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The Senate of Acadia University acknowledges that we are located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

Dear Member of Senate:

I advise you that a meeting of the Senate of Acadia University will occur from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 15th, 2024. This will be a hybrid meeting and will take place in person in the Langley Classroom of the Divinity College and online using Zoom.

The agenda follows:

1) Consent Calendar Items

a) Approval of Agenda

b) Minutes- Approval of the Minutes of the Senate Meeting of December 11, 2023

c) Announcements and Communications

- i. Chair (*A. Kieft*)
- ii. President and Vice-Chancellor (*J. Hennessy*) ([attached, page 3](#))
- iii. Vice-President Academic (*K. Ashley*) ([attached, pages 3-4](#))
- iv. Associate Vice-President Research, Innovation, and Graduate Studies (*S. Currie*) ([attached, pages 5-7](#))
- v. Vice-President Student Experience (*S. Duguay*) ([attached, page 8](#))
- vi. Acadia Students' Union (*S. McAlear and B. Morris*) ([attached, page 8](#))
- vii. Acadia Divinity College and Faculty of Theology (*A. Robbins*) ([attached, page 8](#))
- viii. Other announcements

d) Transition Reports from Senate Subcommittees

- i. Archives Committee Committee (*C. Purdome*) ([attached, page 9](#))

2) Old Business

- a) Discussion item: Proposed Acadia University Policy on Institutional Neutrality (*J. Hennessy*) ([attached, page 10](#))
- b) Motion: "It is moved that all curriculum changes submitted by the Graduate Studies Committee be approved as submitted, including changes to EDUC 50D3, EDUC 5053, EDUC 5633, EDUC 5843,

EDUC 5960, EDUC 5966, the M.Ed. admission requirements, and the M.Ed. dismissal policy modification.” (*curriculum forms circulated to Senators separately*)

c) Discussion item: Microcredentials- updates

3) New Business

a) Timetable, Instruction Hours and Examinations Committee Motions: Motion 1: “It is moved that the ‘Principles for the Preparation of Academic Dates’ be modified as indicated. In those principles, #4 adjusts the fall break week and #8 adjusts the W deadline accordingly.” Motion 2: “It is moved that the calendar dates for 2024 - 2025 through 2027 - 2028 be modified to reflect Motion 1.” Motion 3: “It is moved that the calendar dates for 2028 - 2029 be approved.” (*H. Chipman*) ([*attached, pages 11-17*](#))

4) Question Period – President/Provost and Vice-President Academic

5) Other Business

6) Adjournment

Sincerely,
ORIGINAL SIGNED

J. Peckham,
Recording Secretary of Senate and University Secretary

Announcements

PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR REPORT TO SENATE – JANUARY 2024

No announcements.

VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC REPORT TO SENATE – JANUARY 2024

ACADEMIC UPDATES

- The Department of Advanced Education is soliciting proposals for dual crediting/credentialing opportunities for high school students in the province. Proposals would involve completion of a high school course followed by a university component. The initiative is designed to:
 - support exploration of post-secondary opportunities by students;
 - build attachment between students and post-secondary institutions and assist in recruitment;
 - facilitate the transition to university.

ARTICULATION AND COOPERATION AGREEMENTS

- Acadia has entered a 5-year cooperation agreement with Ispgaya Instituto Superior Politécnico (Portugal).

COOP and CAREER SERVICES

COOP

Thirty-three students are on a co-op work term for the Winter 2024 term. The breakdown is as follows:

Biology	5
Business Administration	12
Chemistry	2
Community Development	3
Computer Science	4
English	2
Environmental and Sustainability Studies	1
Nutrition	1
Psychology	3

An additional 13 students were scheduled to be on a work term this winter but did not find a position:

Biology	2
Computer Science	8
Environmental and Sustainability Studies	1
Math and Statistics	1
Psychology	1

237 students are scheduled for a work term in summer 2024. This is a significant increase from the 170 scheduled in summer 2023.

CAREER SERVICES

- There is a Career Fair scheduled from 11:00- 2:00 in the SUB on Tuesday, 16 January.

