

St. Stephen's College

Memo about Revised Course Dates to Accommodate the Disruption of COVID-19



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To: Instructors in SSC Courses that were currently running on March 16.

Regarding: Accommodation for Student Learning in light of COVID-19

Over the past weeks, every aspect of our lives and livelihoods has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This is true not only for each of us as instructors, but also for our students as they continue their studies at St. Stephen's College.

The impact of COVID-19 on both students and faculty has been variously experienced and disruptive. A few of these disruptions are as follows: (1) work/life balance has been thrown all out of whack, especially for those who have kids and thus need to be fulltime stay at home parents while also working fulltime; (2) some may well have lost their employment during this period; and (3) the directive to stay off campus has impeded library access for students. To the third impact, I am delighted to say that SSC has entered into an agreement with the University of Alberta library to grant SSC students temporary off-campus access to all e-collections (this is in effect already; SSC students can log in with their CCID/passwords). But, to the first and second of these impacts, there is no immediate nor tangible way to restore work/life balance in the foreseeable future.

Given this impact, the faculty council of St. Stephen's College has considered a number of ways that we might accommodate the impacts of COVID-19 upon students and faculty. After considering a number of options, and after being in consultation with each of you, **we have decided to grant extensions to all courses that were currently running as of March 16** (March 16 is a pragmatic date that reflects when the impacts of COVID-19 began to be felt at SSC in a significant way). The courses for which this extension has been approved, together with the revised dates, are listed below. **Please consult the table below to see how your course is impacted.**

Some clarity: This extension means that the deadline for final assignments is extended (most course, though not all, get an extra month), and also that instructors are given extra time to complete grading (most course, though not all, get an extra month). Each instructor is invited to use this extra time as best fits their particular course. Perhaps you will want to give an extension only to the final assignment. Or, perhaps you will want to extend the deadlines for multiple assignments. You are free to make use of this extra time in whatever way best fits your course. Our purpose in granting this extension is to help alleviate some of the pressures that students and instructors are facing as we all adjust to this new normal.

What Instructors Need to Do: We are asking all instructors to devise a plan for how they wish to apply this extension to their course(s), and to inform their students where changes have been made to the assignment submission deadlines. The College registrar will also reach out to students to inform them of this extension, and students will be directed to consult with their instructors for details of how the extension applies to their particular course.

Note: this extension applies only to the courses listed below. Our aim in making this decision is to accommodate courses that were currently running as of March 16. If you are teaching spring or summer courses in the coming months, this extension does not apply.

As always, if you have any questions, or if you need any clarity around this, please reach out to either the Department Chairs or to the Dean. We are happy to discuss this extension with you. Our chief aim in this is to help alleviate the pressure we all feel in this situation, while also ensuring clear communication.

With thanks,
Fred Tappenden,
Principal and Dean,
St. Stephen's College



Courses with Extended Deadlines					
Course	Instructor	Original Schedule		New, Extended Schedule	
		Course Dates	Grades Due	Course Dates	Grades Due
Capstone	Amanda Radil	Oct 1, 2019 – April 24, 2020	September 1, 2020	Oct 1, 2019 – May 24, 2020	September 15, 2020
Theories of Counselling and Psychotherapy	Thea Comeau	Feb 3, 2020 – May 29, 2020	June 29, 2020	Feb 3, 2020 – June 29, 2020	July 29, 2020
Research Methods	Thea Comeau	Feb 3, 2020 – May 29, 2020	June 29, 2020	Feb 3, 2020 – June 29, 2020	July 29, 2020
Academic Writing	Norbert Krumins	Feb 3, 2020 – May 29, 2020	June 29, 2020	Feb 3, 2020 – June 29, 2020	July 29, 2020
AT History and Theoretical Foundations	Patricia MacAulay	Feb 3, 2020 – May 29, 2020	June 29, 2020	Feb 3, 2020 – June 29, 2020	July 29, 2020
Issues of Professional Practice in AT	Haley Toll	Feb 3, 2020 – March 2, 2020; final paper due on April 10	May 10, 2020	Feb 3, 2020 – March 2, 2020; final paper due on May 25	May 31, 2020
Theological Reflection in Professional Practice	Zinia Pritchard	March 16–20, 2020; final paper due on May 20	June 20, 2020	March 16–20, 2020; final paper due on June 20	July 20, 2020
Independent Studies	Various	Various	Various	Various; revised dates to be + one month from previous schedule	Various; revised dates to be + one month from previous schedule
Thesis, Culminating Paper, or Integrative Paper	Various	Various	Various	Consult with Department Chair	Consult with Department Chair