Deadline to register: September 12

The deadline for fall session registration is September 12. After that date, enrolment in courses will be cancelled and further course enrolment will be blocked for students not registered. As well, late charges of $44 plus $5 per day additional (to a maximum of $94) are applied and registration can only be done in person at SGS. Proof of payment of tuition fees is required.

Course enrolment deadline: September 22

The final date to add a September session or full-year graduate course is September 22. After the deadline you will need written permission of the course instructor, your graduate coordinator and SGS approval. Use Add/Drop Form.

Important sessional dates

Need to know the course drop deadline or when grades are reported? Bookmark a link to the new 2014-2015 Sessional Dates calendar.

Graduating in November? Student record up to date?

If you intend to graduate in November, please note that your name will appear on your diploma as it recorded on the Student Web Service (SWS/ROSI). Name or gender changes (including middle names) are processed at SGS Student Services, 63 St. George Street, at the first floor counter. Email us if you need advice. If your name requires accents, use the Name on Diploma form (applies for accents only). The deadline for name changes set by the Office of Convocation is September 27.

Graduation deadlines & fall fees

Doctoral students must submit a final approved thesis by October 3 in order to graduate in November. Degree recommendations for master's students for November graduation must be submitted to SGS by the graduate unit by October 3. Master’s students recommended for fall graduation by the
October 3 deadline are not charged fall session fees. Final year doctoral fees are determined on a monthly pro-rated basis. September 15 is the doctoral thesis submission deadline to avoid fall session fees.

Students who have outstanding fees will be permitted to attend convocation; however, a financial hold will be placed on the student’s financial account and the diploma, transcripts and confirmation of degree letters will not be released until fees have been paid.

Exemption status from international student fees

In some very specific cases, an international student may be eligible for international fee exemption. The rules and conditions governing international fee exemptions are outlined on the Student Accounts website.

money matters

Award payments by instalment

SGS award payments are normally made in three equal instalments and issued during the first weeks of the Fall, Winter and Summer sessions. Fall payments are issued directly to you. Fees are not deducted unless you have arrears. May and January award instalments are first posted to your fees account and will automatically be put towards tuition and/or any outstanding charges. Any remaining funds will be refunded to you. Please refer to the SGS website for information about payments and managing your award. Major award holders should ask their graduate unit about registering without payment.

Award Information Sessions for students

Information Sessions for students interested in applying for Federal and Provincial scholarships/fellowships awards (CGS, Vanier, OGS) are held by the SGS Graduate Awards Office in early September. Sessions will be held at all three campuses and are highly recommended for anyone interested in applying to these programs. Visit the SGS Events page for dates and locations.

Award opportunities listing

Graduate award, scholarship and research opportunities available to all U of T students are posted on the Ulife website. The SGS Graduate Awards Office posts award opportunities there as well, to help current and potential students find funding opportunities. The database is updated as award competitions open. Check the database periodically for new opportunities.

Travel supplements for CGS award-holders

The Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements program provides financial support to active CGS award recipients for research study abroad. Eligible
recipients may receive up to $6,000 for travel and accommodation in eligible foreign universities or research institutions. Further details on eligibility, value and application processes for CIHR, NSERC, and SSHRC can be found on the respective agencies' websites. Applications must be submitted to SGS in mid-September and May of each year; see Travel & Conference Awards on the SGS website.

Registration without payment (fee deferral)

September 12 is the deadline for eligible students to make a financial arrangement to register without payment through their home graduate unit. After that, only SGS can process a financial arrangement for eligible students. Contact your home graduate unit for further information.

OSAP payment procedures for September

OSAP loans/grants are issued via direct deposit. Provided you have qualified for OSAP and have a valid Master Student Financial Assistance Agreement (MSFAA), the University will be able to confirm your registration and OSAP will deposit your funds directly into your bank account when classes begin. If you are a first-time applicant, have taken a two-year break in study or have established residency in another participating province/territory you must have submitted your MSFAA to a designated Canada Post outlet to be eligible for direct deposit.

