Hi Class,

We are experiencing some very trying times. I do recommend observing what is going on in terms of remote working, remote learning, remote way of life and doing business.

As a society we were moving towards a digital way of life but this pandemic will accelerate it. Technical skills will be in greater demand. Many companies do business continuity planning. This entails how a business should operate given a disruption. The disruption can be widespread like a pandemic, regional like a hurricane, tornado or flood or very targeted like a terrorist attack. It could include hacking, Com Ed failures or construction mishaps.

Technology is instrumental to business continuity planning and keeping businesses and lives moving under severe circumstances. It impacts how technology is architected and which technologies are used. Consider use of Cloud, support of mobile devices, authentication, and creating secure Internet applications. These and other technologies play a key role in maintaining businesses and our personal lives.

Like 9-11, there will be some key learnings that come out of this.

I was fortunate enough to be able to work on a committee to prepare my company for a pandemic. I never thought we would have to use the plan. Now companies will take this very seriously which will mean more demand for IT products and services and IT job opportunities! The Digital Age is here!

I suggest that networking students take at least one programming course and programming students take at least one networking course. Why? Because technology is a stack. At lower levels you have servers and networks, then middleware like databases and finally the application. They must all work together to achieve the goal of providing service to people and businesses.

I would not let this pandemic derail me from my educational and career goals. From what I have seen IT jobs are still in high demand!

Fall Registration is underway.

This Fall I am teaching:

CIS 210 - Data Networks, Tuesday evenings

CIS 121 060 Intro to Programming – Saturday mornings

CIS 101 007 Computer Systems and Business Applications – Wednesday evenings

We will meet online during those days at specific times but I will also have all lectures recorded so you may view at another time during the week.

See registration options below. I look forward to seeing you this Fall.

Sincerely,

Frank

**Registration Options.**

**We have a lot of great options and there is still time to register! Fall classes start on August 24th.**

There are various ways you can register:

1. **Online**: If you know the classes you want to take, register directly through your [student portal](https://t.e2ma.net/click/thylxb/xsxfq5/565xbh) without coming to campus. <https://mytriton.triton.edu/student/Pages/default.aspx>

1. **Email/Phone**: Identify the classes you'd like to take using the class listing <http://coursecatalog.triton.edu/Lists/Sections/Fall_Courses.aspx> and then email [*registration@triton.edu*](mailto:registration@triton.edu)or call ***708-456-0300 ext. 3130***. The Welcome Center staff will be quick to assist you.

1. **Register in-person**: Visit the [Welcome Center in B Building](https://t.e2ma.net/click/thylxb/xsxfq5/1r7xbh). We are open to provide in-person, safe, and socially distant support to assist you with your registration needs.

1. **Meet virtually**: Unsure about what you need? Use virtual drop-in advising or make a virtual advising appointment <https://www.triton.edu/admissions-aid/advising/>

You're the reason we choose to teach. There is nothing more important to us in our roles as educators than seeing our students succeed. Please know, we are here at Triton to help you along the way so you can reach your goals. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Triton College Faculty and Administration