

Sessional Dates 2019-2020

DEADLINE DATES FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS	FALL TERM	WINTER TERM	SUMMER TERM
		Sept.- Dec., 2019 Sept. - Oct., 2019 (1HF) Nov. - Dec., 2019 (2HF)	Jan. - April, 2020 Jan. - Feb., 2020 (1HF) March - April, 2020 (2HF)
On-Time Registration	Tuesday, July 23 to Tuesday, August 27	Thursday, November 28 to Thursday, December 12	Thursday, April 2 to Thursday, April 16
Class Start Dates *	Classes begin on or after September 3, 2019 - check with program for details	Classes begin on or after January 2, 2020 - check with program for details	Class start dates vary - check with program for details
Late Registration	Wednesday August 28 to Monday, September 9	Friday, December 13 to Thursday, January 2	Friday, April 17to Tuesday, April 28
Final Dates to Add Courses:			
6 Unit Courses	Friday, September 27		
3 Unit Courses or 1.5 Unit Courses (1HF)	Friday, September 27	Friday, January 24	Friday, May 15
1.5 Unit Courses (2HF)	Friday, October 25	Friday, February 28 th	Friday, June 26
Final Dates to Drop Courses: **			
6 Unit Courses	Friday, January 3	Friday, May 1	
3 Unit Courses	Friday, October 4	Friday, February 7	Friday, June 5
1.5 Unit Courses (1HF)	Friday, September 27	Friday, January 24	Friday, June 5
1.5 Unit Courses (2HF)	Friday, November 1	Friday, March 6	Friday, July 10
Final Dates to Submit Grades:			
6 Unit Courses		Friday, May 1	Friday, August 21
3 Unit Courses	Thursday, January 2	Friday, May 1	Friday, August 21
1.5 Unit Courses (1HF)	Friday, October 25	Friday, February 28 th	Friday, August 21
1.5 Unit Courses (2HF)	Thursday, January 2	Friday, May 1	Friday, August 21
Final Date to Submit Results of Incomplete (INC) Grades for Previous	Friday, March 6	Friday, July 10	Friday, November 6

Term with Permission of Associate Dean			
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Thesis

	FALL 2019	SPRING 2020	FALL 2020
Final Date to Initiate Thesis Defence in Mosaic***	Friday, June 28th	Wednesday January 22nd <i>(Health Sci.)</i> Wednesday February 5th <i>(All others)</i>	Friday, June 26th
Final Date to Submit Master's Theses to Departments (Prior to Defense)	Friday, August 9	Friday, March 6	Friday, August 7
Final Date to File Theses with Graduate Studies and Complete Degree Requirements****			
- Faculty of Health Sciences	Friday, September 27th	Friday, April 3rd	Monday, September 28th
- All Other Faculties	Friday, September 27th	Friday, April 24	Monday, September 28th

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. 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 a Petition for Special Consideration. 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 Ph.D. defences cannot be scheduled: December 16th to January 10th inclusive and August 17th to 21st inclusive.

****A final thesis is the corrected, approved version of the thesis which is submitted to SGS 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.