Spring and Summer 2020 Final Exam Policy

In light of the shift to virtual learning for Spring and Summer, final exams will not be held synchronously. This policy is based on the following issues:

1. Students are in various locations, causing time zone issues. This is especially true of our international students.
2. Ramadan overlaps with final exam week this year. Muslims who observe Ramadan fast from food and water from sunrise to sunset.
3. Students with disabilities receiving accommodations may need extended test time, which can conflict with other scheduled exams.
4. Faculty and students have additional responsibilities and potential time conflicts associated with caring for others.
5. Faculty and students are experiencing different challenges related to technology. Examples include the stability and availability of internet, and access to necessary technology such as computers or cameras for virtual participation.

Due to the above issues, the following are final exam policies for Spring and Summer 2020:

- Final exams will not be held synchronously.
- Any changes to final exams should be provided to students by May 1. Changes to the calculation of final grades based on changes to the final exam should also be clearly outlined for students.
- Faculty can use their final exam time as the deadline for materials due during exam week, or faculty may use any time during exam week as the deadline for these items. The latest deadline an instructor may use for all coursework is midnight PST Friday, May 15, 2020.
- Faculty are required to have one course-related activity take place during exam week. This might be an assignment, an exam, a blog post, a project or other assessment.
- Students should direct any specific questions about exam week for each course to the faculty member.