**Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies**

**Course title**

**Course code**

**Session/term**

**Course instructor(s):** [Insert name(s) of course instructor(s) and if applicable, TAs. Please include contact information, preferably in terms of YorkU email addresses, for all members of the teaching team.]

**Times and locations:** [Please clearly communicate to students that this is an online course. Suggested language is provided in the highlighted text.] Please note that this is an **online course**. The entire course, including the submission of assignments, participation/discussion and test-taking, will take place on the course’s Moodle.

**Course** **webpage**: [Moodle]

**Technical requirements for taking the course:** [Please include the suggested language from the Senate Executive Communication, [dated May 6, 2020](https://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/files/May-6-Communication.pdf?x35424), which is provided in the highlighted text below.]

Several platforms will be used in this course (e.g., Moodle, Zoom, etc.) through which students will interact with the course materials, the course director/TA, as well as with one another. Please review this syllabus to determine how the class meets (in whole or in part), and how office hours and presentations will be conducted.

Students shall note the following:

* Zoom is hosted on servers in the U.S. This includes recordings done through Zoom.
* If you have privacy concerns about your data, provide only your first name or a nickname when you join a session.
* The system is configured in a way that all participants are automatically notified when a session is being recorded. In other words, a session cannot be recorded without you knowing about it.

Please review the [technology requirements and FAQs for Moodle](http://www.yorku.ca/moodle/students/faq/index.html).

[Please list what students will need in order to fully participate in your course. If you are expecting that students participate in your course 1) through video conferencing and 2) that they also appear on video (e.g., for tutorial/seminar discussion, remote proctoring, oral exams, etc.), please let them know upfront. In addition to a stable, higher-speed Internet connection, these students will need a computer with webcam and microphone, and/or a smart device with these features.

Here are some useful links for student computing information, resources and help:

[Student Guide to Moodle](https://lthelp.yorku.ca/student-guide-to-moodle)

[Zoom@YorkU Best Practices](https://staff.computing.yorku.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/03/Zoom@YorkU-Best-Practicesv2.pdf)

[Zoom@YorkU User Reference Guide](http://staff.computing.yorku.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2012/02/Zoom@YorkU-User-Reference-Guide.pdf)

[Computing for Students Website](https://student.computing.yorku.ca/)

[Student Guide to eLearning at York University](http://elearning-guide.apps01.yorku.ca/)

To determine Internet connection and speed, there are online tests, such as [Speedtest](https://www.speedtest.net/), that can be run.]

**Virtual office hours:** [Please provide a virtual office hour for student meetings/consultations. If using Zoom for your virtual office hour, please schedule a meeting time as recurring, and designate yourself as host. Disable audio and video for all participants entering the meeting. For more suggestions on how to hold virtual office hours, please visit the [Going Remote website](https://bold.info.yorku.ca/interact-with-students/).

You also conduct your office hours by phone. Please note that you can access your office’s desk phone remotely. That is, if you want students to be able to call you but do not want to reveal your home phone number or personal cell phone number, you can reroute your calls to and from your office desk phone. For more information, please consult the instructions from the [Off-Campus Computing website](http://computing.yorku.ca/offcampus/) under ‘Access your desk phone remotely.’ The first step to initiate this process is to submit an [activation request](https://acctform.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=20266).]

**Expanded course description:** [Insert your course description.]

**Course objectives and learning outcomes:** [Insert your course objectives and learning outcomes.]

**Organization of the course**

[Please clearly communicate to students how you will be organizing your online course. **This section will be longer and more elaborate than for in-person courses**, largely because an online course does not have a predetermined schedule, according to the RO’s course description. It is taught **asynchronously** through modules. Please note that the course organization section should be written as a step-by-step guide for how students will need to approach the assigned readings as well as their coursework. An example of a possible course organization is written below as highlighted text.]

This course is divided into X modules. You should begin the course in Module 1, and complete it before moving onto the next module. The modules have been organized in sequential order, so that you build X skills and enhance X knowledges as you move from one module to the next. While you can complete the modules at your own pace, a suggested timeline for completing the course has been provided in the schedule of readings and activities.

