Dear Students of PNB 3HP3 (History of Psychology)

The university has taken many measures to prepare and keep our community informed as the COVID-19 pandemic has unfolded. As you’re aware, one of these measures was the decision late last week to suspend in-person classes for the remainder of the academic term.

McMaster in-person classes and tests for undergraduate and graduate students ended as of Friday March 13th and no in-person exams will be held at the end of this term.

This decision was made to ensure that our activities here at McMaster are aligned with the social distancing principle so important to broader public health at this time.

We are also committed to ensuring the successful completion of the current academic term by all of our students. To do so, we have put careful thought into the use of alternative assessment methods and evaluation schemes that are fair to all students. The following describes what you can expect for PNB 3HP3 between now and the end of the term:

Between now and April 7, you can expect the following changes with respect to course instruction for this course:

- Virtual lectures will all take place on Microsoft Teams (to join the class, click here)
- Microsoft teams allows for both spoken and written contributions to the discussion. I will continue the discussion-heavy format of the lectures, so please make sure your camera and microphone are working.
  - Microsoft Teams has many rich discussion and file sharing options. I will rely on some of these features, but these are all supplementary and optional. What matter most, your assignment submissions, will all still occur via Avenue2Learn.

In addition, you can expect the following changes to the assessments used for this course:

- The deadline for Long Assignment #2 is extended to **Friday March 27 at 11:59 PM**
- Long Assignment #3 is now optional. If you complete it, each of your long assignments will be worth 20%. If you do not complete it, Long Assignments #1 and #2 will each be worth 30%. This change was made due to the fact that you will likely have many more written assignments in your other courses, so I hope that this reduces your workload. If you do choose to submit Long Assignment #3, it will have the same deadline (Friday April 17 at 11:59 PM)

If you have a need for accommodations, please continue to communicate with Student Accessibility Services and keep me informed.

In the event significant changes to the COVID-19 situation, further changes may need to be made to this course and will be clearly communicated to you. Please also visit [https://covid19.mcmaster.ca/](https://covid19.mcmaster.ca/) for up-to-date university information.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ali Hashemi