



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Executive Committee of Faculty Council (February 4, 2020)  
Faculty Council (February 28, 2020)

**From:** Associate Professor Evan Bentz  
Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

**Date:** January 31, 2020

**Re:** **Proposed Session Dates for the 2020-2021 Academic Year**

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## REPORT CLASSIFICATION

This is a major policy matter that will be considered by the Executive Committee for endorsing and forwarding to Faculty Council for vote as a regular motion (requiring a simple majority of members present and voting to carry).

## BACKGROUND

The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee is composed of representatives from each undergraduate program; the Vice-Dean, Undergraduate Studies; the Vice-Dean, First Year; the Associate Dean, Cross-Disciplinary Programs; the Director, First Year Curriculum; the Registrar's Office; undergraduate students; the Faculty's Teaching and Learning Specialist; the Faculty's Scheduling Officer; and representatives from IBBME, UTIAS, the Engineering Communication Program, and the Engineering and Computer Science Library. The Committee meets regularly, and reviews changes to the curriculum.

The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee is responsible for determining session dates for each academic year through consultation with the Colleges and Residences, as well as with the University holiday schedule. This year, in spite of the late Labour Day, the central administration has opted to start classes for essentially all faculties on Thursday September 10, 2020. This late start to the academic year will result in an unusually short fall examination period. Examinations will be scheduled on evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays.

**PROPOSED 2020-2021 SESSION DATES**

	<b>Tentative APSC Session Dates for 2020-2021</b>	<b>Arts and Science 2020-2021 (reference)</b>
Labour Day	<b>Mon, September 7, 2020</b>	<b>Mon, September 7, 2020</b>
First Day of Fall Classes	<b>Thu, September 10, 2020</b>	<b>Thu, September 10, 2020</b>
Thanksgiving	<b>Mon, October 12, 2020</b>	<b>Mon, October 12, 2020</b>
Arts and Science Fall Term Reading Week	--	<b>November 9-13, 2020</b>
Last Day of Fall Classes	<b>Wed, December 9, 2020</b>	<b>Wed, December 9, 2020</b>
Makeup Day	--	<b>Thu, December 10, 2020</b>
Fall Exam Study Day	<b>Thu, December 10, 2020</b>	--
Fall Exams Start (Includes Saturdays and Sundays)	<b>Fri, December 11, 2020</b>	<b>Fri, December 11, 2020</b>
Fall Exams End	<b>Tue, December 22, 2020</b>	<b>Tue, December 22, 2020</b>
Holiday Break	<b>December 23, 2020- January 1, 2021</b>	<b>December 23, 2020- January 1, 2021</b>
First Day of Winter Classes	<b>Mon, January 4, 2021</b>	<b>Mon, January 4, 2021</b>
Emergency Fall Exam Day*	<b>Sat, January 9, 2021</b>	--
Reading Week	<b>February 15-19, 2021</b>	<b>February 15-19, 2021</b>
Good Friday Closure	<b>Fri, April 2, 2021</b>	<b>Fri, April 2, 2021</b>
Last Day of Winter Classes	<b>Fri, April 9, 2021</b>	<b>Mon, April 5, 2021</b>
Passover (for info) April 8-16 First two days Last two days		
Winter Exam Study Day	<b>April 12-13, 2021</b>	<b>Tue, April 6, 2021</b>
Winter Exams Start	<b>Wed, April 14, 2021</b>	<b>Wed, April 7, 2021</b>
Winter Exams End	<b>Fri, April 30, 2021</b>	<b>Fri, April 30, 2021</b>
FAS Exams and Engineering Lectures Overlap	<b>April 7-9, 2021 (three days)</b>	

Number of instructional days in each term: 64 days/12.8 weeks

\* Emergency Fall Exam Day: First Saturday in January to address any snow day during the Dec 2020 exam period.

## SUMMER SESSION (F/S) 2020

	Engineering T-Program	Engineering	Arts and Science
First day of lectures for <i>F and Y</i> session course	May 4, 2020	May 4, 2020	May 4, 2020
Victoria Day	May 18, 2020	May 18, 2020	May 18, 2020
Last day of lectures for <i>F</i> session courses/( <i>Y</i> pause)	June 19, 2020	June 19, 2020	June 15, 2020
<i>F</i> session course Study Break	--	--	June 16, 2020
Exam Period for <i>F</i> session Course	June 22-26, 2020	June 22-26, 2020	June 17-24, 2020
UofT President's Day	June 29-30, 2020	June 29-30, 2020	June 29-30, 2020
Canada Day	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2020
First day of lectures for <i>S</i> session course	--	July 6, 2020	July 6, 2020
Civic Holiday	August 3, 2020	August 3, 2020	August 3, 2020
Last day of lectures for <i>S and Y</i> session course		August 19, 2021	August 17, 2021
Exam Period for <i>S and Y</i> session courses		Aug 21-25, 2021	August 19-26, 2021

The Office of the Vice Provost, Students, compiles a list of dates for religious observances which may require accommodation. The dates for the 2020-2021 year can be found at:

<https://www.viceprovoststudents.utoronto.ca/policies-guidelines/accommodation-religious/>.

### PROGRAM

All programs are involved in these changes and the impact on students in the various programs has been considered.

### PROPOSAL/MOTION

THAT the session dates for the 2020-2021 academic year be approved as described in Report 3645 Revised.