



Graduate Orientation for professional-based degree programs

Thanks for joining! We will begin at 1 p.m.

Land acknowledgement

Ontario Tech University acknowledges the lands and people of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. We are thankful to be welcomed on these lands in friendship. The lands we are situated on are covered under the Williams Treaties and the traditional territory of the Mississauga, a branch of the great Anishinaabeg Nation, including Algonquin, Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomi. These lands remain home to a number of Indigenous nations and people.





Registration

Registration questions: who to ask?

- First point of contact is your graduate program assistant (GPA)
- For course selection questions, contact your GPA
- SGPS is here to assist you with registration changes (such as program changes, status changes, supervisor changes, transfer credits, etc.)
- If you have questions regarding registration requests or forms, you can contact gradstudies@ontariotechu.ca.

Flat-fee vs. fee-per-credit: What does this mean for registration?

- Students in flat-fee programs will be automatically enrolled in a continuance course each semester. (Even if you do not register for courses, you will be considered an active student and expected to pay tuition fees for every semester unless you take a formal leave of absence.)
- Students in fee-per-credit programs are responsible for registering themselves in courses each semester.
- All graduate students are expected to be continuously enrolled every semester. Failure to maintain registration can result in your student account being inactivated.





Finance

Finance: Important Dates

- Important dates are found in the Graduate Academic Schedule
- Deadline for payment of fees: **September 6, 2022**
- Annual tuition rates and ancillary fees can be found on the Graduate Studies website.
- Check your MyOntarioTech for current balance.
- Be aware of policies and procedures applicable to graduate students:
 - Graduate Student Funding terms and conditions
 - Minimum program fees for domestic students
- Check ontariotechu.net email regularly for important notices.



Methods of Payment

Payment options:

- OSAP
- Online banking,
- Flywire,
- Money order,
- Certified cheque,
- Bank draft,
- Debit/Credit Card via Student Account Centre (TouchNet PayPath; Service fee applies)

You must arrange payment by the due date each term or else late fees may apply.





Master's project/Major paper support

- Our Thesis Coordinator works alongside each faculty to help students stay on track, including those in professional-based degree programs who decide to go through the project/major paper stream.
- Students in a course-based program may be interested further into their program to switch to a project/paper or research-based degree.
- The Master's project/major paper page on the SGPS site has helpful resources such as:
 - Master's Project Handbook
 - Major paper/project template
 - Timelines and deadlines
 - Forms

- SGPS recommends that students check out the Student-Supervisor Conversation Starter if they have a faculty advisor or supervisor for a project/paper.
- Research Progress Reports
 - Research progress is evaluated at the end of each semester for students in programs with a thesis, project or major paper, starting when the student is engaged in their research.
 - The student's research supervisory committee is responsible for evaluating their research progress in relation to the student's overall research plan.



Enhancing your Graduate experience

Graduate Professional Skills workshops

Consider checking out:

- **Starting Off Strong: Digital Library Resources 101**
 - September 15, facilitated by the Campus Libraries
- **Conflict Management**
 - September 21, facilitated by Student Mental Health Services
- **Paraphrasing and Summarizing**
 - October 6, facilitated by the Student Learning Centre
- **Interview Skills**
 - October 25, facilitated by the Career Centre



For more information and registration, visit ontariotechu.ca/gradproskills.

Student-led Clubs and Societies

- The Ontario Tech Student Union (OTSU) connects students with a multitude of student-run clubs and societies in the realms of:
 - Academic and Career
 - Charitable and Community Outreach
 - Culture, Faith and Diversity
 - Hobbies and Special Interest
- Visit the [OTSU Clubs and Societies page](#) to learn more.

Student Life

- Student Life provides services in the following areas to promote students' academic, personal and professional development:
 - Academic Support
 - Accessibility and Accommodations
 - Career Readiness
 - Community
 - Equity and Inclusion
 - Health and Wellness





Questions?



**Please welcome Mark Neville, ESL Writing Specialist,
Student Life.**



Questions?