



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO  
FACULTY OF MUSIC

# WELCOME GUIDE

For

# NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

# 2024-25



## IMPORTANT DATES

July 15	Tuition fee invoice available on ACORN
July 31	Course enrolment begins on ACORN
August 31	Last day to clear conditions of admission
September 3	First day of Classes (F and Y)
September 13	Registration deadline

# WELCOME TO THE FACULTY OF MUSIC

Congratulations on your admission to the Faculty of Music, University of Toronto!

We're glad that you have chosen to attend the University of Toronto and hope that this will be the beginning of an exceptional educational and musical experience for you.

The Graduate Office at the Faculty of Music is your "reliable first stop" for information and advice. The Office is responsible for the administrative operations of the graduate programs including student records, course administration, marks, funding and scholarships, convocation, as well as implementing the policies on academic regulations from the School of Graduate Studies.

Your graduate education is an exciting and challenging endeavour. Reading the materials we provide to you will help you stay on track. Please do not hesitate to reach out and ask how things work around the Faculty of Music and the University; we are always happy to hear from you.

Best wishes for a successful year!

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Available for advising by appointment



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# GETTING A HEAD START

## Get your TCard

Your TCard is your official University of Toronto photo identification. It will be your library card, access pass to athletic facilities and general ID card for when you write exams and pick up official documents.

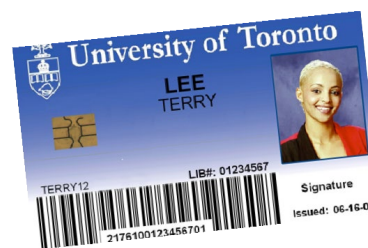
The first step is to submit your identity and legal status documentation online: <https://tcard.utoronto.ca/get-your-utorid-tcard/>. After your identity and legal status documentation have been approved, you will receive an email with instructions about activating your UTORid (see below). You may then make an appointment to pick up your TCard on campus.

## Activate your U of T E-mail and UTORid

After your identity and legal status documentation have been submitted and approved, you will receive an email with instructions about how to convert your JOINid to a UTORid.

Your UTORid and password provide access to online services like email (UTmail+), course content on Quercus, webinars, library resources, Microsoft365 applications, network services for international students, WiFi on campus, and more.

All U of T students are given a university e-mail address, but it is your responsibility to activate your account. Enter this new e-mail on your ACORN record (more information on page 4). U of T uses e-mail to communicate with you. It is your responsibility to update your e-mail on ACORN and to check your UTmail+ account daily.



### Important Note: Policy on Official Correspondence with Students

The University may use the postal mail system and/or electronic message services as means for communicating with you. Official correspondence may include, but is not limited to, matters related to your participation in academic programs, scheduling, fees, and other matters concerning the administration and governance of the University.

You are responsible for maintaining and advising the University, on ACORN (the automated web service), of a current and valid postal address as well as the address for a university issued e-mail. Students are also urged to add their emergency contact information on ACORN.

# Using the Student Web Service: ACORN

ACORN is the University of Toronto's user-friendly student web service. You can access ACORN before setting up your university accounts using your JOINid and password; once you have activated your UTORid, your UTORid and password become your new login information.

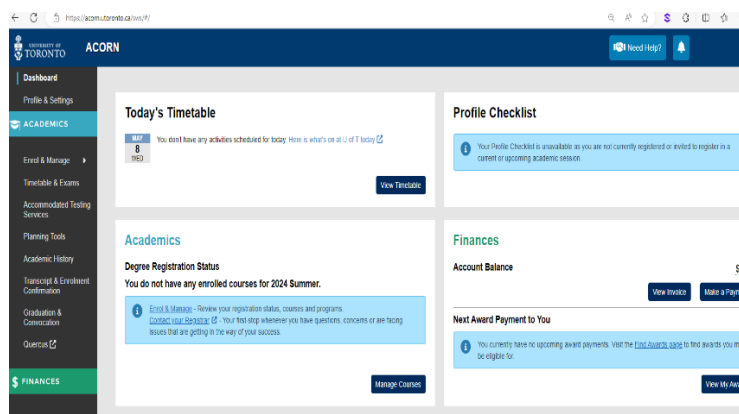
ACORN is your main tool for accessing course enrolment, student account information, personal contact information and student life resources. You will use your UTORid (JOINid) and password to login to ACORN. ACORN has step by step instructions for obtaining information and enrolling in academic activities. <http://www.help.acorn.utoronto.ca/how-to>

