

The 81st 

William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition

Date: February 20 (Saturday), 2021
Time: TBD
Location: Online
Host: KU Department of Mathematics



If you like math and enjoy problem solving, this challenging competition is for you. We invite you to participate! The competition is free and open to **all KU undergraduates** who do not have a college degree. (Students who received their bachelor's degree in December 2020 are still eligible to participate in February 2021.)

The William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition is the preeminent mathematics competition for undergraduate college students in the United States and Canada. The competition consists of two 3-hour sessions—one in the morning and one in the afternoon. During each session, participants work individually on 6 challenging mathematical problems.

Due to the coronavirus crisis, the 81st Putnam Competition, originally scheduled for Fall 2020, has been postponed to February 20, 2021. The competition will proceed in an unofficial mode, with no proctors, no prizes, no awards, and no national recognition of high-scoring individuals or teams. Students will administer the exam themselves via an online platform. The solution papers will be uploaded by participants themselves for grading. Scores will be reported back privately to the individual participants and the local supervisor of each institution will receive a report of the scores of the students for that institution.

Eligibility: Because of the unofficial nature of this year's competitions, participation this cycle will not count toward the four-times limit. Moreover, students who obtained their bachelor's degree in December 2020 are still eligible to participate in February 2021.

Registration: Please register (recommend by Feb 5) for the competition at <https://artofproblemsolving.com/contests/putnam/student>

Practice Sessions: We might provide practice sessions if there are enough participants. Please contact Professor Zhipeng Liu (zhipeng@ku.edu) or Professor Paul Cazeaux (pcazeaux@ku.edu) before January 10th if you are interested. You could also check Professor Liu's website (zhipengliu.ku.edu) for updates.

Useful Links:

Official information from the Putnam organizers:
<https://www.maa.org/math-competitions/putnam-competition>

The Putnam Archive: <https://kskedlaya.org/putnam-archive/>

