Dates, Flexible Schedules: Go-At-Your-Own-Pace "Asynchronous".

1. FLEXIBILITY. You can schedule your own test dates (so long as you finish all by May 6, 2027)

2. The "Official" semester start date is January 13, 2027
   - You can start earlier, much earlier, if you want

3. Semester Completion date: May 6, 2027.
   a. You can finish early, and you can start early (or late), but you MUST FINISH BY MAY 6
   b. MSUM academic calendar, for Spring and Spring classes: https://www.mnstate.edu/academiccalendars.aspx

4. YOU CAN START EARLY, AND/OR FINISH EARLY. (But must finish by May 6 deadline.)
   - I will try to have all course materials ready/online at least a month (usually many months) early
   - Since lectures and learning materials are online, you don't need to wait for the official university semester start dates to actually start. You could start sooner.

5. "GO AT YOUR OWN PACE"/ASYNCHRONOUS. Self-schedule your tests.
   - As long as you complete all of the tests by the end of the semester (May 6), test dates are otherwise unfixed/undefined. Some suggested planning schedules are shown on the following pages.
   - Online Homework assignments likewise have no fixed due dates, other than end-of-semester
   - For zoom-testing with me, I will be super flexible. I will be normally be available for testing from 8:05am-2pm central time every Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday. Most Fridays I will be available. Most weekdays I will be available till 5:30, and many weekdays I will have capacity for early-evening testing as well. Many Saturdays I am available for morning, 8:05 or 9am CST testing, too. So, good chance that I will be available at some times that can fit your schedule. ☺☺
   - You can adjust on the fly, to some degree. For example, suppose you were planning to take Test 1 on a Friday, but you realized that if you could study more over the weekend and take it on Monday instead, you might be much better prepared and do much better. That would be OK. (Of course, it's all too easy to keep "moving tests back" only to run out of time, so be disciplined…)

6. For each individual test, plan to finish the regular lectures a week (or most of a week) prior to when you actually intend to test, so you have time to practice. Practice makes perfect!
   - Organic has LOTS of information. Tests will require that you know how to USE the info.
   - So, doing a lot of practice problems, practice sets, and practice tests is crucial for test preparation.

7. IT'S EASY TO PROCRASTINATE AND FALL BEHIND. TRY TO SET UP AN AGGRESSIVE SCHEDULE FOR YOURSELF SO THAT YOU GET DONE EARLY. THAT WAY IF YOU DO HAVE SOME SETBACKS, YOU'LL HAVE SOME CUSHION TIME.
   - If you schedule to take the full 16 weeks, that will leave you no cushion in case job or other classes or personal issues create a scheduling crisis and leave you unable to prepare adequately.
   - If you schedule to finish early, that provides some "extra" weeks in case you need them. Or, if you finish Organic early, then it won't be competing for limited time late in the semester when you're perhaps cramming to finish papers, projects and final exams in other classes.

8. PROCTORED TESTS WILL NOT BE RETURNED. Given the flexible test-scheduling, I will not be able to send you copies of your graded tests. Sorry. ☹ But if you test on campus or via zoom, I will normally be able to grade the test right away and enable you to see where you lost points.

9. The following pages have some info to help with scheduling.