Login at [www.acorn.utoronto.ca](http://www.acorn.utoronto.ca) with your UTORid and password



*The use of ACORN to enrol in courses means that you agree to abide by all the academic and non-academic rules and regulations of the University of Toronto and the Faculty of Music, and assume the obligation to pay academic and incidental fees according to the policies and requirements of the University of Toronto.*

After you have successfully logged on you will be brought to the main dashboard. This gives you navigational access to all other parts of ACORN and will show any new notifications alongside a daily calendar, links to key dates, important academic information and basic information about your financial account.



## FEATURES ON ACORN

- Find the courses you need by course code or title using an easy search system
- Use an 'enrolment cart' to plan your timetable (for Music courses)
- Add, drop and modify your course enrolments in real-time from a single window
- View and print your timetable and daily schedule
- Access your course grades and your academic status
- Order official transcripts
- View your tuition and residence fees invoice
- Print T2202A tax receipts
- Access information about housing, health and wellness, co-curricular programs and more in one place

# Clearing Conditions of Admission

Most offers of admission are based on interim marks and are conditional upon completion of your admitting degree. Once your final grades are available **and** your degree has been conferred, please arrange for your institution to send a copy of your official transcript directly to the Graduate Office. Official transcripts, with degree conferred noted, need to be received by **August 31** to maintain your registration in your degree program.

*Note – the transcripts you uploaded with your online application, even if final, are not official. Official transcripts must be sent directly from the issuing institution.*

Consult with your institution to determine how they issue transcripts. Official e-transcripts (this is preferred!) should be sent to [gradadmin.music@utoronto.ca](mailto:gradadmin.music@utoronto.ca). Physical sealed copies can be mailed to:

Graduate Office, Faculty of Music  
University of Toronto  
80 Queens Park  
Toronto Ontario M5S 2C5

## Orientation Sessions

You will receive an invitation to our Orientation session later in the summer. This is typically scheduled in the first week of September and will include first time TA training. The School of Graduate Studies (SGS) also hosts a number of information sessions of specific interests and topics. The goal of the sessions is to assist you with finding University resources and to familiarize yourself with the expectations of the Faculty of Music, and the University at large. Updated information on these events from the School of Graduate Studies will be posted to: <https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/orientation/>

## Teaching Assistantships

All incoming students can apply for TA positions in late June-mid July, and hiring decisions will be available in mid-August. TA positions are available on a competitive basis; for the best chance of receiving a position, please apply to all the positions you believe you are qualified for. TA positions are paid at the CUPE 3902 Unit 1 rate (\$51.93/hr). You will receive an email when TA positions are open for application. If you have questions about the TA process, please email [ta.music@utoronto.ca](mailto:ta.music@utoronto.ca).

Login at <https://ssp2.music.utoronto.ca/tajobs/students> with your UTORid and password.

MA, DMA, and PhD students receiving a stipend are required to apply for TA positions to receive the full value of the stipend.

