

Dear Students of ARTSSCI 2R03/ Applied Statistical Inference,

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 2R03 / Applied Statistical Inference 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:

- The remaining lectures will be delivered through Zoom, as begun on March 16. Lectures will be recorded and posted. Lecture notes will be uploaded to Avenue afterwards.
- Office hours will be conducted remotely using Zoom
- Assignments and the project will continue as before, since they were submitted by uploading to Avenue for assessment
- Tutorials are suspended. The participation grade will be determined based on participation until now only. The small group learning exercises will be made available electronically for you to try on your own to support your understanding of the material.
- We will look to arrange TA support remotely online as well

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

- The final exam will be replaced by a third term test during a portion of that same exam time period. The test will be open book and administered online. The test will cover course material done since the second midterm.
- The third term test may require simultaneous participation on Zoom or something similar to ensure that students are working alone, and to provide a mechanism for contacting the instructor with questions
- All SAS accommodations will be honoured
- The weight that was intended for the final will be redistributed, so an assessment is:  
First two midterm tests 54% (27% each)  
Third online test 16%  
Assignments 15% (5 at 3% each)  
Project 10%  
Participation 5%

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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