Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the world might have seemed a little disconnected. Now, even amidst everything we're managing right now, the birds are still singing and pecking around for worms. The flowers are still blooming. The trees are budding. And the rain still keeps everything green. Take a breath. We're in this together, and we're going to figure it out. The world keeps turning.

Next: some updates.

**Zoom Student Check-in Session**

You'll notice this email is coming out on Sunday, not Monday as I'd planned. That's because I need to push the schedule of our check-in session tomorrow. It was originally scheduled for 9am, but I have to move it to 10:30 to accommodate an administrative meeting.

New time: Monday 3/29 10:30 [https://pdx.zoom.us/j/395653786?pwd=ci9Da0tQbVMxaW9jNHRhWWRHaGxpQT09](https://pdx.zoom.us/j/395653786?pwd=ci9Da0tQbVMxaW9jNHRhWWRHaGxpQT09)

**Pass/No Pass Grading Option**

In recognition of how strange this term is going to be, the University is exploring a Pass/No Pass grading option for all courses. I don't have good information about this yet (this is part of what Monday's admin meeting with cover), but I'll let you know your options just as soon as I know them. Stay tuned. I know it's hard to have partial information.

**Zoom Etiquette**

Check out this great resource from colleagues in the PSY department about some basics of expected conduct in Zoom sessions. I'll attach it to this email.

**Guide to Remote Learning**

The University has also put together a pretty comprehensive guide to remote learning that you might find helpful. Check it out: [https://pdx.pressbooks.pub/remotelearningkit/](https://pdx.pressbooks.pub/remotelearningkit/)

I think that's all for now. Happy Spring term! I'll be back in touch later in the week with more updates as they come. Until then, hug the people you're with, maintain physical distance from other folks, stay in close social contact with everyone because we need each other right now, and remember: we're in this together, and we'll figure it out.

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