

## Structure of the Academic Year

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### Notes:

- Exceptions, for sound academic reasons, may be made for make-up classes with the consent of the Dean of the Faculty.
- Classes during the 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. time period are scheduled only at the

- The final day of examinations will be no later than December 22 in the first term and April 30 in the second term.
- The final examination period will be at least 12 days in the first term and at least 17 days in the second term.
- No examinations are to be scheduled on Good Friday or Easter Sunday.
- No examinations are to be scheduled on the first two days of Passover unless the avoidance of those dates would extend the final examination period beyond the end of April. In years where examinations are scheduled on the first two days of Passover, affected students may request accommodation and arrange with their instructor(s) and/or Dean for an alternative examination.

### 3. Scheduling Thanksgiving Weekend, Fall Reading Week and Spring Reading Week

- Thanksgiving Weekend will be scheduled to begin as of 6:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to Thanksgiving and end at 11:59 p.m. on Thanksgiving. No lectures, tutorials, labs or other regularly scheduled course-related academic activities or evaluations may be held during Thanksgiving Weekend. No undergraduate evaluations may be scheduled or have a deadline during Thanksgiving Weekend. This includes essays, quizzes, tests, examinations, lab reports, or evaluations of any other kind.
- A Fall Reading Week will be scheduled to begin as of 12:00 a.m. on the third Monday after Thanksgiving and end at 11:59 p.m. on the subsequent Sunday.
- A Spring Reading Week will be scheduled to begin as of 6:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the third Monday in February and end at 11:59 p.m. on the subsequent Sunday.
  - a) No lectures, tutorials, labs or other regularly scheduled course-related academic activities may be held during either Reading Week.
  - b) No undergraduate evaluations may be scheduled or have a deadline during either Reading Week. This includes essays, quizzes, tests, examinations, lab reports, or evaluations of any other kind.
  - c) Learning activities such as field work, experiential learning, and clinical placements that are an integral part of the course, and for practical purposes (e.g., travel abroad) must take place during one of the Reading Weeks may be exempt from the restrictions outlined in pointiare m



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2. The last day of online registration for Summer Evening, Spring/Summer Distance Studies, Intersession and Summer Day will be two days before the start of classes.
3. Scheduling of classes will be within the following hours:
  - a) 8:00 a.m. to 9:40 p.m. for the May/June (Intersession) period;
  - b) 8:00 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. for the July/August (Summer Day) period;
  - c) 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for the May to August (Summer Evening) period; and