

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Dear Students of Math 3H03 (Number Theory):

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 Math 3H03 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:

- We will be using the following revised schedule.
 - March 16, 2020 -- No class due to the fact that I may not have access to the appropriate software
 - March 18, 2020 -- Section 6.1. (Going forward, lectures will be available via Echo360 on Avenue-to-Learn. I will send you further information once everything is set up.)
 - March 19, 2020 -- Sections 6.2-6.5
 - March 23, 2020 -- Sections 7.1-7.3
 - March 25, 2020 -- Sections 7.3-7.5
 - March 26, 2020 -- Sections 7.5 - Overview of Quadratic Reciprocity
 - March 27, 2020 -- Homework 8 is due.
 - March 30, 2020 -- Overview of Chapter 10 and course overview.
 - April 1, 2020 -- Midterm 2. This will be an open book midterm given via Crowdmark. I will make the midterm accessible for only one hour (during our regular class time). I will also update the review sheet.
- All remaining classes will be canceled, and there will be no final exam.
- This schedule will allow us to cover over 90% of the course material, and we only miss three classes. If I am able, I will record all the lecture as soon as possible.
- Please use the class website for latest information.
- I will do my best to maintain my regular office hours (Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30-12:30). You can either call me at 905-525-9140 x 27016, or send me an email to set up a skype call. Or you can just send me an email.

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

- The following revised marking scheme will be used.

Component	New Weighting	MSAF on Midterm	MSAF on HWA	MSAF on Poster
Homework (best 7 out 8)	22%	30%	18%	22%
Poster	12%	20%	12%	
Midterm 1	33%	50%	35%	39%
Midterm 2	33%		35%	39%

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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