Sessional Dates 2023-2024

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| **DEADLINE DATES FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS** | | **FALL TERM** | **WINTER TERM** | **SUMMER TERM** |
| September - December 2023 September - October, 2023 (1HF) November - December 2023 (2HF) | January - April, 2024 January - February, 2024 (1HF) March - April, 2024(2HF) | May - August, 2024  May - June 2024 (1HF)  July-August 2024 (2HF) |
| On-Time Registration | | Tuesday, July 4 to Tuesday, August 1 | Thursday, November 23 to Thursday, December 7 | Thursday, March 28 to Thursday, April 11 |
| Class Start Dates \* | | Classes begin on or after September 1, 2023- check with program for details | Classes begin on or after  January 2, 2024- check with program for details | Class start dates vary - check with program for details |
| Late Registration (late fees apply) | | August 2 to  September 6 | December 8 to January 2 | April 12 to April 27 |
| Final Dates to Add Courses: | | | | |
|  | Multi-term Courses | September 22 |  |  |
|  | Single-term or 1HF Courses | September 22 | January 19 | May 10 |
|  | 2HF Course | October 20 | February 23 | June 21 |
| Final Dates to Drop Courses: \*\* | | | | |
|  | Multi-term Courses | February 23 | July 26 |  |
|  | Single-term Courses | November 10 | March 15 | July 12 |
|  | 1HF Courses | October 6 | February 9 | June 7 |
|  | 2HF Courses | December 8 | April 5 | August 2 |
| Final Dates to Submit Grades: | | | | |
|  | Multi-term Courses |  | May 1 | September 1 |
|  | Single-term Courses | January 5 | May 1 | September 1 |
|  | 1HF Courses | October 20 | February 23 | September 1 |
|  | 2HF Courses | January 5 | May 1 | September 1 |
| Final Date to Submit Results of Incomplete (INC) Grades for Previous Term with Permission of Associate Dean | | March 1 | July 5 | November1 |
| Deadline for Term Work to Be Submitted | | December 22 | April 26 | August 30 |

### Thesis

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|  | | **FALL 2023 Convocation** | **SPRING 2024 Convocation** | **FALL 2024 Convocation** |
| Final Date to Initiate Thesis Defence in Mosaic\*\*\* | | June 23 | January 19 (Health Sci.)  February 2 (All others) | June 21 |
| Final Date to Submit Master's Theses to Departments (Prior to Defense) | | August 4 | March 1 | August 2 |
| Final Date to File Theses with Graduate Studies and Complete Degree Requirements\*\*\*\* | |  | | |
|  | - Faculty of Health Sciences | September 29 | April 5 | September 27 |
|  | - All Other Faculties | September 29 | April 26 | September 27 |

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 14th to January 8th inclusive and August 19th to 23rd 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.

### Convocation Dates

Please consult the link below for convocation dates:

https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/dates-and-deadlines/#tab-3