



**JOINT REPORT
GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE &
CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Report to Academic Council
at its meeting of April 15, 2014

FOR ACTION

1. Implementation of 60 day term

The Graduate Studies Committee and the Curriculum and Program Review Committee jointly recommend:

That Academic Council approve the move from a 64 to 60 day term commencing in the 2015-16 academic year

Rationale

Moving from a 64 to 60 days will bring the length of the term at UOIT in line with the majority of postsecondary institutions in Ontario. This change will modify the calendar to the following: *Semester – sixty days of lectures and an examination period.* With the current 64 day term, courses that are scheduled on a Monday have 12 contact days while those on other days of the week have 13. Moving to a 60 day term all courses would have equal contact days. All courses would have 12 contacts in a semester. Benchmarking data is attached as appendix A.

Universities	Brock University	Carleton University	Lakehead University	Laurentian University	McMaster University
Orientation dates	September 4	September 3			
Fall Start-End	September 6 – November 29	September 6 – December 3	September 10 - December 3	September 5 - December 5	September 6 - December 3
Number of Contact Days	60 days	62 days	60 days	60 days	62 days
Fall Reading Week	Looking into implementing following Thanksgiving	Looking into implementing	No	October 22 - October 26	No
Winter Start-End	January 7 - April 8	January 7 - April 10	January 7 – April 9	January 7 - April 8	January 7 - April 10
Number of Contact Days	60 days	61 days	60 days	59 days	62 days
Spring/Summer Start-End	Spring= May 6- June 7 Summer= June 10-July 12	Spring= May 7 - June 19 Summer= May 3 - August 15	Spring= May 1 – June 12 Summer= July 2 - August 13	Spring= May 6 – June 12 Summer= June 17 - July 25	Spring= May 6 - June 21 Summer= June 24 - August 9
Spring/Summer Exam Period	Spring= June 7 – June 8 Summer= July 12 - July 13	Spring= June 22 - June 27 Summer= August 18 - August 23	Spring= June 15 - June 17 Summer= August 16 - August 17	Spring= June 14 - June 15 Summer= July 26 - July 27	Spring= TBA Summer= TBA
Exceptions	November 29th is make up day for Thanksgiving Good Friday is made up on Saturday April 6th		December 3rd is in place to make up for Thanksgiving	December 5th is make up day for Thanksgiving and therefore follows Monday timetable	

Nipissing University	OCAD University	Ryerson University	Trent University	University of Guelph	University of Ottawa
	September 4, 5, 6, 7	August 27 week	September 4		September 4
September 10 - December 7	September 10 - December 3	September 4 - December 3	September 6 - December 5	September 6 - November 29	September 5 - December 5
60 days	60 days	60 days	60 days	60 days	60 days
October 8 - October 12	No	October 8 - October 12 (Thanksgiving)	October 22 - October 26 (5 days)	Yes	October 21 - October 27 (5 days)
January 7 - April 9	January 7 - April 8	January 7 - April 12	January 7 - April 5	January 7 - April 5	January 7 - April 9
60 days	60 days	64 days	59 days	59 days	60 days
Spring= April 29 - June 7 Summer= June 17 - July 26	Spring/Summer = May 14 - August 18	Spring= May 6 - June 17 Summer= June 24 - August 12	Spring= May 14 - June 21 Summer= June 25 - August 2	Spring/Summer= May 10 - August 15	Spring= April 30 - July 24, April 30-June 11, June 18-July 30 Summer= July 3 -Aug 14, July 3-23, July 25-Aug15
Spring= ends June 14 Summer= ends August 2	June 26 - June 29 and August 15 - August 18		Spring= June 22 - June 23 Summer= August 7 - August 8	Spring/Summer= August 9 - August 15	Spring= July 25-30, June 12 - 15, July 31-Aug4 Summer= Aug 15-18, July 28, Aug 16- Aug 20
Reading week includes Thanksgiving		Fall reading week is for all students except those in BEng programs		November 29th is classes from Thanksgiving	During reading weeks exceptions may apply in certain disciplines at both the undergraduate and

University of Toronto - St Geo	University of Toronto - Scarbo	University of Toronto - Mississ	University of Waterloo	University of Windsor	Western University
			September 3 - September 8	September 4 - September 7	September 4-5
September 10 - December 5	September 10 - December 3	September 10 - December 3	September 10 - December 3	September 6 - December 3	September 6 - December 5
60 days	60 days	60 days	60 days	62 days	64 days (62 minimum)
November 12 - November 13	No	No	No	No	2012 - No (2 days beginning i
January 7 - April 5	January 7 - April 8	January 7 - April 5	January 7 - April 8	January 7 - April 12	January 7 - April 11
59 days	60 days	59 days	60 days	64 days	63 days
Spring= May 14 - June 22 Summer= July 3 - August 13	Spring= May 7- June 18 Summer= June 19 - August 7	Spring= May 7 - June 18 Summer= July 9 - August 20	Spring/Summer= May 6 - July	Spring= May 7 - June 18 Summer= July 3 - August 15	Spring= May 14 - June 22 Summer= July 9 - August 17
Spring= June 25 - June 29 Summer= August 14 - August 17	Spring= June 12 - June 18 (in-class) Summer= August 13 - August 28	Spring= June 20 - June 22 Summer= August 22 - August 24	Spring/Summer= August 6 - A	Spring= June 21 - June 23 Summer= August 18 - August 24	Spring= June 25 - June 26 Summer= August 20 - August 21
December 5th is in place for makeups of Monday classes Engineering starts classes Sept 7					

Wilfrid Laurier University	York University
September 3 - September 7	
September 10 - December 3	September 5 - December 3
60 days	59* days
Looking into implementing	Fall Co-Curricular Days (October 31 - November 4, 2012)
January 7 - April 8	January 7 - April 8
60 days	60 days
Spring= May 7 - June 18 Summer= July 9 - August 20	Spring (S1)= May 6 - June 14 Summer (S2) = June 24 - August 2
Spring= June 21 - June 25 Summer= August 23 - August 25	Spring (S1) = June 19 - June 21 Summer (S2/SU) = August 6 - August 16 (Excludes Week- Ends)
December 3rd is a make-up day for Thanksgiving	