PEOPLE UPDATES:

- Dr. Scott Bishop has joined Acadia as the new Director of the Ivan Curry School of Engineering.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

B.Sc in APPLIED BIOSCIENCE

The B.Sc in Applied Bioscience with options in the Science and Business of Beverage and the Science and Business of Biopharma has received MPHEC approval. There are two conditions:

1. That, by June 30, 2026, Acadia provide confirmation that the planned hire (a cross-appointment in Applied Bioscience and Biology) has been made.
2. That, by June 30, 2028, Acadia provide confirmation that the planned hire (a cross-appointment in Applied Bioscience and Chemistry) has been made.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Kate Ashley
Vice-President Academic (Interim)

ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND GRADUATE STUDIES REPORT TO SENATE – JANUARY 2024

Happy New Year from the RIGS Team!

EXTERNAL GRANTS TO FACULTY

Research Nova Scotia New Health Investigator Grant

- **Dr. Stephanie Gauvin** (Psychology) was awarded **\$99,884.48** in funding for the project entitled: *The Newly Diagnosed Class: A Self-Directed and Virtual Class for Women Newly Diagnosed with Breast Cancer.*

Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund - Grant

- **Dr. Trevor Avery** (Biology) was awarded **\$2,250** in funding for the project entitled: *Striped Bass Capture-Mark-Recapture Training and Analysis.*

McGill University/SSHRC– Funding Sub-Agreement

- **Dr. Darlene Brodeur** (Psychology) received **\$6,025** from McGill University for the SSHRC project entitled: *Utilitarian Processing: A New Strengths-Based Approach to Examining Unique Ways that Autistic Persons Understand the World in Which They Live.*

RESEARCH & SERVICE AGREEMENTS

The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq – Services Agreement

- **Dr. Trevor Avery** (Biology) received an additional **\$217,187.50** for the project entitled: *Assessment of Habitat and Fish Passage Effectiveness and Efficiency at Avon River Causeway, Nova Scotia - 2023-2024 Monitoring Proposal.*

Mycaro – Services Agreement

- **Dr. Allison Walker** (Biology) received **\$30,000** to support her research collaboration with Mycaro, a local start-up company, to develop an innovative, high-protein mycelium product.

OTHER AWARDS/RESEARCH FUNDING

National Research Council – Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP) Projects - \$10,000

- **Dr. Danny Silver** (Acadia Institute for Data Analytics) was awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with Noggins Corner Farm Ltd. Project Title: *Investigation: Improving Farm Operations through Data Analytics.*
- **Dr. Zoë Migicovsky** (Biology) was awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with the SMART Christmas Tree Research Co-operative. Project Title: *Development of a proliferation protocol for Balsam fir.*

Springboard Atlantic – Innovation Mobilization Funding – Industry Engagement

- **Acadia’s Office of Industry & Community Engagement** was recently awarded **\$8,234.25** to support LaunchBox’s upcoming *Industry Challenge Series*. The Series will be open to all Acadia students, who will have an opportunity to work in multidisciplinary teams to propose ideas/solutions to pressing industry/societal challenges. The events will be held between March 2024-April 2025.

Acadia Laboratory for Agri-food & Beverage (ALAB) - Update

During November and December 2023, ALAB conducted analytical testing for 25 clients in the Atlantic region (**\$6,557**). These tests are in addition to testing conducted under an annual \$200,000/yr Service Agreement with the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation (NSLC).

OTHER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association - Meeting and Tour

On December 14th, 2023, Acadia’s Office of Industry & Community Engagement (ICE) met with Emily Lutz, Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association (NSFGA) to discuss research collaboration opportunities. The meeting included a tour of the K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre and the Huestis Innovation Pavilion (ALAB and the AgriTech Lab).

Social Science & Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Leaders Meeting

Acadia SSHRC Leader, Dr. Peter Ludlow, Manager of Research Grants and Programs within RIGS, attended the SSHRC Leaders Meeting in Ottawa on 29-30 November. Some of the issues discussed at the meeting were “open access policy on publications,” “Capturing and demonstrating Impact in Research,” and “Partnerships with the Business Sector.”

