

Hello everyone,

Just as a quick reminder, the "soft-opening" for the Spring 2022 semester ends at the end of this week. Beginning on Monday, January 31 our class will no longer be required to have an additional online lecture component (such as the posted Recordings that had been going alongside the Blank and Completed Notes).

However, considering that I have been asked by several students, I will be continuing to provide the Recorded Lectures for the duration of the semester, provided that this courtesy is not abused.

Issues that have occurred in previous semesters include students only watching the exam reviews and not the lessons leading up to them (I can see a list of everyone that viewed each video and when I receive emails saying "I have been working so hard in your class and I am still failing," the first thing I do is check the video logs, and yes, people (I intentionally do not use the term "students" for this group) that only watch the exam reviews without any of the supporting material routinely fail the course), using your technological abilities as an excuse for not completing work or understanding material (saying that you do not learn effectively in an online environment for whatever reason is not an excuse considering you have a face-to-face option that you signed up for), or if I am bombarded with emails complaining about the quality of the recordings (everything from the audio and video quality, use of uninteresting color schemes, lack of special effects or soundtrack (please re-read that last one, because I initially thought that email was a joke), have all been used to "justify" poor performance in class. In case this is news to anyone, I am not a one-man Hollywood studio. Recorded lectures are done on my laptop in my cubby-hole of an office during the remarkably scarce "free time" that I have) are all reasons that will lead to my no longer providing these recorded sessions.

Again, this is something I will continue doing as a courtesy, but if that courtesy is not returned, I am under no obligation to continue with this.

--Dr. Matt