

Lecture

Lectures will continue via Boileercast as usual (I will be doing the lectures in the empty classroom). If I am told to stay home and not go to campus anymore, I know how to record lectures from my iPad or my Windows computer (which has a stylus). These recordings can be uploaded directly (in the case of the Windows PC) or manually (for iPad) to Purdue Media Space (where Boileercast videos live). As a backup, I have old Boileercast lectures from past semesters.

Homework

Homework is done online using MyLab as usual. We will follow the existing schedule for homework assignments. But, of course, we will grant extensions as you need them.

Recitation

Students can ask questions about specific homework problems or lecture material in an online Piazza forum (instructions will be provided in the coming days). Students should read the forum rules at least once before posting a question (in the Q&A section) for the first time. The rules cover forum behavior and posting policy. Students can use the forum at any time. The forum will be moderated by TA instructors—all recitation teaching times and common office hours (in the Math Resource Room) will be changed to forum moderation hours. The existing recitation teaching schedule and common office hour schedule will carry over to this new system. For example, if Mary Smith is a TA teaching Tuesday, Thursday at 9:30, 10:30, then Mary will instead moderate the Piazza forum at those times. If Mary also has common office hours at 2:30, 3:30 on Wednesday, then Mary will also moderate the forum at those times. Mary will answer questions (or resolve posts) about either lecture material or homework problems posted by any student in the course while moderating the forum. At least for the first week, I will also be live on Piazza forums during recitation times and my office hours. Again, please wait for further instructions regarding the forum in the next few days.

Quiz

Quizzes and quiz solutions will be posted as pdfs (handwritten or typed) in the Piazza forum under the Resources heading. Students should attempt the quiz under normal quiz conditions (closed book, no devices) and then grade their own quiz to get feedback. All students will receive full points for their quiz. Quizzes will not be graded by TAs. Students can post questions about the quiz in the forum. We will follow the existing schedule for quizzes.

Other modes of communication

Communication between students, TAs and lecturers will take place through email and Piazza forum. We may set up additional resources or modes of communication as needed.

Exams

Exam 3 and the Final Exam will be done online using MyLab. We will follow the existing schedule for exams. More details about the exams will be provided in the near future. I will set up a trial/practice exam before the real exam 3 to give all of you a chance to try things out. The trial/practice exam will be worth a small number of points and everyone who takes it will earn full credit.

Grading

The way we grade may have to be changed. One possibility is to switch over to a set grading scale instead of using a curve at the end of the semester. I am still exploring various options and have not made up my mind yet. My belief is that under the difficult situation that all of you are thrown into, you should all have an opportunity to improve your current grade. I will keep that in mind as I work on grading options.