## Updates to Class Structure/Grading

Hi, everyone!

I hope that you are all doing well. From here on out, we’ll be moving to an online delivery for the rest of the semester. I realize that this is a pretty sudden shift, and this is going to be different than what you (and I!) were expecting. With that in mind, please let me know if you have questions/worries about anything here, and I’ll do what I can to address them.

In any case, here is a brief summary of the way the course will be structured for the remainder of the semester:

1. I’ll make lectures at the beginnings of each week via D2L (and I’ll try to post things a bit earlier than that).
2. The exams will remain the same (new due dates listed below), as will the Perusall.com annotations (generally due Monday and Wednesday).
3. The Perusall annotations will be due at 11:30 PM, as opposed to 10 AM.
4. The “Activities” portion of the grade will be replaced by D2L quizzes (based on lecture notes/readings) that will be due FRIDAY night. You’ll have three chances to do each of these quizzes, and only your highest score will count.
5. **My availability.** I’ll be available by phone, email, and Zoom during both my normal office hours and during the time our course usually meets. I’m always happy to chat about philosophy, so please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have questions!

Also, it is worth emphasizing that if something comes up that is making it difficult for you to complete the course (family, work, health, etc.), let me know! I realize that this is \*not\* a normal semester, and I promise I’ll do my best to help you get through the course successfully.

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Please take a look and let me know if you have any questions.

## Course Calendar

Here is the updated course calendar.

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| Wk | Starting (Sun) | Monday | Wednesday | Friday |
| 1 | 1/12/2020 |  |  |  |
| 2 | 1/19/2020 |  |  |  |
| 3 | 1/26/2020 |  |  |  |
| 4 | 2/2/2020 |  |  |  |
| 5 | 2/9/2020 |  |  |  |
| 6 | 2/16/2020 |  |  |  |
| 7 | 2/23/2020 |  |  |  |
| 8 | 3/1/2020 |  |  |  |
| 9 | 3/8/2020 | **NO CLASS-SPRING BREAK** | **NO CLASS-SPRING BREAK** |  |
| 10 | 3/15/2020 | **NO CLASS** | **NO CLASS** |  |
| 11 | 3/22/2020 | **NO CLASS** | **NO CLASS** |  |
| 12 | 3/29/2020 | Short Essay Due | David Hume, “Of the Standard of Taste…” (O) | **Exam 2 due Sunday April 5** |
| 13 | 4/5/2020 | Law, “Why Expect the Sun to Rise Tomorrow” (O) | Popper, “Science as Falsification” (O) | Quiz 1 |
| 14 | 4/12/2020 | Feyerabend, “How to Defend Society Against Science” (O) | VIDEO: Dennett, Krauss and Pigliucci on Science and Philosophy | Quiz 2 |
| 15 | 4/19/2020 | Smart, “The Mind-Brain Identity Theory” (O) | Sean Carroll, “Can you prove you’re not a zombie?” (O) | Quiz 3 |
| 16 | 4/26/2020 | Searle, “Minds, Brains, and Programs” (O) | Nagel, “What is it Like to be a Bat?” (O) | Quiz 4 |
| 17 | 5/3/2020 | Dennett, “Where am I?” (O) | VIDEO: “A Guide to Happiness” | Quiz 5 |
|  | 5/10/2020 | **EXAM 3 Due Monday, 5/11** | SEMESTER ENDS |  |