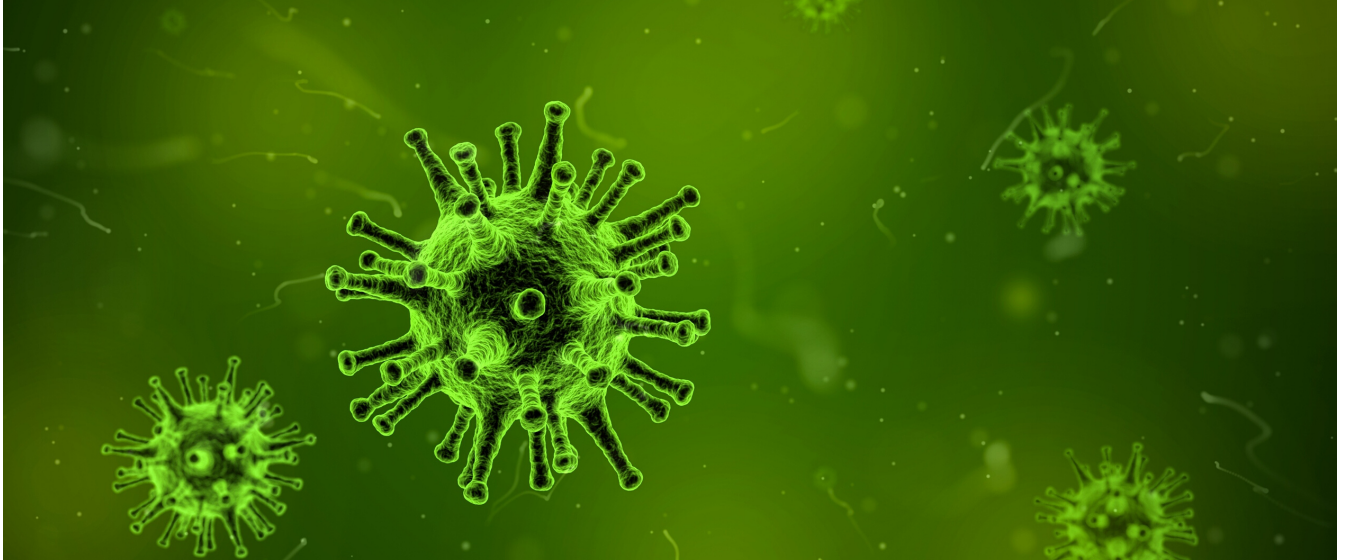


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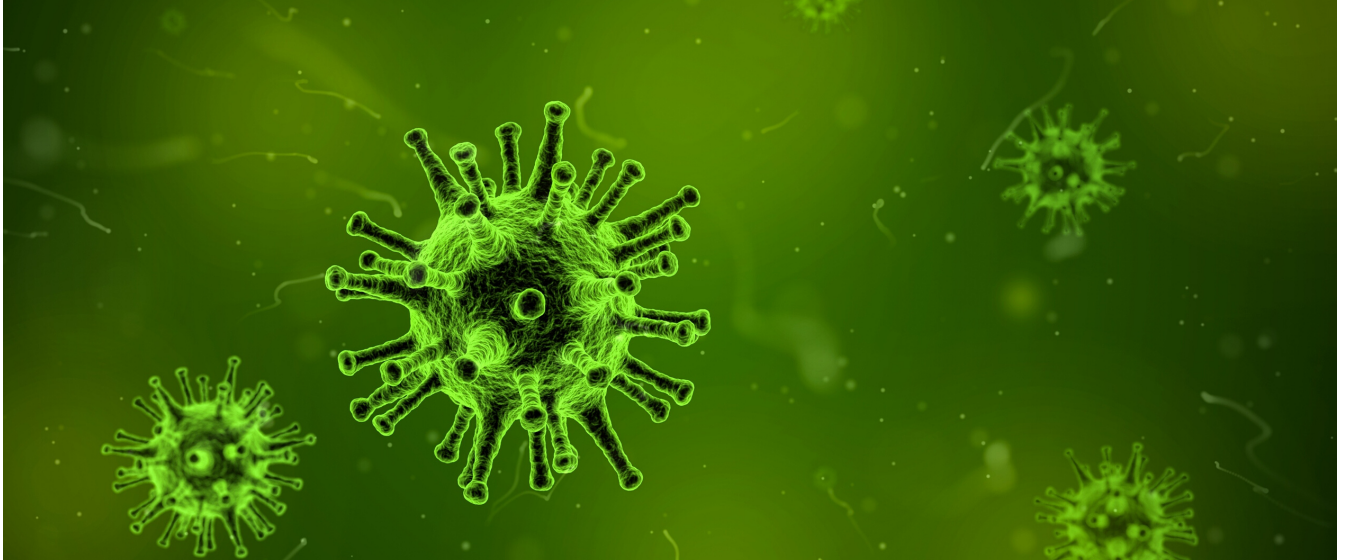


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1. **For those enrolling in HNPG199H:** please be advised that all students who are required to enroll in 1 unit of HNPG199H should still do so. There is no change to this requirement as it is an independent-study unit, and all students should continue to work on their capstone. Please reach out to your faculty-mentors to discuss how you will complete the work for your capstone during the Spring quarter.
2. **For those submitting their capstone this Spring quarter:**
  - **Deadline:** Please be advised that the capstone deadline for all students is now **Monday at noon of Week 10**. Please be advised that if you do not submit a capstone by this deadline, you will receive an “I” or Incomplete in your HNPG199H unit(s), until you submit your capstone project. An “I” on your transcript in your quarter of graduation will make you ineligible to graduate. If you are unable to meet this deadline, please contact your designated Honors counselor.
  - The **Capstone Oral Presentation Requirement** can be submitted as follows:
    - You may submit an oral presentation by way of PowerPoint slide (including a title slide, at least six slides of content, and one slide of anticipated questions) with notes included in the notes section on each slide of the PowerPoint (detailed instructions were included via the e-mail you received and have been uploaded to the capstone page of the University Honors website). This will be uploaded on the capstone submission form.
    - Your faculty-mentor should review your PowerPoint and indicate that they have reviewed and approved it in the e-mail they send to approve your capstone.

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- Students will no longer be required to have their faculty-mentor sign a hard-copy of their capstone title page. Instead, students can just upload an e-mail from their faculty-mentor indicating that their capstone has been completed and is approved. In this same e-mail, the faculty-mentor will indicate that they have reviewed and approved the student's PowerPoint. This e-mail can be uploaded to the capstone submission form.
3. **For those whose capstone projects may have been affected by COVID-19 challenges:**
- As the capstone is meant to be primarily a learning and experiential exercise and is not the equivalent of a graduate thesis or dissertation, we do not expect you to have reached final conclusions or produced specific results, especially for those projects that have been derailed by the current situation. If you are unable to gather additional results, data, or other research components due to the current situation, you may provide what you have completed thus far. Please connect with your faculty-mentor to discuss next steps in putting what you have together to submit for a capstone.
4. **For those who have submitted or will submit their capstone this year:** We will no longer be holding a physical Cording Ceremony, but will provide recognition to those students virtually, and provide an opportunity for students to pick up their University Honors cords. More information about this will be forthcoming.

**Please continue to watch your e-mail and check our website for any COVID-19 related updates.**