RESEARCH FUNDING PROGRAMS – APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATES

Internal

- University Research Fund (Article 25.55) - February 1
- Harrison McCain Foundation Grants - anticipated in Spring, date TBA
- SSHRC Institutional Grants (SIG) - 2024 (TBA)
- Summer undergraduate student research awards (HSRA, USRA, Donor) – mid February

External

- [SSHRC Insight Development Grant](#) – 2 February
- [SSHRC Insight Grants](#) - October 1
- [SSHRC Connection Grants](#) - November 1, February 1, May 1, August 1
- [SSHRC Partnership Development Grants](#) - November 15
- [SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants](#) - June 15, September 15, December 15 and March 15
- [NSERC Research Tools and Instruments](#) - October 25
- [NSERC Discovery Grant](#) - November 1
- [NSERC Alliance \(partnership\) Grants](#) – Open Call
- [Canadian Foundation for Innovation \(CFI-JELF\)](#) - October 15, February 15, June 15
- [NS Habitat Conservation Fund](#) - October 15

- [MITACS](#) (student and post-doc internships; various programs) – Open
- [CLARI \(Change Lab Action Research Initiative\)](#) – Open Call
- [Research NS](#) – “Intentional” Research Funding - Open Call (contact RIGS for additional information)

GRADUATE STUDIES

Thesis Defences

- Three (3) BIOL defences
- One (1) ENGL defence
- Two (2) PSYC defence
- One (1) PhD EDST defence
- One (1) MED defence

Nominations for the Acadia Outstanding Master’s Research Award

- Two (2) BIOL;
- Two (2) PSYC;
- One (1) MEd

Current Admission Numbers for 2024/25

We have received 900 admission applications to-date for our MEd/MCD/MSC/MA/MAK programs. This number is up by 287 applications compared to last year at this time.

Incoming January Students

We have three (3) new students joining Graduate Studies this January: two (2) INTL students in COMP.SCI and one (1) CDN student in BIOL.

For the **Tri-Council Canada Graduate Scholarship competition Master’s (CGS-M)**, Acadia received 46 applications (SSHRC=22; NSERC=15; CIHR=9). Adjudication of these awards will take place in March.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Suzie Currie, Associate VP Research, Innovation & Graduate Studies (interim)

VICE-PRESIDENT STUDENT EXPERIENCE REPORT TO SENATE – JANUARY 2024

No announcements.

ACADIA STUDENTS' UNION REPORT TO SENATE – JANUARY 2024

No announcements.

ACADIA DIVINITY COLLEGE AND FACULTY OF THEOLOGY REPORT TO SENATE – JANUARY 2024

No announcements.

SENATE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE TRANSITION REPORT – JANUARY 2024

The Senate Archives Committee met Monday, November 13, 2023 from 1:00pm-2:00pm on Microsoft Teams.

The committee elected Ciaran Purdome as the 2023-2024 Chair.

The committee meets twice a year, usually once in October and once in April.

The next meeting of the committee will be April 2024.

The committee decided to hear reports from the archives prior to establishing goals for the year. Time ran out before goals could be established. Establishing goals was placed at the top of the agenda for the next meeting. In the November meeting, the committee heard reports from the Archivist, Digital Archivist, and Archives Coordinator on staffing changes, reference statistics, information literacy, outreach, physical collections, digital collections, and environmental concerns.

Proposed Acadia University Policy on Institutional Neutrality

1. Purpose:

1.1. Acadia University is committed to creating an environment that encourages open discourse, celebrates diversity, and respects the independent viewpoints of its community members.

2. Scope:

2.1. This policy applies to University Officers, defined here as including the President, Vice-Presidents, Provost, Chancellor, and members of the Board of Governors, as well as any individual authorized to speak on an officer's behalf.

2.2. This policy does not apply to students, deans, academic unit heads, faculty, outside speakers and guests, members of the broader community, or any other individual or group engaged in the educational or scholarly enterprise. It also does not apply to University Officers speaking in their personal capacity or, for those who are faculty, in the course of their scholarly activities.

2.3. In all instances where this policy conflicts with the principles of academic freedom as articulated in the Collective Agreement between the Board of Governors and the Acadia University Faculty Association, the latter shall prevail.

3. Policy Statement:

3.1. Part of the mission of Acadia University is to “promote a robust and respectful scholarly community” and to “inspire a diversity of thinkers.” In order to fulfill this mission, the university is committed to a principle of institutional neutrality. Were it to take sides on important matters of public concern, it would threaten the conditions of free and open inquiry necessary for a diversity of thought and the robust exchange of ideas.

