

Hello everyone,

This email is to serve as a reminder that we are going to begin seeing Poppers starting next week in material posted for Monday, January 31, and due on February 7.

Poppers are going to be a series of multiple choice questions that will be presented as part of that day's lecture. Depending on their difficulty the number of questions will vary. They will be presented during the lecture, sometimes at several different times, and discussed and answered at that time. Anytime within the following week, you need to log into casa and transpose these answers into the appropriate Popper # assignment in the EMCF tab. These questions and their answers will also appear in the Complete Notes and Recorded Lectures for that day. The questions will not appear in the Blank Notes or as a separate document. The Popper EMCF will be available for you to fill in during that time frame only, so be certain to find a few minutes to do this.

The purpose of these questions is to serve as a record of class attendance. Due to the asynchronous nature of our class, this approach is used for attendance (you attend by view the recordings or reviewing the completed notes).

You should be making every effort to watch every scheduled lecture. Please keep in mind, there is more to the lecture than the Popper Assignment. Do not scan through the recordings for those questions and not watch the actual lesson. Also, keep in mind that due to the time frame available for you to complete these, it is rare that any excuses for missing a Popper will be accepted. If you do miss one, keep in mind what percentage of your final grade these amount to before you begin stressing over something that is roughly one-tenth of 1 point on your course average.

Due to the fact that "life happens" and it is expected that nearly no one will have perfect attendance for the entire semester, Poppers will be graded out of 85% of the total number of questions. (If there were, hypothetically, 260 total popper questions during the fall semester, any score of 221 or more would be graded as 100%.) This means that you can miss roughly 2.5 weeks of Poppers and not have any negative impact on your grade.

--Dr. Matt