Teaching team

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Course

Lectures:

Tuesdays, Thursdays: 2:30pm to 3:50pm

The lectures are done remotely by Zoom (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1436201/external_tools/95443). Recordings of the course are released via Panopto (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1436201/external_tools/21130).

Office hours:

Monday 4:30pm to 5:30pm by Zoom (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1436201/external_tools/95443)

Students are expected to have already thought carefully about the problems before coming to office hours.

See the syllabus (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1436201/assignments/syllabus) for the detailed schedule of both lectures and office hours with links to the zoom meetings.

Interactions

- Questions about the course, the homework, or the exams are welcomed and encouraged! You can do it during the lectures (by raising your hand on Zoom) or at any moment via Piazza (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1436201/external_tools/76038)
- To enroll in the course on Piazza, use your uw address and the access code matern. On Piazza, choose the relevant category (such as hw1 or logistics) and post questions anonymously or not. You are encouraged to also answer questions of your comrades via Piazza or even to form a working group about the course material!
- No mails will be answered concerning course material/homework/exams, use Piazza. For grading questions, send a message through Canvas to both the instructor and the TA. Send mails to the instructor or the TA only for important matters.

Courseworks
See the syllabus (https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/1436201/assignments/syllabus) for the specific dates.

- 2 Homeworks (40% of total grade)

No late homework/exam will be accepted. If you need an extension for personal reasons, explain it before the deadline.

- 1 take-home midterm (30% of total grade)

You'll have several days to complete it.

- 1 project with report and presentation (20% of total grade)

Instructions about the project will be detailed after the midterm. Briefly, the project will consist of reading a paper, rederiving the proof of one result, criticizing/explaining one fuzzy claim of the paper, and testing the method on some data.

**UW Policies**

**Academic Integrity:**

Collaboration and discussions are allowed and encouraged in this class, but copying or letting others copy your work amounts to plagiarism. This includes copying model solutions, e.g. from prior years. Although cheating occurs seldom in graduate classes, if it does, I will take the following action: assign a grade of 0.0 for the exam/homework where the cheating occurred, and report the incident to the Graduate School Committee on Academic Conduct, which will decide upon an appropriate University course of action.

**Students with disabilities:**

If you would like to request academic accommodations due to a disability, please contact Disabled Student Services, 448 Schmitz (206) 543-8924 (V/TTY). If you have a letter from Disabled Student Services indicating you have a disability that requires academic accommodations, please present this letter to me so we can discuss the accommodations you might need for the class.

**Religious Accommodations:**

Washington state law requires that UW develop a policy for the accommodation of student absences or significant hardship due to reasons of faith or conscience, or for organized religious activities. The UW’s policy, including more information about how to request an accommodation, is available
at Religious Accommodations Policy
(https://registrar.washington.edu/staffandfaculty/religious-accommodations-policy/)
Accommodations must be requested within the first two weeks of this course using the Religious Accommodations Request form (https://registrar.washington.edu/students/religious-accommodations-request/).
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Student conduct:

Follow the UW Student Conduct Code in your interactions with your colleagues and me in this course by respecting the many social and cultural differences among us, which may include, but are not limited to: age, cultural background, disability, ethnicity, family status, gender identity and presentation, citizenship and immigration status, national origin, race, religious and political beliefs, sex, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and veteran status.

Guidance to students taking courses outside the US:

Faculty members at U.S. universities – including the University of Washington – have the right to academic freedom which includes presenting and exploring topics and content that other governments may consider to be illegal and, therefore, choose to censor. Examples may include topics and content involving religion, gender and sexuality, human rights, democracy and representative government, and historic events.

If, as a UW student, you are living outside of the United States while taking courses remotely, you are subject to the laws of your local jurisdiction. Local authorities may limit your access to course material and take punitive action towards you. Unfortunately, the University of Washington has no authority over the laws in your jurisdictions or how local authorities enforce those laws.

If you are taking UW courses outside of the United States, you have reason to exercise caution when enrolling in courses that cover topics and issues censored in your jurisdiction. If you have concerns regarding a course or courses that you have registered for, please contact your academic advisor who will assist you in exploring options.