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Dear Students of ARTSSCI 4VC3 / Visual Culture Inquiry,

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 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 message describes what you can expect for ARTSSCI 4VC3 / Visual Culture Inquiry between now and the end of the term:

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

- The remaining course content and assignments will all take place in online format
- I will be sending weekly emails to keep us all on track
- I will be holding online office hours through Avenue>Chat on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00pm effective immediately until the end of the exam period. I will continue to monitor and respond to email. I will be available for online or telephone office hours as the need arises.

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

- Students who have final projects that may no longer be feasible due to the cessation of in-person classes (i.e. students planned to do an interactive project on campus) have until Thurs. 19 Mar. to propose viable alternatives via Avenue>Assessments>Proposed Changes to Project.
- Students will create a video presentation for their paper/projects (instead of planned in-class presentations). The format remains the same as already discussed in class only the delivery format is different. The due date for this is moved from 26 March & 2 April to all Video Presentations due 11:30 pm 2 April.
- The Final Paper/Project was originally due 5 days after the student presentations (31 March or 7 April); the new due date for all assignments is 11:30 pm 9 April 2020.

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.

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