

# University of Guelph-Humber Sessional Dates

## **Reading Weeks and Study Break Days**

Reading Weeks and Study Break Days are designated periods where normal class schedules and academic requirements are suspended for a specified period of time. These breaks are designed to support student wellness and good mental health. The University of Guelph-Humber is committed to a learning environment that fosters the whole student and, as such, values these Senate-approved breaks as a period free of academic obligations for the student.

The Fall Study Break begins at the end of classes on the Friday before Thanksgiving Monday and ends with the resumption of classes following the break.

The Winter Study Break (“Reading Week”) begins at the end of classes on the Friday prior to the third Monday in February and ends with the resumption of classes on the Monday following the break.

Specific dates are published in the Schedule of Dates for each semester and differ by campus.

There are to be no compulsory academic events (e.g., classes, lectures, labs, tutorials, seminars, exams) during scheduled breaks. This includes online and in-class courses.

Instructors are not permitted to schedule academic evaluations or have an evaluative component deadline due during a scheduled reading week or study break day. This includes examinations, tests, quizzes, presentations, essays, assignments, lab reports, qualifying examinations, or any other form of academic evaluation.

Some exceptions may exist such as clinical rotations and placements, field work or experiential learning integral to the course, and graduate oral examinations (qualifying exam, thesis defense) upon approval of the relevant Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs, the relevant Program Head for the University of Guelph-Humber campus and the Assistant Vice-President, Graduate Studies.

Scheduled breaks apply to all undergraduate, graduate and associate diploma students. They also apply to all degree-credit and associate diploma-credit courses.

The dates for the 2020-2021 academic year are listed by semester below as follows: Summer Semester 2020 Fall Semester 2020 Winter Semester 2021

**Summer Semester 2020 (12 Week Format)**

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***Monday, May 4***

- Classes commence
- Deferred Examinations Period for Winter 2020 courses commence

***Friday, May 8***

- Deferred Examinations Period for Winter 2020 courses conclude

***Tuesday, May 12***

- Last day to add Summer 2020 courses

***Monday, May 18***

- Holiday--NO CLASSES SCHEDULED – Classes rescheduled to Monday, July 27

***Monday, June 15***

- Convocation

***Wednesday, July 1***

- Holiday - NO CLASSES SCHEDULED--Classes rescheduled to Tuesday July 28

***Monday, July 27***

- Classes rescheduled from Monday, May 18 - Monday schedule in effect

***Tuesday, July 28***

- Classes rescheduled from Wednesday, July 1 - Wednesday Summer Session 2020 (schedule in effect)
- Classes conclude
- Last day to drop full semester course(s) without academic penalty

***Friday, July 31***

- Final Examinations commence
- Fall 2020 Convocation Application opens

***Saturday, August 1***

- No exams scheduled

***Monday, August 3***

- Holiday --NO EXAMS SCHEDULED

***Tuesday, August 4***

- Final Examinations scheduled

***Saturday, August 8***

- No exams scheduled

***Tuesday, August 11***

- Final Examinations conclude

***Thursday, August 13***

- Deferred Examinations Day for Summer Session 2020 (12 week format)

## **Summer Semester 2020- Session I - 6 week format**

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### ***Monday, May 4***

- Classes commence

### ***Friday, May 8***

- Last day to add Summer Session I course(s)

### ***Monday, May 18***

- Holiday -- NO CLASSES SCHEDULED Classes rescheduled to Monday, June 15

### ***Monday, June 15***

- Classes rescheduled from Monday, May 18 - Monday schedule in effect
- Classes conclude Summer Session I
- Last day to drop Summer Session I course(s) without academic penalty
- Convocation

### ***Thursday, June 18***

- Final examinations commence - Summer Session I

### ***Saturday, June 20***

- No exams scheduled

### ***Wednesday, June 24***

- Final examinations conclude

### ***Friday, June 26***

- Deferred Examinations Day for Summer Session I (6 week format)

