

# The Academic Year (Graduate and Undergraduate Studies)

This schedule contains the dates prescribed by the University Senate for academic activities. Dates relating to fee payment, cancellation of course selections, late charges, and other fees or charges will be published in the Dates and Deadlines section of the Registration Website ([carleton.ca/registration](http://carleton.ca/registration)).

The academic year is divided into three terms:

**Summer term:** May - August

**Fall term:** September - December

**Winter term:** January - April

Courses are offered in the following patterns:

**Early summer:** May - June

**Late summer:** July - August

**Full summer:** May - August

**Early fall:** September - October

**Late fall:** November - December

**Full fall:** September - December

**Early winter:** January - February

**Late winter:** March - April

**Full winter:** January - April

**Fall/winter:** September - April

Courses are offered during the day and in the evening.

**Summer 2025**

**Fall 2025**

**Winter 2026**

**Summer 2026**

Date	Activity
SUMMER TERM 2025	
March 1, 2025	Last day for receipt of applications for admission to an undergraduate degree program for the summer term.
April 28, 2025	Deadline for course outlines to be made available to students registered in early summer and full summer courses.
May 1, 2025	Last day for receipt of applications for undergraduate degree program transfers for the summer term.
May 5, 2025	Summer term begins. Early summer and full summer classes begin.

May 9, 2025	Last day for registration and course changes (including auditing) in early summer courses.  Graduate students who have not electronically submitted their final thesis copy to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs will not be eligible to graduate in spring 2025 and must register for the summer 2025 term.
May 16, 2025	Last day for registration and course changes (including auditing) in full summer courses.  Last day to withdraw from early summer courses with a full fee adjustment.
May 16-28, 2025	Full winter, late winter, and fall/winter term deferred final examinations will be held.
May 19, 2025	Statutory holiday. University closed.
May 31, 2025	Last day to withdraw from full summer courses with a full fee adjustment.
June 1, 2025	Last day for academic withdrawal from early summer courses.  Last day to request Formal Examination Accommodations for June examinations from the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities. Note that it may not be possible to fulfil accommodation requests received after the specific deadlines.
June 10, 2025	Last day for summative tests or examinations, or formative tests or examinations totaling more than 15% of the final grade in early summer term undergraduate courses before the official examination period (see examination regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/ General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar).
June 17, 2025	Last day of early summer classes. (NOTE: full summer classes resume July 2.)

	Last day for take-home examinations to be assigned, with the exception of those conforming to the examination regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/ General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar.	August 1, 2025	Last day for academic withdrawal from full and late summer courses.
	Last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for term work for early summer courses.		Last day to request Formal Examination Accommodations for August final examinations from the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities. Note that it may not be possible to fulfil accommodation requests received after the specified deadlines.
June 18-19, 2025	No classes or examinations take place.	August 4, 2025	Statutory holiday. University closed.
June 20-26, 2025	Final examinations in early summer courses and mid-term examinations in full summer courses will be held. Examinations are normally held all seven days of the week.	August 7, 2025	Last day for summative tests or examinations, or formative tests or examinations totaling more than 15% of the final grade in late summer and full summer term undergraduate courses, before the official examination period (see examination regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/ General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar).
June 25, 2025	Deadline for course outlines to be made available to students registered in late summer courses.	August 14, 2025	Last day of late summer and full summer classes.
June 26, 2025	All final take-home examinations are due on this day, with the exception of those conforming to the examination regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/ General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar.		Classes follow a Monday schedule.
July 1, 2025	Statutory holiday. University Closed.		Last day for final take-home examinations to be assigned, with the exception of those conforming to the examination regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/ General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar.
July 2, 2025	Late summer classes begin and full summer classes resume.		Last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for term work for late summer and full summer courses.
July 8, 2025	Last day for registration and course changes (including auditing) in late summer courses.	August 15-16, 2025	No classes or examinations take place.
July 15, 2025	Last day to withdraw from late summer courses with a full fee adjustment.	August 17-23, 2025	Final examinations in late summer and full summer courses will be held. Examinations are normally held all seven days of the week.
July 18-20, 2025	Early summer term deferred final examinations will be held.		
July 20, 2025	Last day for graduate students to submit their supervisor-approved thesis, in examinable form to the department.		

