

## For Students in Computer Science Courses

UCSB has [announced](#) that all instruction for spring quarter 2020 will be remote. Here's a quick summary of what you can expect for your spring quarter CS courses.

What a spring quarter class **is**:

- Remote instruction of a regularly scheduled CS course.
- The same class as usual, in as nearly the regular form as possible, just not in person.

What a spring quarter class **is not**:

- A [MOOC](#) (Massive Open Online Course). Full-blown MOOCs have both pluses and minuses, and we are not moving the whole CS curriculum to MOOC-land!
- Infinitely expandable (sadly). We still have the same number of TAs, graders, and tutors as usual, so unfortunately we can't raise the planned enrollments of spring classes.
- Perfectly polished. We're all learning how to do this, students and faculty alike. [Here's a video of how it looks from the professor's side](#). It may look pretty similar from your side, but we will survive!

The details will vary some from class to class. You can expect:

- All lectures, office hours, sections, and labs will be conducted remotely, even if you are still on campus or in Santa Barbara.
- All work will be submitted, graded, and returned online. Platforms will vary by class, including for example GauchoSpace and GradeScope.
- In most cases, lectures and sections will be livestreamed during their scheduled hours. (Some courses may use their scheduled hours in other ways.)
- One-on-one and group interaction with instructors, TAs, and tutors will still be available, important, and expected.
- You will still be responsible for "attending class" at the regularly scheduled time. Sections too. Even if you're attending from a different time zone! (Some of your TAs will be up in the middle of the night in their time zones for section too ☺.)
- Waitlisted students will hear from the instructor whether or not crashing remotely is permitted. Please don't email the instructor before the start of the quarter.

Where to get more information:

- About your CS class: From your instructor; specifics vary by class.
- About your graduating class year: Your year's faculty advisor (bottom of [this page](#)).
- About the BS program: [ugradhelp@cs.ucsb.edu](mailto:ugradhelp@cs.ucsb.edu).
- About the BS/MS: [gradhelp@cs.ucsb.edu](mailto:gradhelp@cs.ucsb.edu). Info about applying remotely will be coming.
- About [UCSB COVID-19 info](#).
- Help with your own personal situation, medical situation, feelings of stress: [Student Health Service](#), [Counseling Services \(CAPS\)](#).

Stay tuned in! The situation is fluid, and we'll keep you informed as things evolve.

Stay engaged! [Tell us how you're doing and what you need, or give us feedback, here](#).

And remember ... computer scientists invented all this stuff. Now we get to use it for real!