safety-net policy for classed exams:
<https://www.educationalpolicy.admin.cam.ac.uk/covid-19>

With best wishes,
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