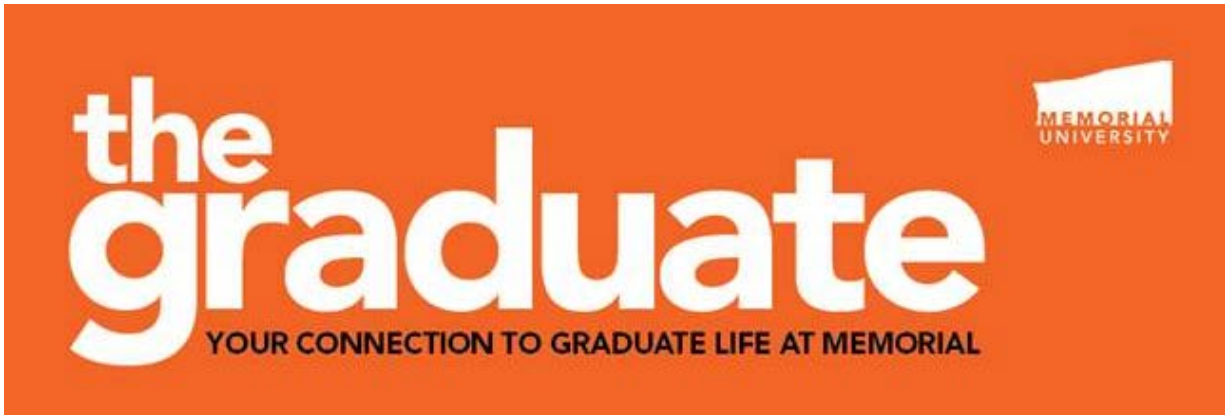


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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT (ACADEMIC) AND DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES

It has been a difficult few weeks for all of us but we are now settling down into working remotely. I know it is a challenge to juggle all the responsibilities you are facing right now.

We've been communicating with you through multiple channels, including this newsletter, through social media, and on the Covid-19 FAQ: <https://www.mun.ca/covid19/students/>. In addition, I have been recording a daily update that can be seen on YouTube—just search for Aimee Surprenant to find it. I'm also posting updates and advice on a Brightspace shell called Graduate Student Commons that all graduate students should be enrolled in. I created it a few years ago with tools and information for graduate students. Log on and see what's there.

I recognize that many of you are struggling with challenging situations ranging from hardware difficulties to meeting family and other obligations. Your labs have been closed, many research projects put in jeopardy, and you are trying to figure out how to keep your program on track. Added on top of that is uncertainty as we cannot

predict how this situation will unfold. I want to assure you that we are working very hard to support you and please contact us if you need anything, even if it is just a bit of advice.

Take care of yourself and stay safe.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

COVID-19

Memorial has created a webpage to share accurate information about COVID-19 and the university's response. This page will be updated regularly:
<https://www.mun.ca/covid19/>.

Exams

Students are advised that there will be no final exams taking place on campus in April. This includes both on campus and online invigilated exams. This does not apply to exams for certificate, diploma, undergraduate or graduate students at the Fisheries and Marine Institute. Those students will be updated directly by their faculty. Full update at Students can review our FAQ page at
www.mun.ca/covid19/students/exams.php.

Academic Council

The Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies has approved a motion that now allow students to drop courses without academic prejudice until the last day of lectures in the winter semester 2020, Friday, April 3, 2020.

Graduate Student Regulation

Graduate students are advised that the general regulation of Termination of a Graduate Program has been waived until further notice. This means that a graduate student's program will not be terminated for any reason, including failure to attain a final passing grade of A or B in a program course. This waiver will be rescinded at some time in the future.

Research

The Health Research Ethics Authority (HREA) Research Ethics Office (REO) has been closely monitoring the developments related to COVID-19. In light of recent restrictions, the REO of the Health Research Ethics Board (HREB) wishes to advise researchers that, effectively immediately, their research protocols must be modified or delayed to avoid face-to-face personal interactions with research participants. Specifically, research protocols for continuing research will need to be amended to replace face-to-face interactions with remote communication. Read more here
<https://www.mun.ca/research/news.php?id=13170&type=announce>.

