August 2020

Dear Justice Studies Students,

This is another quick update with highlights about returning to classes for fall 2020. Please note there was no message sent out to students in July 2020. My other messages from May and June are posted on our JS website – please refer back to them for additional details.

1. Most importantly, as Department Head, I will be available for virtual office hours starting mid-June. **Talk-to-me-Tuesdays is time set aside for any JS student to drop in (online) and ask me any questions and/or offer comments and suggestions.** This virtual drop in session will run from 2:00-4:00 every Tuesday for the remaining weeks in August and throughout the fall semester. Please know this is public space for us to have an open discussion – there may be one of you or many of you that “drop in”. If you’re not comfortable with this public space, please email me (gloria.desantis@uregina.ca) and we’ll set up another time to have a private conversation one-on-one.

   **Time:** Tuesdays from 2:00-4:00 pm during the month of Aug. and the fall semester 2020
   
   Join Zoom Meeting
   
   https://zoom.us/j/91499750977?pwd=QXdLSGJ1cDNML1dJcVBmeWRaNDUUT09
   
   Meeting ID: 914 9975 0977
   
   Password: 713034
   
   One tap mobile
   
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2. **For answers to all your questions about returning to classes this fall**, please see the UofR’s updated website [https://www.uregina.ca/term-updates/](https://www.uregina.ca/term-updates/)- please check it regularly for important updates. There is a “Learn Remotely” (for students) on the right side of the website with some excellent information for you. Please note that all JS courses are being offered remotely this fall - **none of our JS classes will be face-to-face.** Instructors will be updating their UR Courses course descriptions by mid-August so you will be able to see whether these courses will be offered in real-time at a scheduled time or that you are expected to complete the course at your own pace (on your own time).

   **Some students have asked about their course textbooks.** “The Campus Bookstore has an online ordering site, where students can purchase textbooks as well as other merchandise. They are currently offering free shipping on all orders. Some textbooks are available in electronic versions.” ([https://www.uregina.ca/remote-learning/index.html](https://www.uregina.ca/remote-learning/index.html))
3. If you are senior JS student in very good standing and you have an interest in being a Teaching Assistant (TA) this fall, please check the postings during the week of Aug. 17 and submit your application using the online portal. To see the postings, go to https://www.uregina.ca/hr/careers/opportunities.html and click on “student positions”. If you have any questions please contact Corie at corie.smith@uregina.ca

4. If you have registered for a practicum course for this fall semester, please see updated practicum placement material that will be posted on our website over the next 2 weeks. Please contact David Flomo if you have any questions/concerns.

5. We have created a Regularized Course Offerings document for you in order to help you plan your schedule of courses while you’re an undergraduate student. Please see the attached document. It too will be posted on our website over the next few weeks.

6. If you have any concerns about registering for courses, waitlists, etc. please contact an Academic Advisor – they are experts in finding information and navigating our complicated university system … they’ll save you countless hours of work! Arts Student Services Office, 306-585-4137, arts.studentservices@uregina.ca

In closing, please know that at our JS Department, we are all working hard to ‘make the best of a bad situation’ given the impacts of this global pandemic. Please do not hesitate to connect with me if you have any questions/concerns.

Sincerely,

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I acknowledge with respect that I live, work and volunteer on the Homeland of the Métis and the traditional territories of the Nêhiyawak, Anihšināpēk, Dakota, Lakota and Nakota peoples of Turtle Island. This area is also known as Treaty 4 Territory – a place where the spirit of the treaty is not honoured, thus I am committed to conversations and relationships in solidarity with Indigenous peoples for change.