

CS 182 Continuation Plan

(Please read the whole document carefully.)

Because of circumstances beyond our control, we must make changes to our course delivery, requirements, deadlines, and grading. Starting on March 23, 2020, CS 182 will move online. Online learning methods do offer unique opportunities and we (instructors, course coordinators, graduate TAs, and undergraduate TAs) are confident that the learning process will not be affected by this temporary disruption. We are all looking forward to working with you to successfully complete the semester coursework.

1. **Communication mechanism:** We will continue using Blackboard for all course-related announcements. Please monitor Blackboard regularly, as well as your email.
2. **Content delivery:** For each of the last six weeks, we plan to post (in Blackboard) two lectures per week, covering the material in the slides. Slides for the last six weeks, namely weeks 10-15 of the semester, have already been posted. The combination of the recorded lectures and the slides will entirely replace the classroom lecture delivery process and we are highly confident that all necessary material will be communicated efficiently. We hope to post the first lecture by Wednesday each week and the second lecture by Friday each week.
3. **Homeworks:** There will be four more homeworks. Here is the schedule:
 - HW5** will be posted on Thursday, March 26 and will be due on Thursday, April 2, at 11:59pm EDT.
 - HW6** will be posted on Thursday, April 2 and will be due on Thursday, April 9, at 11:59pm EDT.
 - HW7** will be posted on Thursday, April 9 and will be due on Thursday, April 16, at 11:59pm EDT.
 - HW8** will be posted on Thursday, April 16 and will be due on Thursday, April 23, at 11:59pm EDT.

Homeworks will be submitted via Gradescope. We do remind everybody that homeworks *must be typed and uploaded to Gradescope*. **We will NOT grade any homeworks submitted to Blackboard.** Late policies described in the syllabus are in effect for the homeworks.

4. **PSOs:** PSO sessions will move online. Each week we will post a PSO agenda with problems to be solved. You should try and solve the problems on your own first. Solutions will be posted for all PSO problems by the end of the week. The

undergraduate TAs (UTAs) will also be available via email to answer any questions you might have on the PSO problems.

5. **Office hours:** We will move to an online model for the office hours. There will be no office hours for the week of March 23, as there is no homework due. The graduate TAs will always be available via email or on the discussion forum to answer any questions you might have. Office hours will start on March 30 and we will communicate to all of you the hours and the format in a separate announcement during the week of March 23rd.
6. **Final exam:** Purdue is exploring several options for remote, online proctoring and delivery of final exams and we (the instructors) are waiting on guidance from Purdue's administration regarding the final exams. Assuming that a suitable tool will be identified by Purdue administration, we plan to deliver a final exam that will *not* be cumulative. The final exam will essentially be a second midterm, only covering material from the second part of the course (the last six weeks). Its contribution to your final grade will be reduced to 30%; the (first) midterm's contribution remains at 30%; the contribution of the homeworks increases to 40%. We also note that students who need special arrangements for the final exam will be accommodated according to Purdue's policies.

Please keep in mind that we might have to adjust the above plan in the future as the current situation evolves and as we receive additional guidance by Purdue's administration. *Please refrain from sending us (the instructors) non-urgent emails*, as we are working hard to implement the continuation plan.

Above all, stay safe, be healthy, and **Boiler Up!**

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