4. Principles:

4.1. University Officers shall encourage respectful discourse and the expression of diverse viewpoints.

4.2. University Officers shall remain impartial on matters of a political, social, or ideological nature and shall not engage in advocacy for specific political parties, candidates, or causes, excepting in instances that are directly relevant to the university's mission, mandate, or policies.

4.3. University Officers, when speaking in their capacity as leaders of the institution, shall not be influenced by their personal beliefs and opinions. The institution must stand as a collective entity that transcends the diverse perspectives of its individual members, including its leaders.

5. Conclusion:

5.1. The neutrality of the university and the impartiality of its officers should not be construed as a lack of courage or indifference toward matters of public concern. On the contrary, it is precisely because the university values so highly its duty toward the public that it commits itself to these principles.

Timetable, Instruction Hours and Examinations Committee – Motions

Motion 1: That the "Principles for the Preparation of Academic Dates" be modified as indicated. In those principles, #4 adjusts the fall break week and #8 adjusts the W deadline accordingly.

Motion 2: That the calendar dates for 2024 - 2025 through 2027 - 2028 be modified to reflect Motion 1.

Motion 3: That the calendar dates for 2028 - 2029 be approved.

Background/rationale:

- Since 2012, one or more Fall study days have been included in calendar. Week-long breaks have been held near Thanksgiving (2015), at the end of October (2014, 2019, 2021-present) and near Remembrance Day (2018). In 2016 and 2017 study days were split between Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day.
- The current Fall break week is the last week of October. This policy was adopted by Senate in January 2019 and first implemented in Fall 2019.
- Since that time, an additional holiday (National Day for Truth & Reconciliation) has been introduced. It was first observed on September 30, 2021.
- September 30 and November 11 always fall on the same day of the week. In 2024, both fall on a Monday. So with Thanksgiving Monday, we have only 9 Mondays with classes.
- The current calendar dates for 2024 have an additional "Monday" scheduled on Wednesday December 4.
- Adopting a Nov 11 - 15, 2024 break would give one additional Monday. It would result in a term with 13 teaching days after the break (compared to 21 in 2023).
- Acadia is the only university in Atlantic Canada with a break week in the last week of October. In 2023,
- MSVU, CBU, StFX, SMU, Dal, MtA and UNB all had a break week around Nov 11
- UPEI and MUN had a break week the week of Monday Thanksgiving.
- There is no "ideal" solution. The proposed change recovers 1 teaching day. However, it moves the break later in the term. It does align with best practices at other institutions.
- Regarding the change to the "W" date: The current wording of Principle #8 is "The last day to withdraw from classes and receive a 'W' will be the first Friday, two weeks after the Fall and Winter breaks." The proposed Fall break is later in the term than the Winter break. It makes more sense to align the W deadline with the end of term.
- Motion #2 adjusts calendar dates that Senate has previously approved, applying the new principles. The new dates do not have any adjustments such as "the last Wednesday is scheduled as a Monday".
- Motion #3 applies the new principles to a new calendar year, 2028 - 2029.

Principles for the Preparation of Academic Dates

1. Class hours that are lost due to holidays will be rescheduled and accounted for in the academic dates. It is possible that these hours may be scheduled during regular hours of the University on days other than the regular class meeting days.
2. The first day of classes in the fall semester will be scheduled on the first Wednesday in September after Labour Day.
3. The first day of classes in the winter semester will be scheduled on the first Monday after January 5th.
4. A 5-day reading week will be scheduled in each of the fall and winter terms. **In the fall, the break will be scheduled in conjunction with the Remembrance Day observance.** In the winter, it will be scheduled in conjunction with the Nova Scotia Heritage Day holiday.
5. At least one day will be designated as a study day and be scheduled between the last day of classes and the first day of exams.
6. It is desirable that the exam period end as early as possible. No exams should be scheduled after December 20. If required, exams may be scheduled on Sundays.
7. There will be a period of 7 working days between the first day of classes and the last day to add a course or receive a no record withdrawal.
8. **The last day to withdraw from Fall and Winter classes and receive a 'W' will be the Friday two weeks prior to the end of class.**
9. When possible, there will be 12 weeks of classes.
10. Due to the prevalence of Monday holidays in the fall term, courses with 3h instruction on Mondays are discouraged for that term.
11. In the event that a holiday falls on a weekend, and the holiday is to be observed on a weekday, that the observance be on Friday.
12. Classes are not held on the following holidays:
 - The 6 holidays identified in the Nova Scotia Labour Standards Code as holidays with pay: New Year's Day, Nova Scotia Heritage Day, Good Friday, Canada Day, Labour Day, and Christmas Day.
 - Civic Holiday (1st Monday in August)
 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
 - Thanksgiving Day
 - Remembrance Day