# Scholarship Opportunities

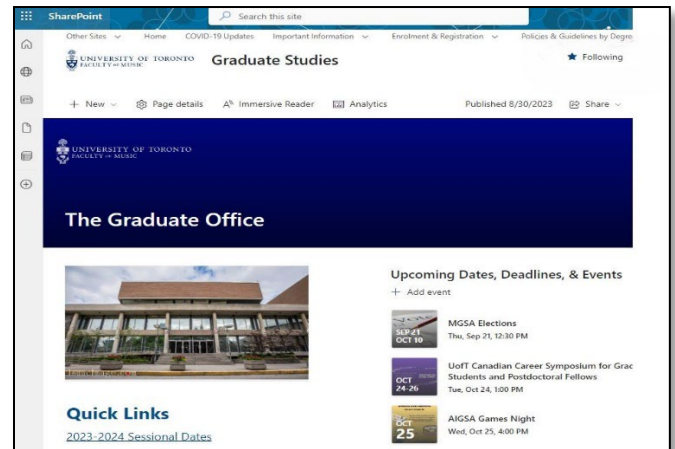
All students are strongly encouraged to apply for scholarships to support their studies. The Music Research Office ([music.research@utoronto.ca](mailto:music.research@utoronto.ca)) can assist you with preparing scholarship applications and developing research projects.

Award	Degree	Value	Application Deadline
<a href="#">Canada Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral (CGS-D), and SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship</a>	Doctoral (domestic)	\$20,000 - \$35,000 per year	Mid-September
<a href="#">Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s (CGS-M)</a>	Master’s (domestic)	\$17,500 for 1 year	December 1
<a href="#">Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)</a>	All degrees	\$10,000 - \$15,000 for 1 year	International - April 1 Domestic - April 15
School of Graduate Studies (SGS) <a href="#">International Awards.</a>	Award-specific	Award-specific	Award specific

MA, PhD, and DMA students receiving a funding package are expected to apply for external scholarships.

## SharePoint

Stay up to date with important information specific to graduate Music students, award announcements, campus events, and more! SharePoint is the central hub for Music-specific information that is not publicly available on our website. In addition to the Graduate Office, you can also follow the Performance Office, the Concert Office, and the Research Office.



Starting in September, all graduate students will have access to SharePoint via your UTORid, <https://utoronto.sharepoint.com/sites/music/gradstudies/SitePages/The-Graduate-Office.aspx>

## Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI)

The University of Toronto is committed to equity, human rights, respect for diversity, and to providing an environment free of any form of harassment, misconduct, or discrimination. [More information about EDI at the University of Toronto is available here.](#) In 2023, the Faculty welcomed Reshma Dhrodia (she/her) as the inaugural EDI Director. Reshma is a trauma-informed social worker and educator whose work focuses on developing individual, communal,

and institutional EDI practices, and harm/violence reduction and prevention work. She supports our Faculty's efforts to create truly inclusive, welcoming environments where folks feel like they belong and can thrive.

Our Faculty's [Statement of Values and Principles](#) underpin four pillars we strive to uphold to foster safer, welcoming spaces for every member of our community:

- Inclusion and Belonging: valuing empathy, dignity, equity, and belonging for all.
- Reflexive Engagement with Cultures & Communities: respectful curiosity, diligent research, academic freedom, and cultural humility in our creative and scholarly endeavors.
- Fostering a culture of Integrity and Accountability including removing barriers for those who belong to equity deserving groups and ensuring we treat each other with dignity, courtesy, and respect.
- Process and Innovation: a commitment to artistic, pedagogical, and professional practices that foster individual and collective growth within class, performance, and other community spaces.

We also have [Community Guidelines](#) that establish best practices and guidance on appropriate interactions, particularly in contexts that are unique to music. They provide information on resources that support wellness and help direct community members should someone experience bullying, harassment, discrimination, or violence. There is also information on pedagogical best practices, including the need to obtain clear consent at all times.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Reshma at [edi.music@utoronto.ca](mailto:edi.music@utoronto.ca) or 416-978-3782. She can provide confidential consultation, advising, support, and resource navigation related to EDI, wellness, and safety. She also welcomes feedback about how her Office and our Faculty can enhance EDI and a felt sense of belonging among our community members.