For each module, there is a series of assigned readings that must be completed. To help you make sense of the assigned texts, each text is accompanied by [a brief podcast/video lecture/narrated PowerPoint presentation/notes] as well as by a set of guided reading questions.

* I encourage you to begin each module by first attempting to read the assigned text by yourself. Afterwards, please listen/watch/read the accompanying [podcast/video lecture/notes/narrated PowerPoint presentations].
* The next step is to answer the guided research questions. The guided reading questions will orient your focus to the major [themes/arguments/concepts/theoretical frameworks/ideas] in the assigned reading. [Explain how addressing the questions might be tied to assessment, whether as a point of discussion/participation on a message forum, or as a starting point for the course’s written assignments/tests.]

You will have until the end of each module to complete and submit all work [assignments/tests] for that module. You are encouraged to submit your assignments before the final due dates listed in the schedule of readings.\*

\* NB: The assignment of due dates in this example follows Universal Design Principles, in the sense that it offers a ‘time window’ for students to complete and submit their assignments rather than a single, specific due date. As such, it is typically flexible enough to accommodate most students registered with Accessibility Services.

### Course readings

[Copyright Support staff are available for helping instructors link their readings to York University’s e-resources at [copy@yorku.ca](mailto:copy@yorku.ca). Please also visit the [York Bookstore webpage](https://bookstore.yorku.ca/) for ordering textbooks and e-books. For more information, please refer to the **LA&PS Copyright Tips document**.]

**Evaluation**

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| Assessment | Due date | Value (% of final grade) |
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[To help your department/school with the grade reappraisal process, please remember to include specific due dates for all pieces of evaluation.

The [Senate Grading Scheme and Feedback Policy](https://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/grading-scheme-and-feedback-policy/) stipulates the following:

* The grading scheme (i.e. kinds and weights of assignments, essays, exams, etc.) be announced, and be available in writing, within the first two weeks of class.
* Under normal circumstances, graded feedback worth at least **15%** of the final grade for Fall term courses, and **30%** for full-year courses shall be received by students in all courses prior to the final withdrawal date from a course without receiving a grade (see the policy for exceptions to this aspect of the policy). The last date to drop a course without receiving a final grade is **November 6, 2020** for Fall term courses, and **February 5, 2021** for full-year courses.
* Please note that an exam or term test worth more than 20% of the final grade may not be given during the final two weeks of classes. It must be scheduled in the formal exam period, even if it will be completed online. The formal Fall examination period will run between December 9 to 23, 2020.]

**Course policies**

[Insert your course policies on grading, assignment submission, tests and makeup tests, lateness penalties, etc. For language on these policies, please review the [basic course outline](https://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/files/BasicCourseOutlineTemplateNovember2013-.docx?x45720) provided by the Academic Standards, Curriculum & Pedagogy Committee.

For some common language about academic integrity, and the online tools used to promote it, please see the highlighted text below. Please note that students should be able to opt out of Turnitin and online proctoring, if they so choose. For the few students who opt out, they will need to inform you. For these students, please make alternative arrangements for assignment submission and/or assessment. Students who opt out should not be penalized in any way.]

*Academic honesty and integrity*

In this course, we strive to maintain academic integrity to the highest extent possible. Please familiarize yourself with the meaning of academic integrity by completing SPARK’s [Academic Integrity module](https://spark.library.yorku.ca/academic-integrity-what-is-academic-integrity/) at the beginning of the course. Breaches of academic integrity range from cheating to plagiarism (i.e., the improper crediting of another’s work, the representation of another’s ideas as your own, etc.). All instances of academic dishonesty in this course will be reported to the appropriate university authorities, and can be punishable according to the [Senate Policy on Academic Honesty](https://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/academic-honesty-senate-policy-on/).

