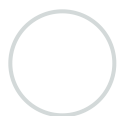


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## Honors Physics will become a fully digital class based on new SMU policy (currently through April 5)

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Dear Students,

As you should have just seen, President Turner has instructed all teaching to go online after Spring Break and for students to refrain from returning to campus until April 5. You can find all the details here:

<https://blog.smu.edu/coronavirus-covid-19/2020/03/12/smu-will-move-students-from-classrooms-to-online-instruction-for-the-first-two-weeks-following-spring-break/>  
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Our class will become a digital class until we receive further updates closer to the current plan of an April 5 return of students to campus. Here is the plan for our course for the next few weeks:

- Week of March 23-27: Honors Collaboration Meeting
  - I will ask each team to meet with me via Zoom and present the status of their work. Zoom will allow you to connect remotely and show slides, just as you would in the real classroom environment. I will record these sessions and make them available to the whole class for peer review. Nominally, I will schedule the main presentation session for the evening of March 23, 5:15-6:30pm. If you are unable to present during that time, please let me know in advance and I will schedule a different time to do this with your team.
- Week of March 30 - April 3: Programming Basics
  - You will be required to complete the Programming Basics tutorial this week. I will provide a means to assess that you have participated in this, and of course provide a live Zoom connection for that evening for questions and discussion.

Your homework for the break is then clear:

- **Practice using Zoom:** go to <https://smu.zoom.us> (<https://smu.zoom.us>) and try making a meeting, testing your audio, video, and desktop-sharing capability, etc. If you need a practice room setup in which to do this, just ask and I will make one!

- **Keep working on your Grand Challenge investigations.** You will have to begin doing this apart from one another, so use digital means to communicate. You have the discussion boards in Canvas, [https://smu.instructure.com/courses/70901/discussion\\_topics](https://smu.instructure.com/courses/70901/discussion_topics), and you can use other means (e.g. a Slack channel or some other messaging platform) to interact. You can even meet over Zoom!

Please let me know if you have questions! You can post them in reply to this announcement in case others have the same question.

Regards,

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