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SGS Sessional Dates 2020-2021

2020 Fall Session	
M July 20	Registration for Fall session begins
M August 3	Civic Holiday (University closed) ⁽¹⁾
F August 28	Recommended tuition fee payment deadline for students registering or starting their program in the Fall session to ensure payment is received by the registration deadline of September 11, and to avoid cancellation of registration and course enrolment. International students must make a payment by this date to ensure they are covered by UHIP at the beginning of September ^{(2) (3)}
F September 4	Coursework must be completed and grades submitted for Summer session courses and extended courses ⁽⁴⁾
M September 7	Labour Day (University closed) ⁽¹⁾
T September 8	Most formal graduate courses and seminars begin ⁽⁵⁾
W September 9	Grades for all Summer session courses available for viewing by students on ACORN
F September 11	Registration deadline for students registering or starting their program in the Fall (September to December) session; after this date, a late registration fee will be assessed. Minimum required payment due (unpaid fees from previous session[s] + 100% of current Fall tuition fee charges) ⁽²⁾
T September 15	Final date to submit final doctoral theses to SGS to avoid fee charges for 2020-21 ⁽⁶⁾
M September 21	Final date to add full-year and Fall session courses
W September 30	Payment deadline to avoid service charges on unpaid Fall (September to December) session tuition and non-tuition fees for students registered in the Fall session only, except for those who have successfully registered without payment because they are receiving a full funding package via a research stipend, a major award or scholarship, teaching assistantships, tuition waiver, and/or sponsorships. Monthly service charges will begin accruing on October 15 ⁽³⁾
F October 2	Final date to submit final doctoral theses for Fall Convocation
F October 2	Final date for receipt of degree recommendations and submission of any required theses for master's degrees for Fall Convocation without fees being charged for the Fall session ⁽⁷⁾
M October 12	Thanksgiving Day (University closed) ⁽¹⁾
M October 26	Final date to drop Fall session courses without academic penalty ⁽⁸⁾
November	Fall Convocation information and dates are posted at https://governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/convocation
November	Some Faculties offer a Fall session reading week although SGS regulations do not require this. For example, the Faculty of Arts and Science Fall session reading week takes place on November 9 to 13. To find out if your Faculty has a reading week, please contact them directly



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M November 30	Payment deadline to avoid service charges on unpaid Winter (January to April) session tuition and non-tuition fees for students registered in the Fall and Winter sessions, except for those who have successfully registered without payment because they are receiving a full funding package via a research stipend, a major award or scholarship, teaching assistantships, tuition waiver, and/or sponsorships. Monthly service charges will begin accruing on December 15 ⁽³⁾
F December 18	Recommended tuition fee payment deadline for all tuition fees billed for the 2020 tax year (Winter 2020, Summer 2020 and Fall 2020) for students who want eligible 2020 tuition fee payments to be reported on the 2020 calendar T2202 tax certificate, available for students to view and print on ACORN on February 21, 2021
F December 18	Recommended tuition fee payment deadline for students registering or starting their program in the Winter session (i.e. those who were not registered in the previous Fall session) to ensure payment is received by the registration deadline of January 25, and to avoid cancellation of registration and course enrolment. International students must make a payment by this date to ensure they are covered by UHIP at the beginning of January ^{(2) (3)}
W December 23	University closed for the winter break from Wednesday, December 23 to Friday, January 1 inclusive. For the last day of classes before the winter break, consult your graduate unit(s) ⁽¹⁾
2021 Winter Session	
M January 4	University re-opens
M January 4	Most formal graduate courses and seminars begin ⁽⁵⁾
F January 8	Coursework must be completed and grades submitted for Fall session courses ⁽⁴⁾
W January 13	Grades for Fall session courses available for viewing by students on ACORN
F January 15	Final date to submit doctoral theses without payment of incidental Winter session fees ⁽⁹⁾
M January 18	Final date to add Winter session courses for most students. Due to the varying Winter 2021 course start dates, this deadline may be different for students in some programs. Please consult with your graduate unit .
F January 22	Final date for receipt of masters degree recommendations from graduate units and submission of any required theses for March or June graduation from master's students without fees being charged for the Winter session ⁽⁷⁾
F January 22	Final date for all students to request that their degrees be conferred <i>in absentia</i> in March
F January 22	Final date to submit final doctoral theses for March graduation <i>in absentia</i> ⁽⁶⁾
F January 22	Students dually registered in the Fall session must be recommended for the master's degree by this date to maintain their PhD registration ^{(7) (10)}
M January 25	Registration deadline for students registering or starting their program in the Winter (January to April) session; after this date, a late registration fee will be assessed. Minimum required payment due (unpaid fees from previous session[s] + 100% of current Winter session tuition fee charges) ⁽²⁾



