

I expect that this crisis is going to impact you in so many unforeseen emotional and physical ways. I expect that you're going to be dealing with a lot at any given time—even if you don't get sick—and I expect you're going to dedicate all your power to getting healthy if you or your loved ones get sick. I expect you're going to miss some lectures. I expect that you're not going to be able to work as much or as thoroughly as you have before this term. I expect that there are countless distractions at home, that your tech is going to fail you at some point this term, and that you don't have anywhere near the ideal setup for completing this class remotely. In light of all of this, my only real expectation of you is that you communicate with me as best you can about anything you're dealing with that will affect your ability to participate in this class.

Here's what you can expect from me: I will do my best to help you learn this material, while understanding that teaching practices related to pacing, classroom interaction, getting to know you well, and the gradual building of expertise over time are going to be extremely difficult for us this term. I will be as available to you as I can be. I will empower you to learn as much about this topic as you can on your own. I will not be mad if things go off the rails, in fact, I expect they will. I will not treat this like a normal term, and I will not treat you as if you are operating under normal conditions. I will listen to you and help you with whatever you need.