

MEDIA 101 ONLINE TEACHING

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

We will be teaching online for at least another week. Here is everything you need to know at a glance:

Canvas

Canvas remains our main tool for posting course material, major announcements and submitting assignments. Please turn on your notifications!

Lectures

Recorded lectures will be posted every week at the time the lecture would normally take place (Wednesday 2pm). It is a good idea to maintain your routine and watch your lecture right there and then (if you can...) instead of putting it off and potentially juggling a huge load of different lectures at the end of the week. We acknowledge that this is not possible for everyone under these circumstances, hence we provide the recording.

Please get in touch if you need to clarify content, have questions or require further help with the material.

Links to the recording will be posted under modules.

If you have troubles streaming the links, please switch your browser (Chrome and Firefox are good options) and/or consider downloading the segments by exchanging the word 'preview' with 'mp4' in the link.

Tutorials

We will do Q and A sessions via Zoom during allotted tutorial times. We encourage you to use these to discuss films, clarify assessment, discuss tutorial exercises and vocabulary, ask questions about readings or talk about course content you might want to go over. You can also just wave at your class mates or say 'hi' if that's what you need right now.

Ideally people should stick to their allocated tutorial times, but we realise that you might find yourself in changed circumstances (family, care taker roles, children, etc). Please feel free to use a different slot or get in touch with us to make arrangements.

Q and A sessions will not be recorded. This is a safe space to ask questions, make mistakes and exchange ideas. Everyone's privacy will be respected.

Our tutorials turned Q and A sessions are not mandatory. These sessions are meant to give you an opportunity to talk through questions (particularly those that are too long

for emails) and get in touch with GTAs about anything you might want to clarify or talk about.

Ok but how does Zoom work?

Most of you should be familiar with Zoom at this stage, but just to make sure: You can participate in the session by clicking on the link (this will automatically download Zoom). You can also just sit in for a bit, if you don't feel confident to ask a question straight away. In general this is a low pressure environment for you to discuss material and assignments. We are all just hanging out in our living rooms ☺.

ZOOM slots:

Jenny

Tuesday 10-11 <https://auckland.zoom.us/j/97652536982>

Reuben

Monday 2-3, 3-4, 4-5 <https://auckland.zoom.us/j/99774404256>

Matt

Tuesday 12-1, 3-4, 4-5; Wednesday 12-1 <https://auckland.zoom.us/j/92897677318>

Laura

Monday 10-11, 11-12, 12-1 ; Wednesday 10-11 <https://auckland.zoom.us/j/93471334615>

Sunny

Thursday 8-9, 9-10; Friday 11-12, 2-3 <https://auckland.zoom.us/j/5897759573>

Tutorial Participation

In order to get your tutorial participation mark you have to do the tutorial exercise each week and submit them to Canvas by the due date. The exercise questions will be posted Wednesdays.

The tutorial exercise does not get a grade point on Canvas but we will check for completion and add them all up in the end. These will make up **10% of your overall grade**. That's quite a lot so keep it up!

While your GTA will have a look at your exercise, we cannot give individual feedback to each submission. If you are unsure about a particular concept or want to know what other people have brainstormed, make use of Zoom sessions.

Tutorial Discussion Boards

Each GTA will oversee a discussion board specific to their tutorial classes on Canvas. These discussion boards provide students with an opportunity to communicate with their class and GTA but they are also meant to help everyone to stay in touch.

GTAs will check in with you by the end of each week.

Occasionally we may also post little clips that are relevant to the content or to help you with assignment prep in particular.

Assessment

All upcoming assessments can be submitted via Canvas.

Films

Most films can be streamed via the library. This definitely includes all films of the past as well as all films you need to see before the midsemester break. Just use the link on the Talis list

Textbook

The book supports your learning but we are aware that some people struggle with access and we are committed to helping you where possible.

Some of you have been relying on library copies for The Film Experience. I am in touch with library staff to figure out if they can offer any further support during this time. In the meantime tutorial exercises are based on lecture content rather than readings. For clarifying vocabulary, you can also use the Yale film glossary (available under the 'useful links' module or check the slides (that's why I list those definitions). Of course you can also visit your GTA during Q and A sessions and pick their brains or contact me during office hour.

As I mentioned last week, Laura has pointed out this link to an Australian bookstore that holds The Film Experience (you can buy or rent it). Students from NZ need to purchase through the Australian part:

<https://www.vitalsource.com/en-au/products/the-film-experience-timothy-corrigan-v9781319230883> (Links to an external site.)

Also a reminder that you are welcome to use older editions as well (which might be easier to come by...)

Library Services

Library services are available online. This means you can still do your research as long as you are using the materials available online.

The Library will offer a 'click and collect' service for its collection from early next week, operating from the General Library at the City Campus only. For a full update on the services returning next week, please keep an eye on the [library website](#) for more details.

Learning Toolkit

Please check out the online learning toolkit for helpful resources to assist you in navigating remote learning. There is a tab on the Canvas menu or you can click here: <https://canvas.auckland.ac.nz/courses/54847>

Empathy and Equity

Finally please keep in mind that this is a difficult situation that plays out differently for all of us. We simply don't know what personal situation each person is facing. We ask you to be kind and generous to your classmates and teachers.

We will do our best to accommodate student needs as best as possible and we strongly encourage you to let us know if you have trouble accessing material, can't make allotted slots or feel in need of further support, including needing access to IT (computer access etc.)

Kate Edger Information Commons will be open from Monday for study space and computer labs **for students who do not have suitable study conditions at home.**

Finally, not everything can be resolved at the snap of a finger, but we are completely committed to helping you with issues that may come up.

Please take care of yourselves and each other.
As always we are happy to help with any questions you may have.

Kia kaha

Jenny (with Reuben, Matt, Laura and Sunny)