

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Dear Students of Stats 2B03:

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 March 13th and no in-person exams will be held at the end of this term.

The following describes what you can expect for Stats 2B03 between now and the end of the term:

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

- Lectures will be delivered using Echo 360
- Virtual office hours will be held using WebEx. Details will be posted on the course web site.
- Questions can be asked on Echo 360 and will be answered by me and/or TAs.

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

- Test #2 will be a 'Take Home' test to be completed online, tentatively scheduled for Monday March 23rd. Check the course web site for details.
- The final exam will be a 'Take Home' exam to be completed online on Tuesday April 28th. Check the course web site for details.
- Assignment #5 is optional. If you do Assignment #5 and it ends up being your lowest Assignment mark then your Assignment #5 mark will be dropped (and distributed among your remaining assignments).
- The course evaluation will remain as given on the course outline. i.e.,
 - 1 Survey - 1% (participation credit)
 - 6 Assignments - 2.5% each
 - 2 Tests - 20% each
 - Final Exam - 44%

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

In the event 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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