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S January 31	Payment deadline to avoid service charges on unpaid Winter (January to April) session tuition and non-tuition fees for students registered in the Winter session only, except for those who have successfully registered without payment because they are receiving a full funding package via a research stipend, a major award or scholarship, teaching assistantships, tuition waiver, and/or sponsorships. Monthly service charges will begin accruing on February 15 ⁽³⁾
February	Some Faculties offer a Winter session reading week although SGS regulations do not require this. For example, the Faculty of Arts and Science Winter session reading week takes place on February 15 to 19. To find out if your Faculty has a reading week, please contact them directly
M February 15	Family Day (University closed) ⁽¹⁾
March	March graduation in absentia information is posted at https://governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/convocation
M March 1	Final date to drop full-year and Winter session courses without academic penalty ⁽⁸⁾
April	For the last day of Winter classes, consult your graduate unit(s)
F April 2	Good Friday (University closed) ⁽¹⁾
F April 16	For students obtaining degrees at June Convocation, coursework must be completed and grades submitted for full-year and Winter session courses
F April 16	Final date for receipt of masters degree recommendations from graduate units and submission of any required theses from master's students for June Convocation ⁽⁷⁾
F April 16	Final date for submission of final doctoral theses for students whose degrees are to be conferred at the June Convocation ⁽⁶⁾
F April 16	Students dually registered in the Winter session must be recommended for the master's degree by this date to maintain their PhD registration ^{(7) (10)}
F April 23	Recommended tuition fee payment deadline for students registering or starting their program in the Summer session to ensure payment is received by the registration deadline of May 7, and to avoid cancellation of registration and course enrolment ^{(2) (3)}
F April 30	Payment deadline to avoid service charges on unpaid Fall-Winter (September to April) session tuition and non-tuition fees for students who have successfully registered without payment because they are receiving a full funding package via a research stipend, a major award or scholarship, teaching assistantships, and/or sponsorships. Monthly service charges will begin accruing on May 17 ^{(2) (3)}
2021 Summer Session	
May	For the first day of Summer classes, consult your graduate unit(s)
F May 7	Registration deadline for students registering or starting their program in the Summer (May to August) session; after this date, a late registration fee will be assessed. Minimum required payment due (unpaid fees from previous session[s] + 50% of Summer session tuition fees) ⁽²⁾
M May 10	Final date to enrol in May-to-June or May-to-August session courses



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F May 14	Coursework must be completed and grades submitted for full-year and Winter session courses (except for extended courses) ⁽⁴⁾
W May 19	Grades for Winter session courses available for viewing by students on ACORN
F May 21	Presidential Day (University closed) ⁽¹⁾
M May 24	Victoria Day (University closed) ⁽¹⁾
F May 28	Final date to drop May-to-June F section courses without academic penalty ⁽⁸⁾
M May 31	Payment deadline to avoid service charges on unpaid Summer (May to August) session tuition and non-tuition fees for students registered in the Summer session, except for those who have successfully registered without payment because they are receiving a full funding package via a research stipend, a major award or scholarship, teaching assistantships, tuition waiver, and/or sponsorships. Monthly service charges will begin accruing on June 15 ⁽³⁾
June	June Convocation information and dates are posted at https://governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/convocation
M June 14	Final date to drop May-to-August session Y section courses without academic penalty ⁽⁸⁾
Th July 1	Canada Day (University closed) ⁽¹⁾
M July 5	Final date to enrol in July-to-August courses ⁽¹¹⁾
F July 9	Coursework must be completed and grades submitted for May-to-June F section courses ⁽⁴⁾
M July 12	Final date to drop July-to-August S section courses without academic penalty ⁽⁸⁾
W July 14	Grades for May-to-June F section courses available for viewing by students on ACORN
M August 2	Civic Holiday (University closed) ⁽¹⁾

