

Math/CS 339 Spring 2020, Syllabus Changes

Due to the ongoing pandemic, all courses have been moved online, so we'll need to make a few changes.

- **How will the course be run now?** Since we are no longer physically meeting in the classroom, we'll need to try some other ways of learning.
 - I will provide a detailed schedule that you should really try to follow.
 - For each section, I will provide short videos (see below for more detail), notes, readings and homework.
 - You'll continue to turn in some homework solutions (details to follow), although more frequently.
 - Exams will be take home exams (details to follow).
- **Office hours.** There will be no physical office hours until further notice. I'll be available for chat during what would have been our normal class times, MWF at 10-11. Of course, you may always email me. We can also arrange meetings through Google meet.
- **Videos.** There will be videos for each section made available through both a course Google drive and via Youtube. I'm using Youtube in case you need closed captioning, but it is also useful if you want to speed up the videos (you can play them at up to twice the normal speed, which is sometimes convenient). For each video, I'll include a brief set of notes so you'll know what's there. Those will be included on a page on our class website (and maybe with the Google drive videos).
- **Turning in materials.** This will have to be done electronically now, but it's not too complicated to do this by smartphone (if you don't have one, perhaps you are staying with someone who does?). I'll post a link with instructions to use the Adobe Scan app, but there are other apps available. There are other modes for scanning work in, too. The first couple of weeks back we'll try it out.
- **Exams.** Exams will be "take-home", and open book, open notes. You should not search the internet for solutions, and of course, your solutions should be your own. I expect the dates for the exams won't change too much, depending on the course pace, but you'll have plenty of notice before the each exam.

GRADING: Grading will be streamlined:

$A = 89 - 100$ $B = 79 - 88$ $C = 69 - 78$ $D = 59 - 68$ $F = 58$ and below

This will be a new experience for both of us. The most important thing I can say is to put together a regular schedule for yourself and try to stick to it. Secondly, please keep in touch with me- especially if you feel like you're slipping behind. On the flip side, don't try to race through the course. Take the time each week to really think about the topics for that week. To facilitate this further, homework assignments, and exams will not be available much earlier than when they'll be due back.

For an interesting side bit of history, you might check out Penrose Library's online collection of old student newspapers (search for "quarantine" or "Spanish Influenza").