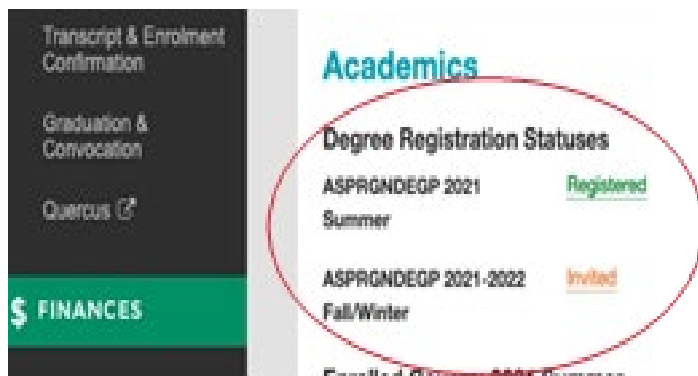


# REGISTRATION

Registration occurs when you pay your tuition or arrange a tuition fee deferral and clear your conditions of offer. Your tuition invoice will be available on ACORN on July 15th, and the minimum payment to register (MPR) will be indicated at the bottom of your invoice. You must pay the MPR or officially defer your fees by August 23rd. Once you pay the MPR, your status on ACORN will change from "Invited" to "Registered."

You may enrol in courses while your status on ACORN is "Invited," but if your status is not "Registered" by September 13, you will be removed from your courses. Please see the Course Enrolment section on page 12 for more information about selecting courses.

*To be registered for the Fall-Winter Session, you must enrol in courses, clear your conditions, **and** pay at least the MPR (or officially defer your fees) by August 23. If you pay the MPR between August 23<sup>rd</sup> and September 13<sup>th</sup>, you are required to provide the Graduate Office with proof of payment before 4:00 pm on September 13.*



By being registered, a student agrees to abide by all the Academic and Non-academic Policies, Rules, and Regulations of the University and the Faculty of Music and to ensure that the accuracy of personal information –such as current mailing address and telephone number – is maintained.

## Fees

Compulsory fees for registration include academic fees (i.e. tuition), incidental fees (i.e. health insurance), and ancillary fees (i.e. recital fees). Academic fees vary depending on the degree program and year of admission to the Faculty of Music.

For detailed instructions on making payments from within Canada, from outside Canada, prepayments, and payments from third-party loans or grants like OSAP, navigate to the "Making Payments" section of the Students Account website, <https://www.fees.utoronto.ca>, through the menu at the top of the page, and select the section that is relevant for you.

It is your responsibility to view your fee invoice on ACORN (available as of July 15), review the appropriate payment instructions on the Student Accounts page, and make your tuition payment before the registration deadline. It is recommended that you make the minimum payment indicated on your Fees Invoice by August 23rd to ensure your registration is complete by the first day of classes. Students who have not paid or deferred their fees by the 13th of September will be removed from their courses. Re-registration requires approval and a financial penalty, and does not guarantee a spot in previously enrolled courses.

Fee payment deferrals are available to students who have applied for OSAP/their provincial loan program on time, and students who are receiving funding that exceeds their minimum payment to register, as long as you do not owe fees from previous sessions. Fee deferrals are requested on ACORN for PhD, DMA and MA students; please see the “Deferring Tuition Fees” section on page 10 for more information.

For more information about OSAP, visit <https://future.utoronto/finances/financial-aid/ontario.ca>.

## How to Pay

Students have the following options to pay fees:

- Full tuition (both Fall and Winter together) by the Fall term payment deadline (August 23), **OR**
- By term (separate Fall and Winter payments). Fall tuition payments are due by August 23; Winter tuition payments are due by November 30

Please note that payments are not made in person at U of T. The following methods are acceptable to pay your fees:

1. You can pay your fees in-person at any one of the chartered banks using a printout of the ACORN account in Invoice Format. See the “Make a Fee Payment Within Canada”, “In Person at Your Bank” section on [Student Accounts](#). **OR**
2. Set up U of T as one of your payee accounts for online banking, by providing your financial institution with your U of T student account number and the name “University of Toronto”. Your account number is located on the top right-hand corner of your invoice. Your account number is made up of the first 5 letters of your surname and the 10 digits of your student number. Make sure you keep your bank verification/confirmation number. This will be your proof of payment. See “Make a Fee Payment Within Canada,” “Online Banking Payment” on [Student Accounts](#). **OR**
3. You can make a payment on your credit card, with a convenience fee of 1.75% of all payments, on ACORN. See “Make a Fee Payment Within Canada,” “Mastercard of Visa Credit Card Payment” on [Student Accounts](#).

