

Hello everyone,

This email is to serve as a reminder that we are going to begin Poppers starting next week on Monday, January 31.

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 class, sometimes at several different times, and discussed and answered as a class. Either at that time or anytime before the end of the day (11:59 pm), 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 for that day 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 the size of our class, it is not possible to do roll-call every day, so this approach is used. Since the questions are only presented during the class session and in the Completed Notes, in order to answer them, you must have attended class or, as a minimum, reviewed the completed notes on the same day.

You should be making every effort to attend every scheduled lecture. Please keep in mind, there is more to the lecture than the Popper Assignment. Do not leave after we have done those questions. Also, please do not email me after class saying that you missed the Popper because you stepped out to use to the restroom or that you feel you are being treated unfairly because the day you were absent had more Popper questions than the day you attended. 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.

If you are absent from class for a reason described as "excused" according to UH policy (see syllabus), and you inform me with written documentation within two days of the absence, you will be allowed to make up the popper assignment within a reasonable time frame. (Do not approach me in the last week of the semester with a list of days you were absent expecting to make up these assignments at that time.)

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.

If you have any questions, please ask them during class so that everyone can hear your answer.

--Dr. Matt