

Instruction for Online Participation in Math 252, Elementary Differential Equations.

Welcome back to the second half of the semester, and I hope you have all had a good break. For the next weeks at least, and possibly longer, the class will meet online. Class meetings and office hours will take place at the usual times, and they still will be interactive with dialog and two-way communication. Here is how this will work in our class:

- **Lecture meetings.** The will continue to be at 10:20-11:40am Monday and Thursday, though I recognize that some of you are now in different time zones, but the class will run at is scheduled time in Eastern Daylight Savings time (EDT). To participate in the Lecture, go to <https://canvas.rutgers.edu> and login using you net ID. We recommend using Firefox or Chrome. (If you are using your phone, do not use the Canvas App; it does not run BigBlueButton; instead use the browser n your phone.) Click on courses on the bar at the left, and go to our course, Math252. In the bar at the left, click on "Conferences"; the lectures and recitations will both be run as conferences "Conferences" through BigBlueButton. At the class time, there will be a new conference that you will be able to join. If you miss it, it will be recorded, and then you can access it under "Concluded Conferences" for 14 days. During lectures, you will be able to ask questions by typing them in the chat feature; you will not be able to use your mic. For more detailed instructions on the tools and websites noted here, see the links below:
 - Introduction to Canvas: <https://canvas.rutgers.edu/students/getting-started-in-canvas-students/>
 - Introduction to conferences: <https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10503-4212627661>
 - Using the conferences interface (BigBlueButton): <https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10547-4212119672>
 - 24/7 Canvas Technical Support: <https://canvas.rutgers.edu/canvas-help/>

Conferences are best accessed on a computer with reliable internet and headphones. If you do not have access to a computer, you can access conferences on your phone by navigating to <https://canvas.rutgers.edu> on your mobile internet browser, but NOT if you have the Canvas app installed on your phone. If you do not have access to reliable internet, you can call into the meeting by using the phone number generated for the conference. Talk to your instructor about this option. When they start the meeting, BigBlueButton will generate a number and pin for you to call, which your instructor can send you. *Unfortunately, this number and pin are not generated until the meeting begins.*

- **Homework** will be posted as before but will not be graded while we are in online mode. It is still important to do it to get feedback, so solutions will be

provided. If you have questions, ask them in office hours.

- **Office hours:** These too will be run through the BigBlueBotton conference feature on Canvas. Your mic will be active. If you have questions that are not so easy to express verbally, or that involve looking at your written work, please send a scan in advance by email.