Footnotes

-1	University Holiday Schedule
-2	<p>Students are considered registered when tuition and non-tuition fees have been paid or when their request to register without payment (fee deferral) is approved. A student's status will change from "Invited" to "Registered" on ACORN when registration is complete.</p> <p>Students who successfully register without payment should arrange to make payments throughout the academic year as they receive funding from their scholarship, award, or other sources. Full payment of Fall and Winter session tuition and residence fees is due by April 30 at the latest.</p> <p>Students registered in the Fall and Winter sessions are not normally charged Summer fees. For students starting in the Summer, fees will appear in their ACORN invoice accordingly.</p>
-3	This allows up to 10 business days for processing and recording of the fee payment in the student's ACORN account before the monthly service charge billing date for unpaid tuition and non-tuition fees. More information on service charges can be found on the Student Accounts website .
-4	Graduate units may establish earlier deadlines for completion of coursework and may prescribe penalties for late completion of work and for failure to complete work, provided that these penalties are announced at the time the instructor makes known to the class the methods by which student performance shall be evaluated.



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-5	<p>The precise dates of commencement of courses are determined by the graduate units; students are advised to contact the relevant graduate units for information. SGS maintains the 13-week graduate instruction period; however, if a course does not fall into the traditional 13-week period, the graduate unit will inform students of important dates and deadlines in the course syllabus. The University welcomes and includes students, staff, and faculty from a wide range of cultural, traditional, and spiritual beliefs. As per the Policy on Scheduling of Classes and Examinations and Other Accommodations for Religious Observances, the University will "...arrange reasonable accommodation of the needs of students who observe religious holy days other than those already accommodated by ordinary scheduling and statutory holidays." For more information, please refer to Accommodation: Religious Observances. The obligation not to discriminate on the basis of religion is a statutory duty arising from the Ontario Human Rights Code, which carries an obligation to accommodate religious requirements.</p> <p>Graduate students may only enrol in undergraduate courses with the approval of their supervisor or graduate unit. Students are responsible for meeting the deadlines and requirements of the undergraduate course as presented in class and in the undergraduate division's calendar. Graduate students will be graded under the graduate grading scale. Students should consult the appropriate undergraduate calendar for enrolment and dates.</p>
-6	A final thesis is the corrected, approved version of the thesis which is submitted to SGS following the Final Oral Examination.
-7	Graduate units may establish earlier deadlines for completing degree requirements. Students are advised to consult their own graduate unit for information.
-8	Graduate units may establish earlier deadlines to add/drop courses but these dates must clearly be communicated to students. The last date to cancel a course or registration with no academic penalty is not the same as the last date to be eligible for a refund. Please refer to the Tuition Fee & Refund Schedules for Graduate Studies in the Student Accounts website .
-9	Academic fees for full-time doctoral students in the final year of their program, and who are before their maximum time limit, are pro-rated based on the 12-month academic year. Sessional incidentals will be charged at a full rate. Academic fees for doctoral students in the final extension year, and who are beyond their maximum time limit, are prorated based on 50% of the annual domestic fee for the 12-month academic year. Sessional incidentals will be charged at a full rate. For details, visit Final-Year Fees .
-10	Please refer to the SGS policy on Dual Registration under General Regulations section 6.1.13
-11	Students who start their program in the Summer and returning OISE students who are only enrolled in July-to-August Summer courses are required to register by this date by paying the minimum tuition amount stated in their invoice.