Spring Semester

Memorial's spring semester, including intersession and summer session, will continue with remote instruction of all courses at all campuses of Memorial University. This means in-person on-campus courses will not resume before September 2020.

Semester start and end dates will remain the same. At this time a new registration date has not been determined. Students will be informed of their new registration time when it has assigned.

We expect there will be changes to the course offerings already published. Students will need to review the course schedule in Student Self Service under "Look up Course Offerings" or on the Registrar's Office website.

As a reminder:

- Spring Semester runs from May 11 to August 15 (includes exam period)
- Intersession runs from May 11 to June 24 (includes exam period)
- Summer session runs from June 29 to August 12 (includes exam period)

The Marine Institute will communicate directly to its students any changes to its technical session, summer semester and work terms. As updates become available, they will be posted to www.mi.mun.ca/COVID19.

Spring Convocation 2020 in Corner Brook and St. John's

Memorial University will postpone Spring Convocation 2020 ceremonies that were scheduled for May 14 in Corner Brook and May 26-29 in St. John's.

Since an opportunity to walk across the stage and accept a hard-earned degree is the culmination of years of hard work for many students, the Spring Convocation ceremonies will be rescheduled to fall 2020 for those graduates who wish to participate. New dates will be determined based on venue availability in St. John's and Corner Brook; details will be released when they are available.

Additionally, in May 2020 the university will conduct an in absentia graduation to ensure that graduating students are awarded their degree, diplomas and certificates in a timely manner. Memorial held its first in absentia graduation in February. You can read more about that process at <https://gazette.mun.ca/student-life/level-of-service/>. An announcement about the Marine Institute graduation for technical certificates, technician diplomas, diplomas of technology, post-graduate certificates and advanced diplomas, scheduled for June 19, will be made at a later date.

Graduate Student Payroll Deduction – Spring 2020

Each semester, graduate students have the option of requesting tuition to be paid automatically through payroll deduction. This request for automatic deduction must be completed each semester through the student's MUN Self Service account.

Once the spring registration date is confirmed you can request payroll deductions online by visiting: www5.mun.ca/admit/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin. Select "Graduate

Student Payroll Deduction Request”, which can be found under the “Employee Services” tab.

If you have questions or concerns about your funding, please email sgs@mun.ca.

RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Student Wellness and Counselling Centre Services

The Student Wellness and Counselling Centre continues to remain open and staff are providing services to students via telephone and virtual sessions, with the exception of some physician and nurse appointments. For full details and to book an appointment, please visit: <https://www.mun.ca/covid19/students/student-health-wellness.php>.

Internationalization Office (IO)

The Internationalization Office continues to provide supports to you remotely. This means email and other social media platforms including FB messenger, Skype and Zoom. Book an immigration advising appointment on the Navigate app or by emailing aabu@mun.ca. For all other questions please email international@mun.ca and an advisor will respond to you as soon as possible.

Mindful Moments Series

The Gardiner Center will be offering 15-minute guided mindfulness sessions each Wednesday for the next three weeks. These free sessions will be broadcast over Facebook live and led by Gardiner Centre instructor and Positive Psychology coach, Jennifer Kelly. For more information and to join the sessions, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/GardinerCentre/posts/2932374866820006>.

Bookstore online resources for students

The Memorial University Bookstore will update its website, www.bookstore.mun.ca, regularly with information regarding course materials. The Bookstore has partnered with VitalSource, Memorial’s digital course materials provider, to launch VitalSource Helps, a program that provides access to e-books to all Memorial University students effective March 23 until April 30, 2020. Students may begin accessing these materials now at <https://bookshelf.vitalsource.com>. Further information, including answers to frequently asked questions for students can be found here: <https://support.vitalsource.com/hc/en-us/articles/360044467674>.

REMOTE LEARNING

Transitioning to Remote Learning

The Centre for Innovation in Teaching and Learning has created a Student Help site

to assist students in transitioning from in-person to remote learning: <https://blog.citl.mun.ca/resourcesforstudents/>. The site provides information on submitting assignments, presenting and participating in online classes, and also provides learning strategy resources and other helpful links. If you have further questions, the Remote Instruction Transition Team can help: <https://citl.mun.ca/TeachingSupport/instructionalcontinuity/>.