4. Payments from outside of Canada can be made with Convera or Flywire. See the “Make a Fee Payment from Outside of Canada” section on [Student Accounts](#).

Once you make your payment, check ACORN to see if your payment has been received or your deferral has been processed. In the “Academics” box on your ACORN dashboard, you will see your registration status for the Fall/Winter Session:

- *Registered* = Your registration is complete; no further action is necessary
- *Invited* = You risk being removed from your courses. Check your status again in a few days to make sure your payment or deferral request was successfully received.

Deadlines & Billing Dates	
August 23	Recommended deadline to pay your minimum fees or defer your fees. See your invoice for the minimum payment to register (MPR)
September 13	Registration Deadline
September 30	Final payment deadline to avoid service charges on unpaid Fall fees
November 30	Final payment deadline to avoid service charges on unpaid Winter fees for students registered for the full academic year
January 31	Final payment deadline to avoid service charges on unpaid Winter fees, for students registered <b>only</b> in the Winter session
April 30	Payment deadline for deferred Fall/Winter fees

Beginning October 15th, a monthly service charge of 1.5% will be added on to your outstanding balance until it is completely cleared, unless you have deferred your tuition fees. Payments are applied to the oldest charges on your account first; there is no distinction between the type of charge, e.g. residence fees, academic fees, etc.

## Deferring Tuition Fees

If you are expecting to receive funding that is **more than your minimum amount to register** on Acorn (i.e. more than half of your total tuition fees), you will be eligible to defer your fee payment.

For first-year MA students, PhD, and DMA students: log onto ACORN and select “Tuition Fee Deferral” under the Finances menu and follow the directions. After completing the online deferral, you should check to ensure your Registration is complete.

For MMus students receiving a provincial/US student loan, follow the Student Accounts instructions here: <https://studentaccount.utoronto.ca/acorn-billing-student-information/tuition-fee-deferral/>

For MMus students receiving Music funding that is more than their Acorn minimum payment amount, a [Register Without Payment Form is needed](#). Please email to: [gradadmin.music@utoronto.ca](mailto:gradadmin.music@utoronto.ca) before August 31st.

## Funding

If your admission offer indicates you are receiving funding from the Faculty of Music, you will receive a Funding Letter that summarizes the sources of your funding, the amount, and U of T's funding policies by mid-September.

Most MA, PhD, and DMA funding packages are inclusive of TA work. The scholarship portion of your funding is typically paid in two equal installments – September and January. Funding will be put towards tuition first, and the remainder will be refunded to your banking information as listed in ACORN. To ensure timely payments, please ensure that your direct deposit information is set up on ACORN. The TA wages portion of your funding will be paid monthly on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the month.

Scholarships are paid via ACORN, and TA wages are paid via the HR system. As such, you will need to set-up your direct deposit information in both places. You will receive an email in August with instructions to set-up your direct deposit information for TA wages.

If your total funding package is greater than your minimum payment to register (visible on the bottom of your ACORN tuition invoice), you can defer your tuition fees. You must ensure that your tuition fees balance is paid by the deferred payment deadline of April 30.



# COURSE ENROLMENT

Course enrolment begins July 31 in ACORN. Our 2024-25 Course Timetable will be published in early July. You can access the Course Timetable, along with the Course Descriptions, on our [Graduate Students](#) web page.