August 23, 2025	All final take-home examinations are due on this day, with the exception of those conforming to the examinations regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/ General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar.		Graduate students who have not electronically submitted their final thesis copy to Graduate Studies will not be eligible to graduate in fall 2025 and must register for the fall 2025 term.
September 19-21, 2025	Full summer and late summer term deferred final examinations will be held.	September 19-21, 2025	Full summer and late summer term deferred final examinations will be held.
<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>September 30, 2025</b>	<b>Last day to withdraw from full fall and fall/winter courses with a full fee adjustment.</b>
FALL TERM 2025		<b>October 1, 2025</b>	<b>Last day for academic withdrawal from early fall courses.</b>
August 27, 2025	Deadline for course outlines to be made available to students registered in full fall, early fall, and fall/winter courses.		Last day to request Formal Examination Accommodations for Oct/ Nov final examinations from the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities. Note that it may not be possible to fulfil accommodation requests received after the specified deadlines.
August 31, 2025	Last day for receipt of applications from potential fall (November) graduates.	October 9, 2025	Last day for summative tests or examinations, or formative tests or examinations totaling more than 15% of the final grade, in early fall term undergraduate courses, before the official Oct/ Nov final examination period (see examination regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/ General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar).
September 1, 2025	Statutory holiday. University closed.	October 10, 2025	December examination schedule (fall term final and fall/winter mid-terms) available online.
September 2, 2025	Academic orientation (undergraduate and graduate students).	October 13, 2025	Statutory holiday. University closed.
	Orientation for new Teaching Assistants.	October 15, 2025	Last day for receipt of applications for admission to an undergraduate degree program for the winter term from applicants whose documents originate from outside Canada or the United States.
	All new students are expected to be on campus. Class and laboratory preparations, departmental introductions for students, and other academic preparation activities will be held.	October 16, 2025	Last day of early fall classes.
September 3, 2025	Fall term begins. Full fall, early fall, and fall/winter classes begin.		
September 9, 2025	Last day for registration and course changes (including auditing) in early fall courses.		
September 16, 2025	Last day for registration and course changes (including auditing) in full fall, late fall, and fall/winter courses.		
	Last day to withdraw from early fall courses with a full fee adjustment.		

	<p>Last day for final take-home examinations to be assigned in early fall courses, with the exception of those conforming to the examination regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/ General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar.</p> <p>Last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for term work for early fall courses.</p>	November 21, 2025	<p>Last day for summative tests or examinations, or formative tests or examinations totaling more than 15% of the final grade, in full fall term or fall/winter undergraduate courses, before the official December final examination period (see examination regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/ General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar).</p>
October 20, 2025	Deadline for course outlines to be made available to students registered in late fall courses.	November 28, 2025	<p>Last day for graduate students to submit their supervisor-approved thesis, in examinable form to the department.</p> <p>Last day for summative tests or examinations, or formative tests or examinations totaling more than 15% of the final grade, in late fall term undergraduate courses, before the official final examination period (see examination regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/ General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar).</p>
October 20-24, 2025	Fall break, no classes.		
October 25-26, November 1-2, 2025	Final examinations in early fall undergraduate courses will be held.		
October 27, 2025	Late fall classes begin.		
November 7, 2025	Last day to withdraw from late fall term courses with a full fee adjustment.		
November 14-16, 2025	Early fall undergraduate deferred final examinations will be held.		
November 15, 2025	<p>Last day for academic withdrawal from full fall and late fall courses.</p> <p>Last day to request Formal Examination Accommodations for December full fall and late fall examinations and fall/ winter midterm examinations from the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities. Note that it may not be possible to fulfil accommodation requests received after the specified deadlines.</p>	November 30, 2025	Last day for receipt of applications from potential winter (February) graduates.
	Last day for receipt of applications for admission to an undergraduate degree program for the winter term.	December 5, 2025	<p>Fall term ends.</p> <p>Last day of full fall and late fall classes.</p> <p>Classes follow a Monday schedule.</p> <p>Last day for final take-home examinations to be assigned, with the exception of those conforming to the examination regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/ General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar.</p> <p>Last day that can be specified by an instructor as a due date for term work for full and late fall courses.</p>

