

Given the extraordinary circumstances of the Spring 2021 semester, the class instructors will strive to improve the accessibility of this course to all students, regardless of where they are located, and to accommodate personal circumstances of service disruptions etc. **More than ever before, your success in remote learning will be predicated on your time management and organization.** Please be aware that as graduate courses go, this is a large one, so please make every effort to submit your assignments on time so that we do not have to address too many exceptions.

- We will use Gradescope for homework assignments. You will upload a scanned or photographed PDF of your homework assignments, or if you write on a tablet then your saved screens. It might be a little annoying to photograph homeworks (e.g., with your phone), but in principle you should be able to get away with no printer or scanner for this class. When I post a HW assignment on Gradescope, I will make an announcement by email to the class. The assignment will be accessible there and Gradescope automatically keeps track of when the assignment is submitted.
- We will use Gradescope for the exam. Once we receive the final exam schedule from the Registrar, we will agree upon the date. I will give you a ~24-hour window to view, complete and submit the exam. Just like for homework, you will also need an ability to upload the scan or photograph of your paper-and-pencil solution.
- There is no need to type your assignments, but please write legibly, organize your solutions and highlight your answer.
- Deadlines: If no extenuating circumstances, homeworks will be assigned a 50% penalty for late submissions within 24 hours; and the exam must be submitted by the deadline.
- Gradescope will be open for an extra 48 hours beyond the homework deadline and for an extra 24 hours beyond the exam deadline, but it will automatically track late submissions. Resubmitting work after the deadline removes the previous submission and assigns a late submission time-stamp.

What to do if you are having a major technological issue?

- If you are attending a lecture, your connection drops and you miss a lot of material, you may have to watch the video later. There is no need to notify the instructor, and I will not take attendance.
- If you are submitting the homework or the exam on time, but technology goes sideways and you miss the deadline, submit via Gradescope in the 48 hour extended window (24 hours for the exam) and send an email to NLZ about what happened so that you do not suffer the 50% penalty (100% penalty for the exam). **Avoid submitting at the last moment!**
- If your internet really goes sideways for several days and Gradescope is closed to submissions, do not panic. Finish your homework / exam and email the pdf to NLZ and explain.