Dalhousie has issued the following directives:
- All in-person classes/labs/exams will not resume this term
- Instruction will be paused March 16-20
- Instruction (content delivery) will resume (remotely) Monday March 23rd and end on April 6th as originally scheduled.
- Exams will not be held in person

As such, it is necessary to revise the course content and assessments, including the final exam for this class. The purpose of this document is to communicate these revisions in a clear and concise manner. This document also serves as a formal revision to the course syllabus.

### Schedule of CONTENT Coverage

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<td>Exam #2</td>
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<td>March 27, 2020</td>
<td>Lecture 8</td>
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<td>March 30, Apr 6, 2020</td>
<td>Lecture 9 and Exam #3</td>
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### ORIGINAL Course ASSESSMENTS (weighting should equal 100%)

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<td>Exam #1 Lec 1-4</td>
<td>MCQ</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>Exam #2 Lec 5-7</td>
<td>MCQ</td>
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<td>Exam #3 Lec 8-9</td>
<td>MCQ</td>
<td>20%</td>
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### REVISED Course ASSESSMENTS (weight should equal 100%)

78% of course content covered by two exams.

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<td>Exam #1</td>
<td>MCQ</td>
<td>50% covered 44.4% of course material</td>
<td>completed</td>
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<td>Exam #2</td>
<td>MCQ</td>
<td>50% covers 33.3% of course material</td>
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IMPORTANT: Students concerned about the fairness of these changes may be considered for an academic waiver for withdraw. If you feel that your circumstances make it impossible to complete this course, please complete the Waiver of Academic Regulations and send to science@dal.ca. Please note, waivers will not be considered after all academic requirements have been completed.
March 16, 2020

Dear Class,

As you are aware, Dalhousie has cancelled classes for the week of March 16-20, 2020 and plans to have them resume (remotely) on March 23, 2020.

I appreciate that this is a stressful time, and I am committed to adapting this course so that you can complete the term and receive a grade that is reflective of your mastery of most of the course’s outcomes. Below I have outlined some key pieces of information regarding the revisions that I’ve made to the remaining components of our class.

I have been informed that Exam #2 can not be held on Friday March 20, however I can administer Exam #2 on March 27, 2020. It would be an on-line format.

There are two options I want you to consider:

**Option 1**: Exam #2 March 27, 2020 on-line worth 50%.

Your final grade in the class will be the sum of the two exams. Exam #1 will be converted to 50% value. There would be no Exam #3 worth 20%.

   e.g.  
   Exam 1, your grade was 30/40% converted to 37.5/50%.  
   Exam #2, your grade is 38/50%. 
   Your final grade in the course would be 75.5% = B letter grade.

**Option #2** Exam #2 March 27, 2020 on-line worth 40%. Then on a later date set by the registrar (I think it was April 14), you would have Exam #3, on-line. Exam #3 covers Chapters 22-26.

In order for either option to pass, 2/3 of the class must agree. Please have a conversation amongst yourself, score each option and your selection on a spreadsheet then identify one person from the class that will forward the results (spreadsheet) to me by email so that I have an official record. Please decide by Tuesday afternoon because I have to submit an official Syllabus change.

Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely

\[signature\]

Dr. Paola Marignani
The class was surveyed with 84/98 responding. To achieve 2/3 of class agreement-require 65 members of the class to vote in favour of either option.

From 84 members of class that responded, 68 members of the class responded in favour of Option 1. Based on these results, Exam#2 will be administered on-line on March 27, 2020 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. The final grade will be the combined results of Exam#2 with the adjusted results from Exam#1.

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