2024-2025 Fall/Winter Academic Dates*

Fall 2024								
Classes Start	Last Day to Add Courses	Reading Week	Last Day to Withdraw from Courses	Classes End	Exam Study Day(s)	Exams Begin	Exams End	Mondays – 10 Tuesdays – 12 Wednesdays – 13 Thursdays – 12 Fridays – 12
Sept. 4 th (W)	Sept. 13 th (F)	Nov 11 th - Nov. 15 th	Nov. 22 nd (F)	Dec. 4 th (W)	Dec. 5 th -6 th (Th/Fr)	Dec. 7 th (Sa)	Dec. 18 th (W)	
Winter 2025								
Classes Start	Last Day to Add Courses	Reading Week	Last Day to Withdraw from Courses	Classes End	Exam Study Day(s)	Exams Begin	Exams End	Mondays – 12 Tuesdays – 12 Wednesdays – 12 Thursdays – 12 Fridays – 12
Jan. 6 th (M)	Jan. 15 th (W)	Feb 17 th -21 st	Mar. 21 st (F)	Apr. 4 th (F)	Apr. 5 th , 6 th (S/Su)	Apr. 7 th (M)	Apr. 17 th (Th)	
Interession 2025								
Classes Start	Classes Start	Last Day to Add	Last Day to Withdraw	Classes End/Final Exams				
Summer 1 (was Spring 1) (3 week)	May 5 (M)	May 7 (W)	May 14 (W)	May 23 (F)				
Summer 2 (was Spring 2) (3 week)	May 26 (M)	May 28 (W)	June 4 (W)	June 13 (F)				
Summer 3 (was Summer 1) (3 week)	June 16 (M)	June 18 (W)	June 25 (W)	July 4 (F)				
Summer 4 (was Summer 1) (3 week)	July 7 (M)	July 9 (W)	July 16 (W)	July 25 (F)				
Key Dates 2024-25								
Labour Day: Monday, September 2, 2024. No classes scheduled.								
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Monday, September 30 th , 2024. No classes scheduled.								
Thanksgiving: Monday, October 14, 2024. No classes scheduled.								
Remembrance Day: Monday, November 11, 2024. No classes scheduled.								
Nova Scotia Heritage Day Holiday: Monday, February 17, 2025. No classes scheduled.								
Good Friday: Friday, April 18, 2025. No classes scheduled.								
Convocation: Thursday, Friday, May 15-16, 2025.								
Victoria Day: Monday, May 19, 2025.								
Canada Day: Tuesday, July 1, 2025.								

