To: First Year Students  
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Subject: Crucial Dates

1. The June Preliminary Examinations will be held on the following dates:
   (a) Microeconomics: June 2, 2014.
   (b) Macroeconomics: June 4, 2014.
   (c) Econometrics: June 6, 2014.

2. The August Preliminary Examinations will be held on the following dates:
   (a) Microeconomics: August 4, 2014.
   (b) Macroeconomics: August 6, 2014.
   (c) Econometrics: August 8, 2014.


   Important: All teaching assistants must attend the School of Arts and Sciences mandatory TA training sessions mentioned above. In addition, all TA’s are expected to be available the week before teaching starts to aid instructors in course preparation.

5. Fluency of English in the Classroom certification: All non-native English speakers must be certified by ELP (English Language Programs) in order to be supported as a TA. The dates for the certification tests are:
   (a) Speak test:
      i. December 6, 2013,
      ii. April 18, 2014, and
      iii. August 12, 2014.
   (b) Interactive Performance Test:
      i. December 10, 2013,
      ii. April 28&29, 2014, and
      iii. August 14, 2014.

   Every non-native English speaker must attempt to become certified by the end of April 2014. In particular, all such students must take the Speak test no later than April 2014, and if failed must take the Interactive Performance Test by end of April 2014. Any non-native English speaker who fails to be certified by the start of academic year 2014-2015 is ineligible for support from the Graduate Group and Department.

   Any international student who has a score of 27 or above in the speak section of the TOEFL test may bring their TOEFL test score results to the English Language Programs Office and may be granted certification of fluency based on these test results alone.