

Sessional Dates

The academic year is divided into sessions, as shown on the chart below.

Most undergraduate students register for the **Fall/Winter Session**, which runs from September to April.

The **Spring/Summer Session** starts at the beginning of May and ends in early August.

The 2008-2009 Academic Year Divided by Session and Term

The numbers on the left and right of each block are the respective **start** and **end dates** for that term.

Examination periods (where applicable) are included in this chart.

SESSIONS	TERMS	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.
FALL/ WINTER SESSION	Term 1	4 17											
	Term 2					5 28							
	Term 3	4 28											
SPRING/ SUMMER SESSION	Term 1									4 19			
	Term 2										22 7		
	Term 3									4 7			

CONVOCATIONS

The exact time of the convocations will be determined four months prior to the specific convocation date.

Thursday, July 31, 2008

- ◆ Last day to file a Graduation Information Card and declare a minor for Fall 2008 Convocations

Friday, November 21, 2008

- ◆ Fall 2008 Convocations (all Faculties)

Friday, February 27, 2009

- ◆ Last day to change programs for Spring 2009 Convocations

Friday, February 27, 2009

- ◆ Last day to file a Graduation Information Card and declare a minor for Spring 2009 Convocations

Friday, May 22, 2009

- ◆ Health Sciences Convocation (excluding Nursing)

Monday, June 8 to Friday, June 12, 2009

- ◆ Spring Convocations

Friday, July 31, 2009

- ◆ Last day to file a Graduation Information Card and declare a minor for Fall 2009 Convocations

Friday, November 20, 2009

- ◆ Fall 2009 Convocations (all Faculties)

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Sessional Dates for 2008-2009

The following schedule applies to both full- and part-time students.

Fall/Winter Session 2008-2009

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
	To Be Announced		
➤ Registration (All Levels)			
➤ Classes begin	Thursday, September 4	Monday, January 5	Thursday, September 4
➤ Last day for registration and adding or dropping courses	Monday, September 15	Wednesday, January 14	Monday, September 15
➤ Thanksgiving Day: No classes	Monday, October 13	—	Monday, October 13
➤ Mid-term recess	—	Monday, February 16 to Saturday, February 21	Monday, February 16 to Saturday, February 21
➤ Last day for cancelling courses without failure by default	Friday, November 7	Friday, February 27	Friday, February 27
➤ Good Friday: No classes or examinations	—	Friday, April 10	Friday, April 10
➤ Test and Examination ban: No tests or examinations may be held	Tuesday, November 25 to Tuesday, December 2	Wednesday, April 1 to Wednesday, April 8	Wednesday, April 1 to Wednesday, April 8
➤ Classes end	Monday, December 1	Tuesday, April 7	Tuesday, April 7
➤ Mid-Session Tests (Level I)	—	—	Wednesday, December 3 to Wednesday, December 17
➤ Final Examinations	Wednesday, December 3 to Wednesday, December 17	Thursday, April 9 to Tuesday, April 28	Thursday, April 9 to Tuesday, April 28
➤ Deferred Examinations	Tuesday, February 17 to Friday, February 20	Monday, June 22 to Thursday, June 25	Monday, June 22 to Thursday, June 25

Spring/Summer Session 2009

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
➤ Classes begin	Monday, May 4	Monday, June 22	Monday, May 4
➤ Last day for registration and adding or dropping courses	Friday, May 8	Friday, June 26	Friday, May 8
➤ Victoria Day: No classes	Monday, May 18	—	Monday, May 18
➤ Last day for cancelling courses without failure by default	Wednesday, June 3	Wednesday, July 22	Monday, July 6
➤ Canada Day: No classes	—	Wednesday, July 1	Wednesday, July 1
➤ Civic Holiday: No classes	—	Monday, August 3	Monday, August 3
➤ Classes end	Friday, June 19	Friday, August 7	Friday, August 7
➤ Examinations	During class time, as arranged by instructor		
➤ Deferred Examinations	December 2009 Examination period	December 2009 Examination period	December 2009 Examination period