

Spring 2020

After Spring Break Restart

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Welcome Back!

- Welcome back to class. I hope you had a good, relaxing elongated spring break
- PLEASE, stay healthy!
- Please try not to worry
- General Information
- Class Information
- Other

General (not *this* class)

- Your health is the most important thing. This includes physical, mental, and emotional (maybe more)
- You have been seeing and reading many things about keeping physically healthy: they include washing your hands frequently (and well), keeping a distance between you and others, what to do if you are not feeling well, I won't repeat those, but they appear to be generally good advise.
- If you are not feeling well, call the health clinic or a doctor before visiting, please.
- There is a lot of “bogus” or “fake” news and stories... (next)

General (not *this* class)

- There is a lot of “bogus” or “fake” news and stories, about treatment, miracle cures, “magic” prevention. Much of this from people or sites that should really know better. **PLEASE BE CAREFUL!**
- For ***now***, there is no miracle medical treatment, but there are precautions that will hopefully make it less likely to get sick: washing your hands frequently, stay away from sick people, get enough sleep, eat **well** and drink lots of water, stay busy

General (not *this* class)

- It is also critically important to keep mentally and emotionally well
- Keep talking to your friends and family
- Stay busy
- Try not to worry (that may be difficult, but if you stay busy with other things, it will help)
- Get out, fresh air and sunshine, long walks, and maybe naps will help

General (not *this* class)

- I ***am*** concerned about you, if you feel comfortable doing so, and you are anxious or worried, please email me, or ***Teams*** me, we can talk.
- Your friends and family ***do*** care, please also reach out to them.

General (not *this* class)

- While these times seem scary
- You will make it through this!

This class

- Almost everything concerning this semester will need to be modified:
 - Grades and grading
 - The schedule
 - Material presentation and discussion
 - Quizzes, exams
 - Many other things

This class

- If you remember, on the first day of class, when we went through the schedule and class flow, we discussed a built-in *buffer* (slack time) in the class schedule
- We discussed possible events that might change the class schedule: snow, hail storms, sleet, loss of electrical power in the building, even tornado warnings
- All of those aforementioned events ***have actually happened*** during a spring semester

This class

- So, the past isn't always applicable to the future (or present)
- Sorry, I didn't anticipate this sort of event
- But, I will, in the future

This class

- Grades and grading (obviously) will change
- I have proposed to the faculty senate that all grades this semester be made **only** pass or fail (that is there will be no “A”, “B”, etc. **only** “P” or “F”)
- This has already been instituted at many universities in the US
- I don’t know if this will be possible, or even desired. I have no idea what **your** feelings are towards this. I am interested. This may not be possible through university guidelines or “rules”. I don’t know.
- This is a topic for a meeting at the end of this week, I will let you know the outcome (if there is one).

This class

- There is nothing I can do for grades in one ***specific*** class, ie ***this*** one
- Unless you signed up for the class as a pass/fail grade option, at the beginning of the semester, (no one in this class did), I can not change that (but the university can)
- I will let you know, if anything changes

This class

- Regardless of what the university decides about adding a week to the schedule, or other possible changes, as far as ***this*** class is concerned:
- Many of you are graduating, have internships, or have plans for mid May, so we will not add any extra days or weeks to the previous schedule, you will be done with this class at May 8 or if ***you*** need extra time May 14 at the latest.
- Regardless of what the university decides about grades, your grades will not, and should not suffer, due to these necessary changes

This class, resuming

- There are 14 class days remaining this semester
- None of those days will be in-class, in-person
- There is no “final” exam

This class, resuming

- I will try to use MicroSoft ***Teams***,
- Echo 360 (class recordings) which you can get to through a Canvas link,
- And UTA Canvas (sometimes) which *I* still have a problem with (since the beginning of the semester), but I will still use sometimes, but I will probably prefer ***Teams***,
- Please make sure you can get on to the class Teams, Echo 360, and Canvas

This class, resuming

- There may be problems with the “technology” (I already noticed Teams and Echo “slowing down”) and with the campus network and facilities
- If there are substantial and frequent issues, I will use back ups (other services)
- There may (will) be a lot of “***spoofed***” or bogus email, some that appear to be from me, or the university. If they do not seem logical, or they ask you for your credentials, or credit card, gift cards, or any personal information, *please do not answer. **Do not click on links!***

This class, resuming

- What you should do, if you don't feel well
- I am not giving medical advise... for this class:
- Get some medical advise, maybe medical help
- Do ***NOT*** worry about this class!
- If you are up to it, please let me know
- Regardless, we can/will handle this when you are better

This class, resuming

- I have been receiving ***spoofed, bogus*** mail from myself!
- ***(Note: if you are in my security class and did that, bonus points. Now, please stop. And tell me what/how.)***
- Please check all mail origin/headers carefully, this junk mail will probably increase, be careful)
- Please, do not click on links, unless you are sure it is legitimate

This class, resuming

- Now we can really resume class
- ***Please stay healthy***