

Hello everyone,

Beginning with Section 2.2 (posted in the casa calendar for Friday 8/27) we are going to begin having popper questions. These are multiple choice questions, presented at different times throughout the section's material. The purpose of these is to insure that you are watching the recorded sessions and/or reviewing the completed notes. (Very often, in an online course, students skip the lesson presentation and try to answer the quiz and homework questions without first reviewing that material. This is a step to counteract that trend.) Your answering these questions will serve as an attendance record for this course.

You will find the questions during the recorded sessions and in the completed notes. These questions will be discussed, in detail, during these sessions, so answering them should not be difficult. Please keep in mind, often the questions will appear at different points throughout the lesson, not all at once. You must review the entire session to find all the questions.

Once you have your answers to the popper questions, you can select your answer choices in the EMCF tab of casa. There will be an assignment named, "Popper 1" that will correspond to the first group of popper questions (in the lecture for Section 2.2), etc. Please make sure you are placing your answers in the correct popper assignment as there will often be several available at once.

You will typically have one full week to complete the popper questions. (For Popper 1, you have a little bit of extra time, the due date is 09/07/2021.) Each popper EMCF will become available when the lesson is posted on the calendar (the Friday before that corresponding week). It will close at 11:59 pm one week after the posted calendar date of that section. Late answers to popper questions will not be accepted.

Record your answers in the EMCF tab of casa, selecting the appropriate assignment name (be sure not to record your Popper 1 answers in the Homework 1 assignment). Please review the Course Materials document and video if you have any concerns about recording your answers to the popper questions.

In the gradebook tab of casa, the poppers will be graded out of the number of questions presented, not out of 100%. (If there were 15 questions on a certain week, and you scored a 12, that means you scored 12 out of 15, which is 80%.) If you wish to check your work, the correct answers will be posted in the casa calendar later in the day that the assignment is due. (The magnifying glass in the casa gradebook will display the answers you selected, not the correct answers.)

At the end of the semester, your Popper Grade will be adjusted to account for only 85% being graded. (If there are 200 popper questions in the semester, your score will be graded out of 170.) This grade will be capped to 100% (you cannot score over 100% for your popper grade).

If you do not live locally, please be advised that the times which the poppers close will be at 11:59 pm Central Standard Time. Please arrange your schedule accordingly.

--Dr. C