

Incentive Due Dates for This Course – Extra Credit for Virtues in a Pandemic!

Guys, understand I use extra credit to get you to act in **your** interest, but I do not always use it in the same way. As this started, I realized I needed to do something different from my usual incentive, but I wasn't sure what or how to show it. It is not elegant, but here's my offer.

In a pandemic, I am trying to get **you** to **invest enough** in this course **early** in the Unit a) that you are **more** likely to succeed and b) that you **persist to the end of the Unit**. To get you to do that, the sooner you act, the more you make. It does take me coming in more times, but it may help some of you see that you can do this.

For Unit 1, we used an announcement that what extra credit you could earn if you had 80% or more on either the Self-Test or the Full-Test for **every** quiz in the Unit:

- Started out a 5 – latest chance was 4/10 (entered the next morning on 4/11)
- Moved down to 4 – before 4/11 (entered the next morning on 4/12)
- Moved down to 3 – before 4/12 (entered the next morning on 4/13)
- Moved down to 2 – before 4/13 (entered the next morning on 4/14)
- Moved down to 1 – before 4/14 (entered the next morning on 4/15)

For Unit 2, the dates if you have 80% or more for Self-Tests or Full-Tests:

- Start out a 5 if before 4/19 @ 5:30 AM
- Move down to 4 if before 4/20 @ 5:30 AM
- Move down to 3 if before 4/21 @ 5:30 AM
- Move down to 2 if before 4/22 @ 5:30 AM
- Move down to 1 if before 4/23 @ 5:30 AM

For Unit 3, the dates if you have 80% or more for Self-Tests or Full-Tests:

- Start out a 5 if before 5/3 @ 5:30 AM
- Move down to 4 if before 5/4 @ 5:30 AM
- Move down to 3 if before 5/5 @ 5:30 AM
- Move down to 2 if before 5/6 @ 5:30 AM
- Move down to 1 if before 5/7 @ 5:30 AM

Example of Meaning of 80% or More on Either Self-Test Or Full-Test – Look at the **Caution**

The day **after** the Incentive Date, I place either a **0** or **1** in a quiz's **Incentive** grade. **You see a 1** if you are correct on **80% or more** of the questions **by the date below**:

- **Either** on the **Self-Test**
- **Or**—if you did **not** get that many right on the Self-Test—on the **Full-Test**.

When you are looking at your Self-Test to see what you missed (and you **should**), count the number of possible questions. **Remember** if you have 80% or more, you do **not** have to do the Full-Test to get full points. (I enter those when the quizzes close.) **Also remember** that 80% is equal to **.8** and **you** do a little math. **Examples:**

- If there are 4 questions on a quiz, you need **.8 X 4 = 3.2**. You need at least **3** questions right.
- If there are 10 questions on a quiz, you need **.8 X 10 = 8**. You need at least **8** questions right.
Caution Using the Easiest Example of These 3 Examples: If the quiz has 10 questions at .01 each:
 - If you look at the **quiz** itself (**recommended**), having 7 questions right out of 10 is **not** 80%.
 - If you look at the **points** you made, having .07 is not 80% of .1
- If there are 20 questions on a quiz, you need **.8 X 20 = 16**. You need at least **16** questions right.