

Hi everyone,

I've spent most of my time since the end of the exam analyzing the data from Exam I. The average was low, 95.5/175, or 55%. You are undoubtedly concerned about this, and trust me, I am as well. I have dissected each exam question, and with the exception of the side chain table issue I contacted you about yesterday, the questions are ok. It's pretty obvious that most students don't do the required readings, but I'm not here to scold you, I'm here to make sure this doesn't happen again.

In thinking about how to move forward, it would be a great help if I knew what the issues were on your end. With that in mind, I have created a 3-question survey for you which should take no longer than 5 minutes of your time at the most. I could have done this in LON-CAPA, but I am doing it in an external service called SurveyMonkey for an extremely important reason:

I want this information to be 100% anonymous and 100% honest.

Surveys distributed through SurveyMonkey have no identifiable information in them; all I see are aggregate data, which is all I care about right now. Don't get me wrong, if any student wants to talk to me personally about their individual situation, I welcome that conversation. But I want honest answers about what happened on the exam, because a D average on an exam is unacceptable.

So please share your thoughts with me by finding a few minutes to fill out the survey at this address:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FX99BRB>

And for those of you who are on campus, or are interested in a trip to campus, I'll be holding office hours Thursday at 3:30 in 164A Burrill Hall where we can talk about the exam questions, course performance issues, drop deadline issues, or anything else on your mind.

Remember, I'm here to help you do better, not dwell on what has already passed. If you think you can turn it around, we have twice as many exam points out there to be earned as we've had already, which means the potential for significant improvement exists. If you're overwhelmed now and don't see an opportunity to turn things around in the second half of the course, the drop deadline is Friday. No harm, no foul, and you are welcome to join us in the fall or spring if you'd like to try again when you have more time to absorb the material. Either way, I want to help you make the decision that is in your best interest, so don't hesitate to contact me.

See you Thursday and/or Friday,

-Brad