

Dear Students of ARTSSCI 1BB3 / Argumentation,

The university community takes the health and wellness of our members seriously and we are interested in slowing the potential for spread of COVID-19. We are committed to ensuring the successful completion of the current academic term by all of our students. While the University has taken many measures to prepare and keep our community informed as the pandemic has unfolded, the university has made a decision to suspend classes at McMaster.

McMaster in-person classes and tests for undergraduate and graduate students will end as of Friday 13 March 2020 and no in-person exams will be held at the end of this term.

The following describes what you can expect for ARTSSCI 1BB3 / Argumentation between now and the end of the term:

Between now and Tues. 7 April 2020, you can expect the following changes with respect to course instruction for this course:

- Paper 2 will still be due on Avenue, but the due date has been extended from March 20 to March 23.
- The final exam will of course be a take-home exam, and it will be due the same date as the scheduled final exam (April 13) on Avenue.
- Lecture slides will be much more detailed than usual and will be posted on Avenue under Content (just as before).
- Participation points can still be earned via the Discussion Forum on Avenue. These had been going on throughout much of the semester anyway, but now I have made more of them. Students have already been posting in all of the new Discussion Topics on Avenue.
- More discussion topics will be opened in the Discussion Forum on Avenue, and instead of responding to you in class I will respond to you on Avenue.
- Office hours (Thursdays 1:30-2:30) and other meetings with students will be held virtually via Zoom – also you can always get in touch with me at corenda@mcmaster.ca to ask questions and discuss course content.

In addition, you can expect the following changes to the assessments used for this course:

- Participation points will be earned via emails and contributions to the Avenue Discussion Forum topics.
- The final exam will be take-home, posted shortly, and due April 13th.
- Paper 2 is still worth the same percentage, the final is still worth the same percentage, and your previous grades (Paper 1) will count no less toward your final grade for the course.

If you have a need for accommodations, please continue to communicate with Student Accessibility Services and keep me informed.

In the event of significant changes to the COVID-19 situation, further changes may need to be made to

this course. Please visit <https://covid19.mcmaster.ca/> for up-to-date university information.

Sincerely,

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