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Syllabus Amendment Instructions post COVID-19

From: Rich Janow [richjanow@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 4:16 PM
Subject: Instructions to Physics 121 Students during COVID-19 Operation and Syllabus Amendment

Dear Students:

These instructions are optimized for students in my Physics 121 sections. Some information pertains to other instructors' classes and to NJIT as a whole. This is an amendment to the syllabus for Physics 121 that was published at the beginning of the term.

Beginning Monday March 23 NJIT classes will meet as "virtual classes" using the usual meeting times as has been the case up until now this term. I will be the "host" for class "meetings" that use the "Webex" conferencing program. Many of you already know how to use it. See <http://ist.njit.edu/webex> for help getting started.

Webex meetings will be held in a network space called "Richard Janow's Conference Room". You can get to it by invoking the url <https://njit.webex.com/njit> and then supplying the Meeting Number (Access Code) which is "929-675-883". You are then normally able to "join" a meeting session in progress, or wait for it to start if you arrive early. Please mute your audio unless you are speaking. You do not have to otherwise login to Highlander, Canvas, or Moodle.

The second common exam WILL NOT be held on March 30 as originally scheduled. Instead, students will take a merged Exam 2/3 covering the material of both exams (weeks 5 – 10 on the original syllabus).

- Exam 2/3 WILL happen as originally scheduled on April 13, covering the material of both exams 2 and 3 (see my posted syllabi for details).
- The grading formula will weight exams 1 and 2/3 at 24% each in your term average.
- The final exam (comprehensive as usual) will remain worth 32% of the term average.
- The remaining 20% will be applied to online homework.
- To benefit students who do poorly on Exam 1, a student's Exam 1 score will be replaced by his/her Final Exam score when the latter is higher.

In the (likely) case that we are still virtual when Exam 2/3 and possibly also the final exam happen, the exams may be given on-line with the students dispersed at their homes. ProctorU is for example a leading service that organizes such exams. More details will follow.

Aside from the exams, we will still be following the week-by-week schedule on page 4 of the syllabus. You will see your reading and homework assignments there. Mastering Physics homework assignments are not affected by switching to virtual cases here at NJIT.

My web site (<http://web.njit.edu/~janow>) will continue to be maintained and is good resource for you to find information about this course, including lecture slides and sample problems.

I will stay in touch by email.

Best regards.

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