CS492 - Social Implications of Computing
Spring 2020

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Time and location: (MWF 830-920am(sec1), 930-1020am(sec2))

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I have now been told that Spring 2020 courses at uWaterloo will be online. Per my note of March 16, I imagine a similar arrangement for the course workload and requirements. Several written assignments will still be submitted and an online forum will be used to manage both class discussion and question/answering for the RPEs.

This course offers some valuble learning experiences, which will still be retained once the instruction migrates online. You will receive detailed feedback on your written essays, to enable you to hone your skills in communication. The issues that we examine in class are ones which all computer scientists should be invested in understanding: we cover this topic area using our expertise as computer scientists, bringing important insights into how technology operates. There will still be opportunities for groupwork. And there will ample time as well to think from the top of your head, providing your opinions to classmates and brainstorming on viable solutions.

There will still be no exams in the course. Students would also still be asked to remain within their section only and to form groups within that section as well. Closer to the start of term, I will provide more details on the technology that we will be trying to use.