	Last day for receipt of applications for undergraduate degree program transfers for winter term.	January 23-25, January 30-February 1, 2026	Full fall and late fall term deferred final examinations will be held.
December 6-7, 2025	No classes or examinations take place.	January 31, 2026	Last day to withdraw from full winter courses and the winter portion of fall/winter courses with a full fee adjustment.
December 8-20, 2025	Final examinations in full fall and late fall courses and mid-term examinations in fall/winter courses will be held. Examinations are normally held all seven days of the week.	February 1, 2026	Last day for academic withdrawal from early winter courses.
December 20, 2025	All final take-home examinations are due on this day, with the exception of those conforming to the examination regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar.		Last day to request Formal Examination Accommodations for Feb/Mar final examinations from the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities. Note that it may not be possible to fulfil accommodation requests received after the specified deadlines.
December 24, 2025 at noon through January 2, 2026 inclusive	University closed.	February 6, 2026	Last day for summative tests or examinations, or formative tests or examinations totaling more than 15% of the final grade, in early winter undergraduate courses, before the official Feb/Mar final examination period (see examination regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar).
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WINTER TERM 2026			Last day for final take-home examinations to be assigned in early winter courses, with the exception of those conforming to the examination regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar.
December 29, 2025	Deadline for course outlines to be made available to students registered in full winter and early winter term courses.		Last day that can be specified by an instructor as a due date for term work for early winter courses.
January 5, 2026	University reopens.		April examination schedule available online.
	Winter term begins. Full winter and early winter classes begin.	February 16, 2026	Statutory holiday. University closed.
January 9, 2026	Last day for registration and course changes (including auditing) in early winter courses.		
January 16, 2026	Last day for registration and course changes (including auditing) in full winter and late winter courses. Last day to withdraw from early winter courses with a full fee adjustment.		
	Graduate students who have not electronically submitted their final thesis copy to Graduate Studies will not be eligible to graduate in winter 2026 and must register for the winter 2026 term.		

	Deadline for course outlines to be made available to students registered in late winter courses.		Last day to request Formal Examination Accommodations for April full winter, late winter, and fall/winter final examinations from the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities. Note that it may not be possible to fulfil accommodation requests received after the specified deadlines.
February 16-20, 2026	Winter break, no classes.		
February 21-22, February 28-March 1, 2026	Final examinations in early winter undergraduate courses will be held.		
February 23, 2026	Late winter classes begin.		
February 27, 2026	Last day for registration and course changes (including auditing) in late winter courses.		
March 1, 2026	Last day for receipt of applications for admission to an undergraduate degree program for the fall/winter session from applicants whose documents originate outside Canada or the United States.	March 25, 2026	Last day for summative tests or examinations, or formative tests or examinations totaling more than 15% of the final grade, in full winter term or fall/winter undergraduate courses, before the official April final examination period (see examination regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/ General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar).
	Last day for receipt of applications to Bachelor of Architecture, Bachelor of Industrial Design, Bachelor of Information Technology (Interactive Multimedia and Design), Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Social Work degree programs for the fall/winter session.	April 1, 2026	Last day for graduate students to submit their supervisor-approved thesis, in examinable form to the department.
	Last day for receipt of applications for admission from candidates who wish to be guaranteed consideration for financial assistance (including Carleton fellowships, scholarships and teaching assistantships) administered by Carleton University. Candidates whose applications are received after the March 1 deadline may be considered for the award of a fellowship, scholarship or teaching assistantship (Graduate students only).		Last day for receipt of applications from potential spring (June) graduates.
March 6, 2026	Last day to withdraw from late winter term courses with a full fee adjustment.		Last day for summative tests or examinations, or formative tests or examinations totaling more than 15% of the final grade, in late winter term undergraduate courses, before the official final examination period (see examination regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/ General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar).
March 13-15, 2026	Early winter undergraduate deferred final examinations will be held.	April 3, 2026	Statutory holiday. University closed.
March 15, 2026	Last day for academic withdrawal from full winter, late winter, and fall/winter courses.	April 8, 2026	Winter term ends. Classes follow a Friday schedule.
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		July 2, 2026	Late summer classes begin and full summer classes resume.
		July 8, 2026	Last day for registration and course changes (including auditing) in late summer courses.
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June 19-20, 2026	No classes or examinations take place.	August 3, 2026	Statutory holiday. University closed.
June 21-27, 2026	Final examinations in early summer courses and mid-term examinations in full summer courses will be held. Examinations are normally held all seven days of the week.		
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August 7, 2026	Last day for summative tests or examinations, or formative tests or examinations totaling more than 15% of the final grade in late summer and full summer term undergraduate courses, before the official examination period (see examination regulations in the Academic Regulations of the University section of the Undergraduate Calendar/ General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar).
August 14, 2026	Last day of late summer and full summer classes.  Classes follow a Monday schedule.
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