Your Degree Credit Checklist outlines, often in chronological order, the course requirements and benchmarks for your degree program. This is your map toward successfully completing your degree on time. Please refer to your degree credit checklist when enrolling in courses. For multi-year programs, you will use the same degree checklist throughout your studies. Always use the degree checklist from the year you began your current program.

**Helpful tip:** Always confirm the course weight and the course dates. Some half-credit (0.5) courses take place over the full-year, and some full credit courses (1.0) take place during one semester. The fifth digit of a course code (e.g. MUS4444Y) indicates the weight. The timetable will indicate when the course takes place, in Fall (F), Winter (S), or the full academic year (Y).

MUS4444YY is a 1.0 credit course that runs September – April.

MUS1998HY is a 0.5 credit course that runs September – April.



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## Degree Checklist - MMus Performance – Instrumental Brass, Percussion, Strings, Woodwinds

**Requirements:** 7.0 full-course equivalents (FCE's) and 2 recitals. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they are enrolled in all their required and elective courses. Check your ACORN account to ensure you are properly enrolled. Courses must be added and/or dropped via ACORN according to the School of Graduate Studies Sessional Dates.

**Course weights:** "H" = 0.5 FCE's "Y" = 1.0. FCE's

- MUS4200Y (Year 1) – Critical Approaches to Music History Grade: \_\_\_\_\_
- MUS4444Y (Year 1) – Applied Music I Grade: \_\_\_\_\_
- MUS6666Y (Year 1) – Recital I Grade: \_\_\_\_\_
- MUS4210H (Year 1) – Introduction to Music Analysis Grade: \_\_\_\_\_
- MUS4700H (Year 1) – Major Ensemble Grade: \_\_\_\_\_
- Electives (Years 1 & 2) – 2.0 FCE's

Course Code	Course Weight	Grade

- ONE of the courses (Year 2): Grade: \_\_\_\_\_
  - MUS4600H – Performance Practices before 1800
  - MUS4606H – Special Topics in Performance Practice (where there is no theory or literature relevant to instrumental specialization)
  - MUS4610H – Analysis & Performance: Music in the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> C
  - MUS4615H – Analysis & Performance: 20<sup>th</sup> C.
- MUS4445Y (Year 2) – Applied Lessons Grade: \_\_\_\_\_
- MUS8888Y (Year 2) – Recital II Grade: \_\_\_\_\_
- MUS4701H (Year 2) – Major Ensemble Grade: \_\_\_\_\_
- Request to Graduate Submitted – must be submitted at the beginning of your final term

If you are unsure whether a course fulfills your degree requirements, please contact your Area Head and/or the Graduate Office

Students are responsible for enrolling in all mandatory and elective courses.\* If the course does not appear on ACORN, you are not enrolled. If you decide to no longer take a course, you must drop it on ACORN by the appropriate sessional date. Please note that failure to drop a course by these dates can result in academic penalties.

If you are not able to enrol in a course on ACORN, you will need to submit a [Course Add Form](#) and obtain the instructor's permission to enrol in the course. The following enrolments will be blocked on ACORN:

- Priority registration is for students in another music program
- Graduate courses outside of the Faculty of Music
- Undergraduate courses outside of the Faculty of Music
  - Please note that undergraduate courses do not count for graduate degree credit
- Ensemble or chamber music courses\*

For Music courses, the form should be returned to [gradadmin.music@utoronto.ca](mailto:gradadmin.music@utoronto.ca) once you have obtained the instructor's permission. For courses outside of Music, the form must be signed by the department offering the course, and then returned to [gradadmin.music@utoronto.ca](mailto:gradadmin.music@utoronto.ca). Please contact the Graduate Office if you are not able to enrol in a course that is required for your program.

\*Ensemble and chamber music courses are administered by the Performance Office, and may require an audition. Contact [performance.music@utoronto.ca](mailto:performance.music@utoronto.ca) for audition information.

If you are placed in one of these courses, the course will be added to ACORN for you. A Course Add Form is not required.