2025-2026 Fall/Winter Academic Dates*

Fall 2025								
Classes Start	Last Day to Add Courses	Reading Week	Last Day to Withdraw from Courses	Classes End	Exam Study Day(s)	Exams Begin	Exams End	Mondays – 11 Tuesdays – 11 Wednesdays – 13 Thursdays – 13 Fridays - 13
Sept. 3 rd (W)	Sept. 11 th (Th)	Nov 10 th -Nov. 14 th	Nov. 21 st (F)	Dec. 5 th (F)	Dec. 6 th , 7 th (S/Su)	Dec. 8 th (M)	Dec. 19 th	
Winter 2026								
Classes Start	Last Day to Add Courses	Reading Week	Last Day to Withdraw from Courses	Classes End	Exam Study Day(s)	Exams Begin	Exams End	Mondays – 12 Tuesdays – 12 Wednesdays – 12 Thursdays – 12 Fridays - 11
Jan. 12 th (M)	Jan. 20 th (T)	Feb 16 th - 20 th	Mar. 27 th (F)	April 10 th (F)	April 11-12 th (S/Su)	April 13 th (M)	April 23 rd (Th)	
Interession 2026								
Classes Start	Classes Start	Last Day to Add	Last Day to Withdraw	Classes End/Final Exams				
Summer 1 (was Spring 1) (3 week)	May 11 (M)	May 13 (W)	May 21 (Th)	May 29 (F)				
Summer 2 (was Spring 2) (3 week)	June 1 (M)	June 3 (W)	June 10 (W)	June 19 (F)				
Summer 3 (was Summer 1) (3 week)	June 22 (M)	June 24 (W)	July 2 (Th)	July 10 (F)				
Summer 4 (was Summer 1) (3 week)	July 13 (M)	July 15 (W)	July 22 (W)	July 31 (F)				
Key Dates 2025-26								
Labour Day: Monday, September 1, 2025. No classes scheduled.								
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Tuesday, September 30 th , 2025. No classes scheduled.								
Thanksgiving: Monday, October 13, 2025. No classes scheduled.								
Remembrance Day: Tuesday, November 11, 2025. No classes scheduled.								
Nova Scotia Heritage Day Holiday: Monday, February 16, 2026. No classes scheduled.								
Good Friday: Friday, April 3, 2026. No classes scheduled.								
Convocation: Thursday, Friday, May 14-15, 2026.								
Victoria Day: Monday, May 18, 2026.								
Canada Day: Wednesday, July 1, 2026.								

2026-2027 Fall/Winter Academic Dates*

Fall 2026								
Classes Start	Last Day to Add	Reading Week	Last Day to Withdraw	Classes End	Study Day(s)	Exams Begin	Exams End	Mondays – 11 Tuesdays – 12 Wednesdays – 12 Thursdays – 12 Fridays - 12
Sept. 9 th (W)	Sept. 17 th (Th)	Nov 9 th –Nov. 13 th	Nov. 27 th (F)	Dec. 9 th (W)	Dec. 10 th (Th)	Dec. 11 th (F)	Dec. 20 th (Su)	
Winter 2027								
Classes Start	Last Day to Add	Reading Week	Last Day to Withdraw	Classes End	Study Day(s)	Exams Begin	Exams End	Mondays – 12 Tuesdays – 12 Wednesdays – 12 Thursdays – 12 Fridays - 11
Jan. 11 th (M)	Jan. 19 th (T)	Feb. 15 th -19 th	Mar. 26 th (F)	April 9 th (F)	Apr. 10 th /11 th (S/Su)	Apr. 12 th (M)	Apr. 21 st (W)	
Interession 2027								
Classes Start	Classes Start	Last Day to Add	Last Day to Withdraw	Classes End/Final Exams				
Spring 1 (3 week)	May 10 (M)	May 12 (W)	May 19 (W)	May 28 (F)				
Spring 2 (3 week)	May 31 (M)	June 2 (W)	June 9 (W)	June 18 (F)				
Summer 1 (3 week)	June 21 (M)	June 23 (W)	June 30 (W)	July 9 (F)				
Summer 2 (3 week)	July 12 (M)	July 14 (W)	July 21 (W)	July 30 (F)				
Key Dates 2026-2027								
Labour Day: Monday, September 7, 2026. No classes scheduled.								
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Wednesday, September 30 th , 2026.								
Thanksgiving: Monday, October 12, 2026. No classes scheduled.								
Remembrance Day: Wednesday, November 11, 2026.								
Nova Scotia Heritage Day Holiday: Monday, February 15, 2027. No classes scheduled.								
Good Friday: Friday, March 26, 2027. No classes scheduled.								
Convocation: Thursday, Friday May 20-21, 2027.								
Victoria Day: Monday, May 24, 2027.								
Canada Day: Thursday, July 1, 2027.								

