



MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Committee of Faculty Council (November 14, 2023)
Faculty Council (December 7, 2023)

From: Professor Evan Bentz
Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Date: November 3, 2023; revised November 13, 2023

Re: **Sessional Dates for Fall 2024 – Winter 2029**

REPORT CLASSIFICATION

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

BACKGROUND AND CONSULTATION

Beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year, first entry undergraduate divisions at the University of Toronto will be aligning sessional dates. This decision was made in consultation with representatives from all participating divisions and approved by the Council of First Entry Deans. The alignment of sessional dates is intended to reduce confusion, improve co-ordination of shared services and ensure consistent terms for students and faculty studying and working across divisions.

As a result of this change, the start of Fall term classes will move to the first Tuesday immediately following Labour Day. The start of Winter Term classes will normally be set to start on a Monday. There will be a minimum of 60 instructional days (12 weeks) in a term. Instructional days exclude Saturdays, Sundays and statutory or University holidays.

There will be a minimum of 12 calendar days for final exams in each term.

“Flex days” will be scheduled between the last day of classes and the start of the exam period in the Fall and Winter terms. These can be used as additional instructional days or study days, as determined by the Division. In addition, Divisions can use 1-2 days at the start of the exam period for study days if unable to utilize the flex days outlined below.

The sessional dates for Fall 2024 – Winter 2029 are:

Direct-Entry Programs: Five Year Sessional Dates					
Fall Term	F 2024	F 2025	F 2026	F 2027	F 2028
Labour Day	Monday Sept 2	Monday Sept 1	Monday Sept 7	Monday Sept 6	Monday Sept 4
Start of Fall Term	September 1	September 1	September 1	September 1	September 1
Start of Fall Classes	September 3	September 2	September 8	September 7	September 5
Fall Break	October 28 - Nov 1	October 27 - 31	October 26 - 30	October 25-29	October 30-Nov 3
End of Fall Classes	December 3	December 2	December 8	December 7	December 5
Flex days/study days	December 4-5	December 3-4	December 9	December 8-9	December 6-7
Start of Fall Exams	December 6	December 5	December 10	December 10	December 8
End of Fall Exams	December 23	December 23	December 23	December 23	December 22
End of Fall Term	December 23	December 23	December 23	December 23	December 22
Winter Term	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
New Years Day	Wednesday Jan 1	Thursday Jan 1	Friday Jan 1	Saturday Jan 1	Monday Jan 1
Start of Winter Term	January 6	January 5	January 6	January 6	January 4
Start of Winter Classes	January 6	January 5	January 11	January 10	January 8
Winter Break	February 17-21	February 16 - 20	February 15-19	February 21-25	February 19-24
End of Winter Classes	April 4	April 6	April 12	April 7	April 9
Flex days/study days	April 7-8	April 7-8	April 13	April 8-10	April 10-11
Start of Winter Exams	April 9	April 9	April 14	April 11	April 12
End of Winter Exams	April 30	April 30	April 30	April 28	April 30
End of Winter Term	April 30	April 30	April 30	April 28	April 30

As the Faculty will no longer be setting sessional dates, it is important that we make use of the flexibility within the aligned sessional dates to ensure that each term meets our requirements for accreditation.

PROPOSED

We propose that the length of the standard term in Engineering be set at 12.2 weeks. In terms where the aligned instructional dates are less than 12.2 weeks, flex days will be used as instructional days. For example, in Winter 2025, April 7 will be used as an instructional day. This will ensure that both terms are the same length and that we have the same length of terms from year to year.

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL

THAT the length of the standard term in Engineering be set at 12.2 weeks, as described in Report 3754 Revised.