## Office hours / Live chats

If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me. I want to hear from you!

If you'd like to meet up to talk through something, I will always be happy to schedule a meeting via zoom or phone. That said, I've heard from many students that they feel weird about asking to take up my time (I hope you don't feel that way, I really do want to meet with you). Well, guess what? There's also office hours: Time each week already dedicated to you; no asking required!

Office hours are entirely for you, my beloved students. Attendance is completely optional. While I hope they will benefit you if you do pop in, again, you are not required to attend. If your question is personal or something you're not comfortable discussing with others present, just let me know and we'll schedule a separate meeting or use a break-out room.

## Schedule

There will be some office hours scheduled each week. The times will vary week-to-week to enable people with different schedules to participate. I will usually announce the times and links for the week by Monday afternoon.

## Recordings

Since office hours are open to all students but not everyone will be able to attend, I will normally record the sessions and post them on Canvas. If I have time, I will edit out long empty spans and conversations that aren't likely to be generally interesting. If no one shows up or there are no questions, I won't post anything.

## Participation format

It would be very nice to see your faces ⎯it's weird talking into the void. But I understand not everyone is equally comfortable with or able to participate like this. It is perfectly fine to stealthily type questions into the chat box.

Given that everyone's schedules are different, there will also be a discussion thread each week on canvas where you can post questions for me to answer during office hours. If you won't be able to attend the session, please still ask your questions this way. They'll probably help someone else too! If my recorded answers are confusing or if I misunderstand your question, please don't hesitate to follow up via email.

Here's the order I will prioritize questions during office hours:

(1) People present via video / voice (since their ability to remain present may be time-critical)

(2) Questions which come in the chat box during the session.

(3) Questions posted on the discussion board.

If there are no questions, I will just sit quietly, picking locks, and staring sadly at the camera while quietly hoping that someone ⎯hopefully you!⎯ will show up.

I hope to see / read chats from you in office hours!