

Revised 2305-05 Remote Instruction Syllabus

Since we are all moving to remote instruction, this new syllabus is my basic structure for the rest of the semester. Granted, as things outside class change, this might also change—which I will announce over Blackboard. Basically, because we will no longer be meeting, class each week will be as follows:

1. Read the assigned chapter for the week
2. Look at the posted lecture slides (these are what I would have used in class anyway).
3. Take the 10-point **weekly** reading quiz.
4. Post on the discussion board.

I'm sure all of you have yourself, family, friends, etc who you are concerned about. Some are far from home; some are taking care of children/family while everything is on lockdown. This is a public health crisis, and it's a totally new situation for all of us. **Please do not stress about this class.** I will work with you and whatever is happening in your personal/home lives to make sure you can pass. This is new for all of us, so I will be as flexible as I can.

As you'll see for the discussion board, one question is about "the important thing" I want you all to take away from this week, and another is asking how things are going or something else less formal. That will continue, and hopefully some of the work for this class at least gives you something to do when being stuck at home/dorms is getting to you.

More practically, I will still send weekly reminders to turn in missing work, but I won't be taking off any points for late work. If you miss a week, please complete it ASAP and it will be graded like normal. Because everyone is falling back on their own tech, you will **not** need to use Respondus for Exam 2 or 3. I am assuming you will all be using your book/notes, and you are totally welcome to. Please email me during the exam if you have any questions about the wording/content of any of the questions and I will be happy to help.

While I will not be holding regular office hours anymore because faculty are all working remotely, I will be available by email during regular business hours (9am-5pm). During these times, I should be able to get back to you on any questions relatively quickly.

I will not be holding regular office hours, but you will be able to easily get in touch with me by email. I should be able to get back to you pretty quickly since I'll be keeping regular work hours with my email. You can either use the built-in Blackboard or copy this address: c.patane@shsu.edu.

Because we aren't going to be meeting in person, I have set up a class Discord server (like Slack or Groupme that works better across devices [and has a built-in gif library]). It is completely open to use for both class questions/discussions or for you all to talk with each other casually. It also has several voice lobbies where you can speak to each other or me.

It also allows streaming and screen sharing (like twitch but with less lag). When I do exam reviews, I will stream Kahoot over this service.

To set up an account on the Discord server:

1. Visit <https://discordapp.com/> (you can download the app to your computer and your phone).
2. If you don't already have an account, click the "Register" button.
3. Once your account is created (please keep your username class/work appropriate), click on this link: <https://discord.gg/P2E5sCw> and you should automatically be sent to the server.

I'll adapt the rooms and sections that are available as things change, or as you all decide you would like something. This is meant to be informal and will hopefully keep everyone from getting to stir crazy. I use this service frequently, so please ask me for assistance if you have any issues getting it set up.

The schedule for the rest of the semester follows. Since we lost a little time, and because I have no interest in cramming everything into the time we have left, I have cut out some of the chapters we were originally supposed to look at.

Schedule for the Remainder of the Semester

Week 11: March 23-27 **Voting and Elections**

Reading: Chapter 7

Week 12: March 30-April 3 **Political Parties**

Reading: Chapter 9

Exam 2 Due: Friday, April 3 @ 11:59pm

- The review sheet is unchanged from what was posted over our first spring break, so the material from chapters 7 and 9 will not be on this exam.

Week 13: April 6-10 **Congress**

Reading: Chapter 11

Week 14: April 13-17
The Presidency

Reading: Chapter 12

Week 15: April 20-24
The Courts

Reading: Chapter 13

Week 16: April 27-May 1
The Bureaucracy

Reading: Chapter 15

Week 17: May 4-7

Finals Week

Exam 3: Thursday, May 7 11:59pm, Exam 3 Deadline