

Dear LFS students,

Congratulations on reaching the end of term 1 of this academic year. As we approach final exam season, we wanted to share health and safety information that will help ensure you are able to perform your best on your final exams in December.

Health and Safety during final exams: For your in-person final exams, it is important that all students, staff, and faculty feel comfortable. This is particularly important during a time of year when illness is on the rise. Effective masks that cover our noses and mouths are a primary tool to make it harder for respiratory viruses to spread. We strongly encourage that you wear a mask during exams, for your own protection and the safety and comfort of everyone else. As a community, this is a measure that we can take to support each other to remain healthy so that we can successfully complete the final exam period.

If you have not yet had a chance to get vaccinated against influenza and/or COVID-19, vaccines are available to you, free and on campus. To learn more and book an appointment, register at [Immunize BC](#). The higher the rate of vaccination in our community overall, the lower the chance of spreading illness. You are an important part of the UBC community. Please arrange to get vaccinated if you have not already done so.

If you experience extenuating circumstances, such as illness, that prevent you from attending your final exam, you may be eligible for [academic concession](#). For more information, please visit the LFS Student Services website on what to do when facing [medical or emotional difficulties](#), as you must apply for concession consideration. Please note, as an LFS student you [apply for academic concession](#) with LFS Student Services, regardless of the course. If you have any questions or concerns during the exam period, you are encouraged to [reach out](#) to LFS Student Services, as they are happy to help.

By wearing masks, getting vaccinated, and staying home when we are sick, we can all work together to minimize illness.

Sending you my best on your final exams,

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