

March 22, 2020

Good afternoon,

President Doz sent a message today regarding the closure of our campus to all non-essential personnel effective Monday, March 23 at 12:00pm (noon). This is for the safety and security of all – our staff who continue to work in essential services and, of course, the rest of us who are at home and self-isolating as per the recommendations of the Provincial and Federal governments.

As was mentioned last week, AUArts non-academic and academic staff are transitioning to a work from home environment. This will allow the majority of our services to continue to operate, albeit with some limitations. We still have a few kinks to work out, but we expect to be able to support most of your needs as it relates to general student services going forward.

Faculty have been in touch with students directly regarding the continuation of courses. Courses that have completed 65% or more of their work are considered complete. This constitutes approximately 1/3 of our courses this semester. Courses that have not completed 65%, or individual students in courses who have not completed 65% of their coursework are to resume starting Monday, March 23 with adaptations or changes to the method of delivery (online via Mosaic or similar) or changes to the expectations regarding assignments, tests or exams. All final examinations and jury crits in every School have been cancelled.

Students who are unable to continue their coursework with the adaptations in place, for whatever reason, are urged to use the existing protocol for Academic Accommodations, using the form attached and submitting to [covid19@auarts.ca](mailto:covid19@auarts.ca).

Again, our focus has been on course continuity, allowing all of our students to complete the Winter 2020 semester by transitioning to adaptations or remote course delivery. We urge everyone in our community to continue to practice and support the recommendations for proper hygiene – handwashing, social distancing and ensuring that you stay home if you are ill. We're all in this together. This is an exceptional time and requires exceptional responses. Thank you everyone for your continued patience and cooperation during this transition period.

All the best,  
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