# SESSIONAL DATES 2024-25

BEFORE CLASSES START	
July 15	Tuition invoices available on ACORN (registration begins)
July 31	Course enrolment period for MUSIC graduate courses begins at 6 am EDT on ACORN
Aug 23	Tuition payment deadline; those who pay after this date and by Sept. 13 are required to present their proof of payment to the Grad Office
Sept 2	Labour Day -UNIVERSTIY CLOSED
Sept 3 - 6	Orientation Activities
FIRST SEMESTER	
Sept 3	Faculty of Music classes start (F and Y course codes)
Sept 13	Registration deadline
Sept 18	Final date to ADD F and Y courses
Oct 14	Thanksgiving Day – UNIVERSITY CLOSED
Oct 28	Final date to drop F courses without academic penalty
Oct 28 - Nov 1	Fall Reading Week – no Music classes
Nov 1	Final date for eligible international students to claim a Status in Canada exemption for tuition fees (Fall semester)
Nov 30	Winter tuition payment deadline
Dec 2	Classes End
Dec 3	Make-up day (for Thanksgiving Monday)
Dec 6 - 23	Exam period
Dec 24 - Jan 3	Winter Break – UNIVERSITY CLOSED
SECOND SEMESTER	
Jan 6	University re-opens; Faculty of Music courses begin (S and Y courses)
Jan 20	Final date to add S courses
Jan 31	Final date for eligible international students to claim a Status in Canada exemption for tuition fees (Winter semester)
Feb 17	Family Day – UNIVERSITY CLOSED
Feb 17 - 21	Winter Reading Week – no Music classes
Feb 28	Final date to drop Y and S courses without academic penalty
April 4	Classes end (Music)
April 9 - 30	Exam Period
April 18	Good Friday – UNIVERSITY CLOSED
April 30	Tuition payment deadline (deferred tuition fees)

# RESOURCES

## Services at U of T

### Accessibility Services

Accessibility Services is comprised of an interdisciplinary team of professionals who strive to provide equitable access to education for University of Toronto students with disabilities, health conditions, and diverse ways of learning. They collaborate with the University community to identify and remove barriers for students, and foster inclusion within learning environments. Through a collaborative, individualized, and affirming accommodations process, they support students to achieve their academic goals, engage in a personal skill development and learning process, and navigate and fully participate in academic life. Students registered with Accessibility Services may be those living with:

- Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Chronic health conditions
- Concussions & head injuries
- Learning disabilities (LD)
- Mental health conditions
- Mobility or functional disabilities
- Sensory disabilities
- Temporary disabilities and injuries

We advise you to register as soon as possible should you experience disability-related impacts on your academic work. July 12 (5:00 pm) is the deadline to submit your full intake package to have accommodations in place by the start of the Fall 2024 term, though you can register at any time as a student at U of T. More information, including that specific to Music students, is available in the [Graduate & Professional Program Student Handbook](#).

### Anti-Racism & Cultural Diversity Office

This Office provides programs to the U of T community to increase awareness, understanding and competencies in racial equity, diversity and inclusion to foster inclusive environments. They also provide complaint management and resolution for issues related to discrimination or harassment based on race, ancestry, place of origin, religion, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship or creed. 215 Huron Street, Room 603B. (416) 978-1259 | [www.antiracism.utoronto.ca](http://www.antiracism.utoronto.ca)

### Career Exploration and Education

Career Exploration and Education offers specific supports for graduate students that help you explore your options, know yourself, develop a strategy, and take action. Key resources can be found within CLNx ([clnx.utoronto.ca/home.htm](http://clnx.utoronto.ca/home.htm)), where you can also register to participate in the bi-weekly Flexible Futures for Grad Students and Postdocs programming series. Career Exploration and Education also provides individual appointments, resume clinics, and practice interviews.



