

Dear Students of ARTSSCI 1CC3 / Contemporary Indigenous Studies,

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 1CC3 / Contemporary Indigenous Studies 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 and assessment for this course:

Remaining Lectures

We will have one further lecture posted next Thursday (in slidedeck/powerpoint form) under the Content tab, Week 11. A guest lecture was scheduled for Week 12, this is canceled. An end of term social was scheduled for Week 13, this is canceled. I will be posting two films (I will contact you again about the details of the films and where to find them on Avenue).

Critical Reflection Paper

The following information concerns your Critical Reflection Paper (25% of your grade):

1. There are no changes to this assignment. Please upload your critical reflection paper on Avenue to Learn to the corresponding Assignment folder by 4:30pm on **Thursday April 9th**.

Peer Evaluation

1. There are no changes to this assignment. Please follow the instructions for peer evaluation marks outlined in the syllabus and on Avenue.

Online Quizzes

The following information includes an alternative to the **now canceled** in-person exam (30% of your grade):

1. During the week of April 13th - 17th, students will have these five days to complete **three (3) quizzes, each valued at 10%**.

2. You will have 120 minutes to begin and complete each quiz within the allotted timeline of April 13th (9:30am) - April 17th (4:30pm)
3. Each quiz will contain questions relating to course material from **Weeks 8 - 11** (a combination of the weekly material will be represented in each quiz).
4. Each quiz will contain 10 multiple-choice questions. These 10 questions will correspond to: **lecture material and films ONLY from Week 8 - 11 (not courseware material)**.
5. There will be **NO short answer or long answer questions**.
6. These quizzes are considered open-book.

Students must complete these three quizzes by 4:30pm on **Friday April 17th**. These quizzes will be conducted through **Avenue to Learn** and will be made available by 9:30am on Monday April 13th.

Office Hours:

My office hours remain the same (see syllabus) but will now be conducted via Skype/Zoom. I am also happy to schedule a meeting outside of office hours. Please contact me to schedule a time whether within, or outside of, my regular office hours.

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.

You can expect communication from me throughout the rest of term until the quizzes have been completed. Please feel free to contact me about the above, or anytime throughout the remainder of the term if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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