Turnitin

To promote academic integrity in this course, students will be normally required to submit their written assignments to Turnitin (via the course Moodle) for a review of textual similarity and the detection of possible plagiarism. In so doing, students will allow their material to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used only for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University’s use of the Turnitin service are described on the Turnitin.com website.

Online proctoring

This course requires the use of online proctoring for examinations. The instructor may use an online proctoring service to deliver the exam(s), which would be administered through the Learning Management System (Moodle). Students are required to have access to minimum technology requirements to complete examinations. If an online proctoring service is used, students will need to become familiar with it at least five days before exam(s). For technology requirements, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and details about the online proctoring service, please visit the [Registrar’s Office’s page on online exam proctoring](https://registrar.yorku.ca/online-exams). Students are required to share any IT accommodation needs with the instructor as soon as they are able.

[If you are considering online proctoring, please note the following:

* You are strongly discouraged from engaging in makeshift (Zoom) proctoring. For a justification of this policy, please review the [reasons](https://drsaraheaton.wordpress.com/2020/03/31/3-reasons-why-proctoring-an-exam-using-zoom-is-a-bad-idea/) outlined by Dr. Sarah Eaton, the Educational Leader in Residence on academic integrity at the University of Calgary.
* Any online proctoring must be conducted by a professional proctoring service. This professional online proctoring service is to be used as a *last* resort for maintaining academic integrity. Please exhaust all possible alternative assessment options before requesting the use of such a service. For alternative online assessment ideas, feel free to consult the [Teaching Commons](https://bold.info.yorku.ca/) and [the Taylor Institute website](https://taylorinstitute.ucalgary.ca/teaching-continuity/student-assessment-ideas) as starting points. If you are considering the use of online proctoring, please consult both the Associate Deans, Programs ([adprog@yorku.ca](mailto:adprog@yorku.ca)) and Teaching & Learning ([adtl@yorku.ca](mailto:adtl@yorku.ca)), to discuss the pros and cons of using this service. York’s licence with the service is limited and you will require Dean’s Office approval to use this service.]

**Course information**

[For common language to describe policies related to intellectual property, accessibility, student conduct, Zoom meetings and academic integrity (i.e., a more detailed statement on academic integrity that replaces the one suggested above), please refer to the **document on LA&PS course policies**. That document summarizes and provides links to the information typically provided under the Course Information section, including on [Student Rights & Responsibilities](https://oscr.students.yorku.ca/csrr), and [Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](https://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/academic-accommodation-for-students-with-disabilities-guidelines-procedures-and-definitions/). For more language on course information, please consult the University’s [Important Course Information document](https://secretariat.info.yorku.ca/files/CourseInformationForStudentsAugust2012-.pdf?x45720).]

**Schedule of readings and activities**

[Please note the following [important dates](https://registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/dates/fw20) for Fall/Winter 2020-21:

* For both full-year (Y) and Fall-term (F) courses, classes will start on September 9, 2020. Winter-term (W) classes will start on January 11, 2021.
* Reading Week will occur between October 10 and 16, 2020 in the Fall term, and between February 13 and 19, 2021 in the Winter term.
* The last date to submit term work is December 9 in the Fall term, and April 13 in the Winter term. December 9 is also a Fall Study Day.
* The formal exam period in the Fall will run from December 9 to 23, 2020. The Winter exam period will run from April 14 to 28, 2021. If you are planning an exam or term test worth more than 20% of the final grade, it cannot be written during the final two weeks of classes. It must be scheduled in the formal exam period, even if it will be written online.]

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| Module 1: [Title] | |
| Week 1 | Reading(s)  Activities   * Complete the [Academic Integrity Module](https://spark.library.yorku.ca/academic-integrity-what-is-academic-integrity/) |
| Week 2 | Reading(s)  Activities |
| Week 3 | Reading(s)  Activities |
| Week 4  (if this is the end  of the module) | Reading(s)  **Final deadline for submitting assignments in Module 1, or**  **Assessment date** |
| Module 2: [Title] | |
| Week 5 | Reading(s)  Activities |