## **Summer Semester 2020 - Session II - 6 week format**

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### ***Monday, June 29***

- Classes commence

### ***Wednesday, July 1***

- Holiday - NO CLASSES SCHEDULED - Classes rescheduled to Tuesday August 11

### ***Thursday, July 2***

- Last day to add Summer Session II course(s)

### ***Monday, August 3***

- Holiday - NO CLASSES SCHEDULED - Classes rescheduled to Monday, August 10

### ***Tuesday, August 4***

Fall 2020 Convocation Application opens

### ***Monday, August 10***

- Classes rescheduled from Monday, August 3 - Monday schedule in effect

### ***Tuesday, August 11***

- Classes rescheduled from Wednesday, July 1 - Wednesday schedule in effect
- Classes conclude Summer Session II
- Last day to drop Summer Session II course(s) without academic penalty

### ***Friday, August 14***

- Final Examinations commence - Summer Session II

### ***Thursday, August 20***

- Final Examinations conclude

### ***Monday, August 24***

- Deferred Examinations Day for Summer Session II (6 week format)

## **Fall Semester 2020**

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### ***Monday, September 7***

- Holiday -- NO CLASSES SCHEDULED

### ***Wednesday, September 9***

- Classes commence

### ***Monday, September 14***

- Deferred Examinations Period for Summer 2020 course(s) commence

### ***Thursday, September 17***

- Last day to add Fall 2020 course(s)
- Deferred Examinations Period for Summer 2020 course(s) conclude

### ***Friday, October 2***

- Last day for applications to graduate at Fall 2020 Convocation

### ***Monday, October 12***

- Fall Break (Reading Week) begins – NO CLASSES SCHEDULED THIS WEEK
- Holiday

### ***Friday, October 16***

- Fall Break (Reading Week) ends

### ***Monday, October 19***

- Classes resume

### ***Saturday, October 24***

- Fall 2020 Convocation - No Ceremony

### ***Tuesday, December 8***

- Classes conclude
- Last day to drop Fall 2020 course(s) without academic penalty

### ***Friday, December 11***

- Final Examinations commence

### ***Saturday, December 12***

- Final Examinations scheduled

### ***Sunday, December 13***

- Final Examinations scheduled

### ***Saturday, December 19***

- Final Examinations scheduled

### ***Sunday, December 20***

- Final Examinations scheduled

### ***Monday, December 21***

- Final Examinations conclude

### ***Tuesday, December 22***

- Deferred Examinations Day for Fall 2020 courses

## **Winter Semester 2021**

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### ***Monday, January 11***

- Classes commence
- Summer 2021 Convocation Application opens

### ***Monday, January 18***

- Deferred Examinations Period for Fall 2020 courses commence

### ***Friday, January 15***

- Last day to add Winter 2021 course(s)

### ***Friday, January 22***

- Deferred Examinations Period for Fall 2020 courses conclude

### ***Monday, February 15***

- Winter Break (Reading Week) begins – NO CLASSES SCHEDULED THIS WEEK
- Holiday

### ***Friday, February 19***

- Winter Break (Reading Week) ends

### ***Monday, February 22***

- Classes resume

### ***Friday, February 26***

- Last day for applications to graduate at Summer 2021 Convocation without application late fee

### ***Friday, March 12***

- Last day to apply to graduate at Summer 2021 Convocation

### ***Friday, April 2***

- Holiday--NO CLASSES SCHEDULED - classes rescheduled to Monday April 12

### ***Monday, April 12***

- Classes rescheduled from Friday, April 2, Friday schedule in effect
- Classes conclude
- Last day to drop Winter 2021 course(s) without academic penalty

### ***Thursday, April 15***

- Final Examinations commence

### ***Saturday, April 17***

- Final Examinations scheduled

### ***Saturday, April 24***

- Final Examination scheduled

### ***Tuesday, April 27***

- Final Examination conclude

### ***Wednesday, April 28***

- Deferred Examinations Day for Winter 2021 courses