

Dear faculty and staff members,

The following are the highlights for March 25:

- Instructors are reminded that while students can complete group projects/assignments utilizing remote delivery platforms, they can no longer meet face-to-face given the public health risks.
- The University of Regina is committed to providing as thorough and as comprehensive an academic experience as possible under the unprecedented challenges posed by the global, COVID-19 pandemic.

GROUP PROJECTS/ASSIGNMENTS:

While students can and should be encouraged to complete group projects or assignments through remote platforms (e.g. Zoom, Skype, FaceTime, phone, group chats, etc.), they are no longer permitted to meet face-to-face in order to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19. In instances where completion of group assignments via these platforms is not possible, instructors are asked to discuss alternate assignments or arrangements with students.

SUPPORTS FROM THE CENTRE FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING:

If you have pedagogic questions around your teaching as you transfer from face to face to remote teaching platforms, or if you have questions in general around your pedagogy, please feel free to contact the Centre for Teaching and Learning at: <https://zoom.us/j/9298260365>

Although they are working remotely, the staff are happy to consult daily Monday to Friday, 10 am to 12 pm and 2 pm to 4 pm.

They are also busy at the Centre consolidating resources for you which will be uploaded onto their website shortly. <https://www.uregina.ca/ctl/>

THE RATIONALE FOR TRANSITIONING TO REMOTE/DISTANCE TEACHING:

Our two main priorities during this challenging time are the health and well-being of students, faculty, and staff; and ensuring that students can complete their semesters and, in some cases, their academic programs.

Moving to distance teaching/remote learning platforms (e.g. Zoom lectures) follows medical advice from public health officials. Doing so helps to keep students and faculty safe from the spread of COVID-19, while still allowing students to complete their studies.

The University of Regina has a responsibility to provide as thorough and as comprehensive an academic experience as possible under the unprecedented challenges posed by the global COVID-19 pandemic. The University is continuing with the delivery of courses where possible. We encourage students with any questions or concerns about specific courses to contact their instructors.

This approach is in line with virtually every other post-secondary institution in Canada. We know that a large majority of students welcome the chance to complete their term and earn a grade that reflects the work they have done under very difficult global circumstances.

As always, stay healthy and look after yourselves, your families, and your communities.

Sincerely,

Thomas Chase

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