
MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	April 20, 2018
FROM	Stephen Spector Chair, Senate Calendar Committee		
RE:	Academic Dates 2019-2021 and Revisions to Academic Dates 2018-2019		

At its meeting of March 13, 2018, the Calendar committee reviewed, for approval by Senate, the schedule of dates for future semesters commencing Fall 2019 and finishing Summer 2021, and revisions for the 2018/2019 academic year.

In light of the proposed change to the family day holiday in British Columbia for 2019, the committee was asked to look at revising the previously approved schedule to move reading break to align with family day.

SFU has a three term in-take system, which challenges the university when it comes to orienting new students at the beginning of each term, as well as evaluating student's academic standing and graduation eligibility at the end of each term. In order to provide students with the best academic and university experience, the following principles are used in determining the optimal academic calendar of dates:

Principles

1. Each semester has 63 teaching days. (Senate paper 03-56)
2. Exams may be scheduled on Sunday if required. (Senate paper 05-127)
3. Exams should be avoided on the Saturday and Sunday of the Easter weekend. (Senate paper 14-102a)
4. There is a week long reading break in February of each year to correspond with the family day holiday. (Senate paper 08-70)
5. All instructors submit grades on-line by the deadline date to allow for quicker end-of-term evaluations.
6. Orientation for new students is a vital component for student retention, development and creating a positive university experience.

MOTIONS:

Motion 1. "That Senate approve the revised schedule of academic dates for the Fall 2018 term to Summer 2019 term."

Motion 2. "That Senate approve the proposed schedule of academic dates from the Fall 2019 term to Summer 2021 term."

2018-2019
FALL
29 - 30 August Welcome Day
3 September Labour Day
4 September Classes start
4 – 5 October Convocation
8 October Thanksgiving
11 November Remembrance Day 12 November Observance of Statutory Holiday
3 December Last day of classes
5 – 16 December Exams
SPRING
1 January New Year's Day
2 January Welcome Day
3 January Classes start
18 February Family Day ¹
18 – 24 February Reading Break
8 April Last day of classes
10 – 24 April Exams
19 – 22 April Easter weekend
SUMMER
3 May Welcome Day
6 May Classes start
20 May Victoria Day
11 – 14 June Convocation
1 July Canada Day
2 August Last day of classes
5 August BC Day
6 – 17 August Exams

¹ New B.C. Government Statutory Holiday effective February 2019 – now third Monday in February

2019-2020
FALL
28 - 29 August Welcome Day
2 September Labour Day
3 September Classes start
10 - 11 October Convocation
14 October Thanksgiving
11 November Remembrance Day
2 December Last day of classes
4 – 16 December Exams
SPRING
1 January New Year's Day
3 January Welcome Day
6 January Classes start
17 February Family Day ¹
17 – 23 February Reading Break
9 April Last day of classes
10 – 13 April Easter weekend
14 – 25 April Exams
SUMMER
8 May Welcome Day
11 May Classes start
18 May Victoria Day
9 – 12 June Convocation
1 July Canada Day
3 August BC Day
10 August Last day of classes
12 – 22 August Exams

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2020-2021
FALL
2 – 3 September Welcome Day
7 September Labour Day
8 September Classes start
8 – 9 October Convocation
12 October Thanksgiving
11 November Remembrance Day
7 December Last day of classes
9 – 20 December Exams
SPRING
1 January New Year's Day
4 January Welcome Day
5 January Classes start
15 February Family Day
15 – 21 February Reading Break
2 – 5 April Easter weekend
12 April Last day of classes
14 – 26 April Exams
SUMMER
7 May Welcome Day
10 May Classes start
24 May Victoria Day
8 – 11 June Convocation
1 July Canada Day
2 August BC Day
9 August Last day of classes
11 – 20 August Exams

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