

Dear IDS students,

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve and we prepare for the fall term, IDS wants all of you to know that we are hard at work during the summer to ensure our online courses this Fall are of the high-quality you have come to expect from your professors. We also want to ensure you that the same variety and range of courses as any given year will be available in order for you to continue with and complete your IDS degrees.

IDS will routinely update its website and Facebook page to reflect the most current information about courses. Also, please do not hesitate to contact your professors directly if you have specific questions about the courses you will be taking with them.

Dalhousie is ensuring students have all the support they need to effectively learn remotely. If you need assistance or have general questions about online learning, this is a great resource to get you started: <https://www.dal.ca/dept/remote-teaching/students.html> . You might also find this article about advice for students regarding online learning useful: <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/how-to-overcome-challenges-of-online-classes-due-to-coronavirus> .

We will miss seeing you in the physical classroom, but we're excited to engage with you online in September!

From all of us in the IDS department, we hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and that you and your families remain healthy and safe.