2027-2028 Fall/Winter Academic Dates*

Fall 2027								
Classes Start	Last Day to Add	Reading Week	Last Day to Withdraw	Classes End	Study Day(s)	Exams Begin	Exams End	Mondays – 11 Tuesdays – 12 Wednesdays – 13 Thursdays – 11 Fridays - 12
Sept. 8 th (W)	Sept. 17 th (Fr)	Nov 8 th –Nov 12 th	Nov. 26 th (F)	Dec. 8 th (W)	Dec. 9 th (Th)	Dec. 10 th (F)	Dec. 20 th (M)	
Winter 2028								
Classes Start	Last Day to Add	Reading Week	Last Day to Withdraw	Classes End	Study Day(s)	Exams Begin	Exams End	Mondays – 12 Tuesdays – 12 Wednesdays – 12 Thursdays – 12 Fridays - 12
Jan. 10 th (M)	Jan. 18 th (T)	Feb. 21 st -25 th	Mar. 24 th (F)	April 7 th (F)	Apr.8 th 9 th (S/Su)	Apr.10 th (M)	Apr.21 st (Fr)	
Intersession 2028								
Classes Start	Classes Start	Last Day to Add	Last Day to Withdraw	Classes End/Final Exams				
Spring 1 (3 week)	May 8 (M)	May 10 (W)	May 17 (W)	May 26 (F)				
Spring 2 (3 week)	May 29 (M)	May 31 (W)	June 7 (W)	June 16 (F)				
Summer 1 (3 week)	June 19 (M)	June 21 (W)	June 28 (W)	July 7 (F)				
Summer 2 (3 week)	July 10 (M)	July 12 (W)	July 19 (W)	July 28 (F)				
<p>Key Dates 2027-2028 Labour Day: Monday, September 8, 2027. No classes scheduled. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Thursday, September 30th, 2027. Thanksgiving: Monday, October 11, 2027. No classes scheduled. Remembrance Day: Thursday, November 11, 2027. Nova Scotia Heritage Day Holiday: Monday, February 21, 2028. No classes scheduled. Good Friday and Easter: Friday, April 14-16, 2028. No exams scheduled. Convocation: Thursday, Friday May 18-19, 2028 Victoria Day: Monday, May 22, 2028. Canada Day: Saturday, July 1, 2028. Monday, July 3rd no classes scheduled.</p>								

2028-2029 Fall/Winter Academic Dates*

Fall 2028								
Classes Start	Last Day to Add	Reading Week	Last Day to Withdraw	Classes End	Study Day(s)	Exams Begin	Exams End	Mondays – 11 Tuesdays – 12 Wednesdays – 13 Thursdays – 13 Fridays – 12
Sept. 6 th (W)	Sept. 15 th (F)	Nov. 6 th -10 th	Nov. 24 th (F)	Dec. 8 th (F)	Dec. 9 th -10 th (S/Su)	Dec. 11 th (M)	Dec. 20 th (W)	
Winter 2029								
Classes Start	Last Day to Add	Reading Week	Last Day to Withdraw	Classes End	Study Day(s)	Exams Begin	Exams End	Mondays – 12 Tuesdays – 12 Wednesdays – 12 Thursdays – 12 Fridays – 11
Jan. 8 th (M)	Jan. 17 th (W)	Feb. 19 th -23 rd	March 23 rd (F)	April 6 th (F)	April 7-8 th (S/Su)	April 9 th (M)	April 19 th (Th)	
Intersession 2029								
Classes Start	Classes Start	Last Day to Add	Last Day to Withdraw	Classes End/Final Exams				
Spring 1 (3 week)	May 7 th (M)	May 9 th (W)	May 16 th (w)	May 25 th (F)				
Spring 2 (3 week)	May 28 th (M)	May 30 th (W)	June 6 th (W)	June 15 th (F)				
Summer 1 (3 week)	June 18 th (M)	June 20 th (W)	June 27 th (W)	July 6 th (F)				
Summer 2 (3 week)	July 9 th (M)	July 11 th (W)	July 18 th (W)	July 27 th (F)				
<p>Key Dates 2028-2029 Labour Day: Monday, September 4, 2028. No classes scheduled. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Saturday, September 30th, 2028 – to be observed Friday, September 29th. Thanksgiving: Monday, October 9, 2028. No classes scheduled. Remembrance Day: Saturday, November 11, 2028 – to be observed Friday, November 10th. Nova Scotia Heritage Day Holiday: Monday, February 19, 2029. No classes scheduled. Good Friday and Easter: Friday, March 30th, 2029. No classes scheduled. Convocation: Thursday, Friday May 17-18, 2029 Victoria Day: Monday, May 21, 2029. Canada Day: Sunday, July 1, 2029. Monday, July 2nd no classes scheduled.</p>								