

The Slack workspace is now **required** in 4744.

### What does this mean?

This means that you now have access to another free resource to achieve success in the course.

### Why?

The entire goal of this is to provide another genuine resource to this challenging yet very valuable course.

### What is this resource to be used for?

- This Slack workspace **IS** to be used for asking questions regarding general course concepts, lab material, and any predefined requirements.
- This Slack workspace **IS NOT** to be used for sharing solutions to labs, homework, or practice exams.
- This Slack workspace **IS NOT** to be used as a replacement for visiting office hours to receive one-on-one help.
- As in office hours, this Slack workspace **IS NOT** to be used to just receive answers, but rather to receive overall guidance. If a question appears to have come from lack of thought, do not expect a helpful response.

### What should you do?

You should join the Slack workspace! Be aware that if this resource is not utilized by a *fair* number of students, it is likely to be deleted.

### How do I join?

Use this [link](#) (from now until January 28<sup>th</sup>).

**NOTE:** If you have joined the Slack workspace in a previous semester, it is likely that your account is now deactivated. Please email me (Dr. Schwartz at [ems@ufl.edu](mailto:ems@ufl.edu)) with proof that you are currently enrolled in the course, and then I will manually re-activate your account.

### What do I do once I join?

Once you join, become familiar with the Slack environment and our workspace. The three most important channels will be “**announcements**,” “**help**,” and “**office-hour-info**”. The “announcements” channel will be used by Dr. Schwartz and the Peer Instructors (PIs) to post critical updates, and the “help” channel will be used for students to seek guidance, as described above. The “office-hour-info” will have up-to-date info about upcoming office hours for both PIs and Dr. Schwartz. The other channel, “**random**”, is available for students to communicate fun or non-course related info with one another. When you create your account, you will automatically be signed up on all of these channels.

### What should I do before asking for help?

When asking a question in “**help**”, you should discuss what steps you have **already taken** to resolve the issue.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

All the best,

Dr. Schwartz