

Sessional Dates 2021-2022

DEADLINE DATES FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS	FALL TERM	WINTER TERM	SUMMER TERM
	September - December 2021 September - October, 2021 (1HF) November - December 2021 (2HF)	January - April, 2022 January - February, 2022 (1HF) March - April, 2022(2HF)	May - August, 2021 May - June 2022 (1HF) July-August 2022 (2HF)
On-Time Registration	Tuesday, July 6 to Tuesday, August 3	Thursday, November 25 to Thursday, December 9	Thursday, March 31 st to Thursday, April 14
Class Start Dates *	Classes begin on or after September 1, 2021- check with program for details	Classes begin on or after January 3, 2022- check with program for details	Class start dates vary - check with program for details
Late Registration (late fees apply)	August 4 to September 8	December 10 to January 3	April 15 to April 29
Final Dates to Add Courses:			
Multi-term Courses	September 24		
Single-term or 1HF Courses	September 24	January 21	May 13
2HF Course	October 22	February 25	June 24
Final Dates to Drop Courses: **			
Multi-term Courses	February 25	July 29	
Single-term Courses	November 12	March 18	July 15
1HF Courses	October 8	February 11	June 10
2HF Courses	December 10	April 8	August 5
Final Dates to Submit Grades:			
Multi-term Courses		May 2	September 2
Single-term Courses	January 6	May 2	September 2
1HF Courses	October 22	February 25	September 2
2HF Courses	January 6	May 2	September 2
Final Date to Submit Results of Incomplete (INC) Grades for Previous	March 4	July 8	November 4

Term with Permission of Associate Dean			
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Thesis

	FALL 2021	SPRING 2022	FALL 2022
Final Date to Initiate Thesis Defence in Mosaic***	June 25	January 21 (<i>Health Sci.</i>) February 2 (<i>All others</i>)	June 24
Final Date to Submit Master's Theses to Departments (Prior to Defense)	August 6	March 4	August 5
Final Date to File Theses with Graduate Studies and Complete Degree Requirements****			
- Faculty of Health Sciences	September 27	April 1	September 26
- All Other Faculties	September 27	April 22	September 26

The University welcomes and includes students, staff, and faculty from a wide range of cultural, traditional, and spiritual beliefs. As per the Policy on Academic Accommodation for Religious, Indigenous and Spiritual 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 <https://www.mcmaster.ca/policy/Students-AcademicStudies/AcademicAccommodation-Observances.pdf>

Graduate students may only enroll in undergraduate courses with the approval of their supervisor or graduate program. Students are responsible for meeting the deadlines and requirements of the undergraduate course as presented in class and in the undergraduate calendar. Graduate students will be graded under the graduate grading scale.

Programs may establish earlier deadlines to add/drop courses but these dates must clearly be communicated to students. Students taking courses outside of their home program of study, must follow the rules of the program in which the course is offered. Please note that 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.

*The precise dates of commencement of courses are determined by the program; students are urged to contact their program for details. SGS maintains the 13-week graduate instruction period; however, if a course does not fall into the traditional 13-week period, the graduate program will inform students of important dates and deadlines in the course syllabus. There is no official fall break or reading week for graduate students (except MBA). Students should check with their program and their course instructor(s) as to whether classes will be held during these periods. Please see sections 1.3 (Responsibilities of Graduate Students to the University) and 2.5.6 (Vacations) of the calendar for more information.

**All courses on a student's record after these dates will require a grade. Exceptions require submission of an In-Program Request Form. Graduate programs may establish earlier deadlines for completion of course work 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.

***Please note the following black-out periods in which standard Ph.D. defences cannot be scheduled: December 13th to January 7th inclusive and August 15th to 19th inclusive. Please refer to the SGS website for information about the timeline for scheduling your defence with these dates in mind.

****A final thesis is the corrected, approved version of the thesis which is uploaded to MacSphere following the Final Oral Examination. Note there is no grace period at the end of December or April for final thesis submission and completion of degree requirements.