

March 22, 2020

Dear AUArts Community;

As the pandemic crisis amplifies, we have made the difficult decision to **lock down the campus with no access to ALL faculty, staff, visitors and students** – this includes **both** undergraduate and graduate students.

**CAMPUS-WIDE LOCK DOWN BEGINS MONDAY, MARCH 23 STARTING AT 12PM/NOON SHARP.**

This means that no one will be able to enter the campus building except for a few authorized staff who are essential to keep critical services running.

With the lock down of campus, we recognize that there may be even more challenges for those who may need access to on-campus computing, bookstore, tools or similar. Students continuing with coursework who find themselves unable to complete outstanding work due to the building closure are advised to complete the [Excused Absence Form](#) and send it to [covid19@auarts.ca](mailto:covid19@auarts.ca)

Students are advised to provide specifics on what resources or equipment would normally be required to complete outstanding work within the email. We will assess each request on a case by case basis and be in touch as soon as possible.

We understand the inconvenience this decision creates for many of you. We did not take this decision lightly, however, it is of paramount importance that we ensure everyone remains healthy and safe.

Please continue to stay home for your own personal health and safety. If you have any questions regarding this situation, please send them to [covid19@auarts.ca](mailto:covid19@auarts.ca).

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