GSU Health Insurance

The Graduate Students' Union provides Health and Dental Insurance benefits not covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP). All graduate students are covered by the Dental Plan; however, only full-time students are covered by the Health Plan. If you already have equivalent insurance, you may opt out of the GSU plan. Note: you must opt out annually, at the beginning of the first session in which you are registered.

events

GSU Orientation Party

The annual Graduate Students' Union (GSU) Orientation Celebration on September 2 from 4:00pm-9:00pm will feature:

- FREE corn roast & bbq (vegetarian, gluten-free & kosher options);
- Info Fair; and
- Live Music and GSU Pub drink specials!

All graduate students are welcome. See the GSU website for more information and RSVP.

Orientation for students with family responsibilities
The Family Care Office Orientation 2014 for students with family responsibilities will be September 4 from 11:00am-1:00pm in the Multi-Faith Centre, 569 Spadina Avenue, Main Activity Hall. Learn about the services and resources available to student parents on campus. Get advice from student mentors. Start creating your support networks by making new friends and meeting University staff. Register here.

**Queer Orientation**

New and returning students are invited to engage in Queer Orientation from September 19-29. Engage in events exploring sexual and gender diversity, learn about getting involved on campus and meet new friends in 10 activity filled days. With over 30 tri-campus activities including film screenings, discussions, art, meet n' greets, cabaret, dodgeball, and more, there will be something for everyone!

**Grad Escapes: Second City "Mainstage Revue"**

Experience thesis avoidance with style! Join Grad Escapes for uncontrollable bouts of gut-churning, tear-inducing laughter at the Second City "Mainstage Revue" on September 24, $17/per person (limit 2). Tickets are available September 8 via bookit.

**International student resources**

**International Students Welcome Booths**

If you are flying into Pearson International Airport at either Terminal 1 or Terminal 3, look for the International Students Welcome Booths in the international arrival areas. Welcome Booths will be staffed from 7:00am-11:00pm through to September 8.

**International Student Orientation**

International student orientation events take place daily September 2-6: workshops, campus & neighborhood tours and day trips, including a Welcome Reception on September 5. The Centre for International Experience has offices on all three U of T campuses providing you information and services.

**UHIP: International student health insurance**

The University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) is a mandatory health insurance plan for all international students enrolled in an Ontario university. UHIP ensures that you have basic health care coverage while studying in the province.
As an international or exchange student, you are automatically enrolled in UHIP and the coverage charge appears in your student account on the Student Web Service (SWS/ROSI). UHIP coverage may also be extended to eligible dependent family member(s). Please visit UHIP’s website for more information on how to obtain your card.

**International Transition Advisor: Drop-in or by appointment**

Transition support is available to International students. Transition advisors are available to meet with you on a drop in basis at Grad Room, Grad House, Family Housing, Chestnut Residence or at the School of Graduate Studies. You can also book an appointment with Erika Bailey.

**supports & resources**

**ASKme ambassadors**

Each September, staff and faculty wear ASKme buttons to signal that they are available to help with general questions. As well, information booths staffed by friendly and knowledgeable upper-year students “pop-up” at busy locations around campus. There is also an ASKme online tool, a quick and easy way to get answers to questions about the University. New this fall, the program introduces the ASKme Information Hub in the Koffler Student Services Centre as a permanent place for students to find information.

**English Language Writing and Support (ELWS): Courses, workshops & Writing Centre appointments**

Online registration for English Language and Writing Support (ELWS) September courses opens September 2 at 10:00am. ELWS courses are non-credit, free and available exclusively to U of T graduate students. Students may take a maximum of two courses during the September session. Courses fill quickly, so register on September 2 to avoid disappointment.

ELWS is also offering several series of free workshops this Fall. No registration is required. One-on-one writing consultations may also be booked online.

**Graduate Professional Skills (GPS): Information sessions**

Have you registered for the Graduate Professional Skills Program (GPS) yet? Sign-up now and develop skills that will help you in your academic life and beyond! For more information attend one of the GPS Information Sessions offered on September 8 at 2:00pm, September 10 at 4:00pm, and...
September 15 at 3:00pm and 4:00pm. Visit our event registration page for more information and to RSVP.

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The University of Toronto Libraries offer services and collections to support your research. Take a library workshop on topics such as journal research and citation management to help you find and manage your research resources more efficiently and effectively. Use the help services to answer your questions both big and small. Consult a Research guide as a gateway to UT Libraries’ extensive collections.