

# COVID-Related Class Considerations, Spring 2021

This class will be remote only, taught over Zoom. My goal is for our remote classes to mimic traditional live classes to the extent possible. For this to happen, we need certain rules and expectations. Here you go:

**Technology Expectations:** Students must have the following:

- Access to a laptop or desktop for using Zoom. A phone is not going to work.
- Reasonable Internet connectivity.
- A camera on your laptop/desktop. I expect everyone to have their camera turned on during class. An exception will be made if having your camera turned on creates connectivity issues or causes other problems for you.
- The ability to create PDF files.

**Class Attendance Expectations:** For the most part, everyone is expected to participate live in all classes with their cameras turned on. The classes will be recorded. (Warning: chit chat before or after class can be picked up on the recording.) You can access these recordings to make up for the occasional missed class, but this should not be too frequent. An exception concerning live participation will be made if there are any students who are in time zones that make live attendance impossible.

**Exams:** There are no in-class exams for this course, so this is not a concern for us.

**Homework Solutions:** All homework solutions must be emailed in as PDF documents. Using Latex or Word (Latex is better) to format your solutions would be the best approach. However, handwritten solutions are OK if you have the ability to scan them to PDF.

**Interactions in Class:** I want interactions in class to happen. If you have a question, instead of raising your hand in Zoom (which I will likely not notice), just interrupt me by saying "I have a question." I'll also try to remember to periodically ask for questions. You can also expect to be called on for providing answers to my questions.

**Videos:** Any videos made of our class meetings are for the use of the class members only. Any attempts to distribute these videos to other people who are not in the class or to make them available online will be considered an honor code violation.