7 Ways to Conquer Remote Learning

In this article written by Lindsay Newman, Coordinator at Student Volunteer Bureau, Lindsay identifies seven guidelines for staying organized and succeeding in your online course: <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/7-ways-conquer-remote-learning-lindsay-newman/?published=t>.

8 Strategies for Getting the Most out of an Online Class

This article, provided by Northeastern University Graduate Programs, outlines eight strategies to follow when taking online classes: <https://www.northeastern.edu/graduate/blog/tips-for-taking-online-classes/>.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

CV Essentials

What are the qualities of a good CV and what is its purpose? A CV is an archive of your academic history that is used in different ways by different people throughout your academic career. Learn about the critical aspects of developing and enhancing your academic CV by:

- Incorporating Data – The CV is a database as well as your personal archive. Referees analyze the ‘data’ in your CV to craft individualized and specific reference letters.
- Focusing on the individual – Your CV is unique to you, and your position in your career. It’s important not to compare with others when critiquing your own CV.
- Growing a living document – Different aspects of your CV can shine for specific opportunities, and by reviewing your CV for each new opportunity you can customize your CV for maximum impact.

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 31, 1 - 2pm NST

Mode: Online (Link to Brightspace Online Rooms will be sent prior to event)

Presenter: [Dr. Meghan Burchell](#), Associate Professor, Department of Archaeology

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The Job Search: Steps to Success

Looking for a job can be a full-time job! This webinar will provide strategies to help you get started. Topics covered include self-evaluation, how to conduct a job market search, the hidden job market, how to research employers and job search tools.

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 7, 1 - 1:45pm NST

Mode: Online

Presenter: [Julie Bowering](#), Career Development Coordinator, Graduate Studies

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Avoiding Plagiarism

This workshop shows some of the common mistakes academic writers make when incorporating sources into text - mistakes that can lead to unintentional plagiarism. It also provides tips to avoid plagiarizing through developing paraphrasing and summarizing strategies.

Date and Time: Thursday, April 16, 11am - 12pm NST

Mode: Online (Link to Brightspace Online Rooms will be sent prior to event)

Presenter: Carolyn Best, Manager, The Writing Centre

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Systematic Review Methods: A Primer

A systematic review is a particular type of literature review that emphasizes transparency and reproducibility throughout the review process. Although this review method was originally developed to assess the effectiveness of medical interventions, it is becoming increasingly common in disciplines outside of the health sciences. This session will begin with a brief overview of the history and philosophical foundations of systematic reviews. Next, the various stages in the review process will be outlined and described. Other knowledge synthesis publication types and helpful software tools will also be addressed.

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 22, 2020, 1 - 2pm NST

Mode: Online (Link to Brightspace Online Rooms will be sent prior to event)

Presenter: Michelle Swab, Public Services Librarian, Health Sciences Library

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For more professional development opportunities for graduate students, please visit the [EDGE website](#).

CAMPUS NEWS

Fee allocation

Projects to improve emergency notifications and fire alarms, address leaks in buildings, enhance cyber security and improve wireless networks are among those funded through the campus renewal student fee. Approximately \$6 million in campus renewal fee funds are collected each year. [Read more](#).

Turtle Island Journal of Indigenous Health (TIJH) Accepting Submissions

The TIJH is a graduate student-run journal with aims to foster respectful collaboration

and co-creation of knowledge between Indigenous and western knowledges where Elders govern the authenticity, accuracy, and sanctity of community-based knowledge.

The TIJH offer a forum for dialogue and knowledge translation between academia, Indigenous communities and broader society in a way that honours Indigenous ways of knowing and being.

TIJH is now accepting submissions for the first issue. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to: Research ethics, data sovereignty, environmental health, issues connected to Land.

Submissions must be received within one month of opening date.

1st call: March 5, 2020 - April 5, 2020 11:59 pm

2nd call: August 2020 - September 2020

For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/uwgej96> or email tijh.dlsph@utoronto.ca

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