

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I am sick. Should I come to class?

A: No, I think you should stay home. You can join via Zoom! See the bCourses page for details.

Q: Can I stay home all the time? I really don't like coming to class.

A: You should discuss this with me over email (ryanedw@berkeley.edu). The Academic Senate has approved ECON 140 as an *in-person course*. Students without DSP or other accommodations should attend in person, as intended. And students with DSP or other needs will be fully accommodated, but please email me about it.

Q: I am sick. But there's an exam. What should I do?

A: Please stay home. We are developing plans to address this in a safe, flexible way that also ensures the integrity of our exams.

Q: I am enrolled in Section X but need to be in Section Y (any reason other than time conflict) . Can you help me?

A: Per Carlos Garcia in economics undergraduate advising, please consult the directions given on [this page](#). In short: use the Switch Section option on CalCentral. (Do not drop the course.)

Q: I am enrolled in Section X but need to be in Section Y because of a time conflict. Can you help me?

A: We will allow unofficial changes in sections only in cases where students have a time conflict with another lecture/section. If you are in this situation, please email both GSIs: the one from the section you are leaving, and the one from the section you are joining, explaining the issue and asking for permission. GSIs emails and information is located in an excel file under Files in bCourses. You should submit your short project to your official GSI.

Q: A final exam in another class conflicts with this class's final exam. What do I do?

A: Please look closer. We are so special that we are part of a special row in the [Registrar's grid for final exams](#), and it is Monday, 12/12/22 3-6 PM as shown in our course calendar. If you look closer and still think you see a conflict, please email me.

Q: I am a DSP student. Will I receive accommodations?

A: Yes, fully. We are working out the details for extended time on exams, etc.

Q: I am a student athlete. Will my traveling schedule interfere with my fulfilling the course requirements?

A: Please email me ryanedw@berkeley.edu to discuss. We can figure something out if scheduling issues are looming.

Q: Can I use my laptop and cell phone in class?

A: Yes. But please don't watch movies or read social media. Our intention is to have some hands-on during big class meetings, for which a laptop would be helpful. But we must all be aware that laptop screens are also distracting, especially if they are showing the latest "House of the Dragon" episode for example.

Q: Poll Everywhere isn't working for me. What do I do?

A: Try these ideas:

- Uninstall (delete) and reinstall it on your smartphone
- Log yourself out and log back in using your @Berkeley (SSO) account
- Make an office hours appointment

Q: When is participation being recorded for credit?

A: We will probably start recording it "for real" around the third week or so. We'll announce it in class.