

Honors Physics Bulletin #2: SMU Moves Classes Online for Spring 2020

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Dear Students,

As I warned in my previous communications, things are moving fast. To comply with federal, state, and county regulations, SMU will move classes online for the remainder of the semester. I had anticipated this was a strong possibility, so I'll reiterate here the summary of the framework I mentioned in some previous announcements:

- Class periods will be conducted via Zoom (Links to an external site.), beginning with Monday's Honors Physics Collaboration Meeting Night 2 and then with interactive physics activities after than for the rest of the semester. We'll stick to the planned schedule, but because we cannot meet in person we'll have to be clever about the interactive activities moving forward.
- There will be no final poster presentation night. Instead, I will ask you to provide a high-quality digital version of your poster (one we can eventually print and display in the department). In addition, you will be asked to give a short presentation of your poster, just as you would during poster night. Your presentations will be posted online for the class and people outside the class to review. Your poster and presentations will be reviewed and your final grade determined from peer review, in addition to all your participation in the class periods. I intend to make the Dean watch each and every one of your presentation videos, so put on a good show! :-)

I hope this clarifies how the course moves to digital space for the rest of the term. For more information about SMU's latest policy updates, see <https://blog.smu.edu/coronavirus-covid-19/2020/03/20/smu-classes-move-online-through-end-of-spring-semester/> (Links to an external site.)

Regards,

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