

## Fall 2007 ScD Quals Schedule

Algorithms:	September 15, 2007 (Saturday)
Languages:	September 16, 2007 (Sunday)
Foundations:	September 22, 2007 (Saturday)
Area Exam:	To Be Arranged with Area Thesis Advisors

All three core exams will take place in OS 311 from 1 pm to 4pm.

Students who wish to take the quals must sign up with **Dr. G. Pecelli** ([giam@cs.uml.edu](mailto:giam@cs.uml.edu)) on or before **August 29, 2007**. Please indicate what parts you want to take and include your student ID.

According to the current quals policy,

- A student who has obtained a grade of at least A- in the corresponding course for a qualifying exam is exempt from taking that qualifying exam except in the case that the student has already taken and failed that exam. This proviso applies to courses taken no earlier than Fall 2006.
- A student must pass all core exams in the maximum of three consecutive offerings of the quals.
- Once started, a student must take the exams consecutively during each given offering, unless the student has already passed all the core exams; during each offering, a student must take at least two exams, unless the student has already passed two core exams and has only one core exam remaining to take or re-take.
- The Area Exam can be taken whenever the student and the prospective advisor think is the right time.
- A student is allowed at most two consecutive attempts to pass each part of the quals. That is, if a student fails a part on the first attempt, the student is allowed only one more attempt to pass it in the next offering.
- If for any personal reason a student cannot take an exam that he or she has signed up for, it is the student's responsibility to provide written documentation on the reason for his or her absence for approval. Otherwise, the student will automatically receive a failing grade for the exam.
- For any exception you must first obtain Graduate Committee approval.

For more information, please check

<http://www.cs.uml.edu/~wang/quals/quals.html>

and

<http://www.cs.uml.edu/~giam/Qualifiers/>

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