Dear Students of Psych 3BA3,

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 Psych 3CC3 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:

- **The lecture content still to be covered in the course will be available online.** A link posted in an Avenue announcement will give you access to the relevant lectures as they were delivered in Psych 3BA3 in the Summer of 2019. I have also posted this link here: [https://echo360.ca/section/3c0dd552-3694-4e37-b0c1-6c6f7563eb67/public](https://echo360.ca/section/3c0dd552-3694-4e37-b0c1-6c6f7563eb67/public)
  (You may need to use your Avenue or ECHO360 login to access this material.)

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

- **The final exam in this course will be held online at the originally scheduled time through Avenue’s quiz facility.** It will be an 80-question multiple-choice exam. You will have 5 hours from the exam start time to complete and submit it.
- For students with one midterm mark in 3BA3, the weight of that midterm and the final exam will be either 40-60, or 30-70, whichever yields the higher average.
- For students with no 3BA3 midterm mark, the exam will be weighted as 100% of the final course average.
- **For all students, the final course average will be the higher of the final exam mark alone, or the weighted average of the exam and any midterm marks as described above.** That means that your final course average will always be equal to, or higher than, the final exam mark.

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/ for up-to-date university information.

Sincerely,

Dick Day