## The Centre for International Experience (CIE)

The CIE provides an array of services and supports for international students, and global learning opportunities for all students. Some of the services include:

- Immigration advising
- How to apply for a Canadian study permit
- Health coverage for international students
- Help with applications for work permits
- Advice on transition to life in Canada (pre- and post-arrival checklists)
- Exchanges - Learning/research abroad opportunities
- Immigration Orientation webinars

## Centre for Learning Strategy Support

Looking to learn tips for academic success, get writing support, or learn strategies to improve your time management skills? Consider joining a Grad Writing Group, Grad Productivity Group, or Grad Learning Group, or connect with a Learning Strategist to identify and achieve your learning goals.

## Community Safety Office

The Office offers confidential, short-term support to any member of the University community who has experienced personal safety concerns such as stalking, harassment, bullying, intimidation, threats, intimate partner violence, family violence, workplace conflict, and volatile behaviour. International students can talk to staff about concerns they face such as being targeted by fraud, the challenges of culture shock, and ensuring relationships are safe and consensual. (416)978-1485 | <http://www.communitysafety.utoronto.ca>

## Family Care Office

Access confidential guidance, support, referrals and resources on family-related issues in the Family Care Office. The Family Care Office can provide support for balancing graduate studies with family responsibilities, provide information on access to childcare and meeting other student parents, assist with arranging family leaves, and more. You can also get advice from fellow student parents through their Peer Mentorship Program.

## Financial Aid and Advising (SGS)

Provides support with budgeting, planning, and referrals to other financial resources for graduate students. SGS also offers [Emergency Grants](#) for unexpected financial emergencies and [Emergency Loans](#) for students who are awaiting payments for funding packages or TA wages.

## First Nations House

Are you an Indigenous Student looking for support and community on campus? Visit First Nations House, Indigenous Student Services. Join the FNH Orientation for new students and get connected with social programming throughout the year.

## Grad Inventory

Find an inventory of programs, services, and resources at U of T that are specific to graduate students. Opportunities from Student Life, Hart House, the Family Care Office, the School of Graduate Studies, and more all in one place.

## Grad Life

Grad Life is a hub for graduate support and finding community that helps registered graduate students (master's and PhD) at the St George campus navigate the grad school experience at U of T. Starting with university orientation and continuing to graduation and beyond, we support active participation in campus life and a broad range of co-curricular involvement opportunities.

## Graduate Centre for Academic Communication

Free courses, workshops, and one-on-one writing consultations for graduate students across all disciplines.

## Health & Wellness

The Health & Wellness Centre offers medical care, mental health services and programs that help you reach your personal and academic best. This includes same day counselling support.

- On-campus doctors & clinicians
- Mental health services
- Sexual & reproductive health consultations
- Immunizations
- Nutrition counseling & education
- Skills-building workshops & group therapy
- Drop-in mindfulness meditation & yoga

Direct Health and Wellness links:

- [Better coping skills workshops](#)
- [Same day counselling](#) and [mental health resources](#)
- [Health & Wellness Peer Support](#)
- [University of Toronto Graduate Student Union \(UTGSU\) Health Insurance Plan](#)
- [StudentCare \(UTGSU Health Plan Coverage\)](#)

## Housing

[Graduate House](#) is the only on-campus residence reserved exclusively for graduate and professional faculty students. Graduate House is a suite-style residence with spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis.

[Student Family Housing](#) is a family-oriented residence reserved for U of T students in a full-time degree program with partners and/or children, located near Yonge and Bloor.

[Housing Services](#) can help you find off-campus accommodations, and includes:

- Off-campus rental listings
- Roommate finder
- Info on tenant rights & responsibilities

## Multi-Faith Centre

The Multi-Faith Centre supports the spiritual well-being of students, staff, and faculty and works to increase our understanding and respect of religious beliefs and practices. It provides facilities for worship, prayer, and contemplation; programs and events that invite interfaith

dialogue; and opportunities to interact with the members of the Campus Chaplains' Association. <http://www.multifaith.utoronto.ca/>

### Sexual & Gender Diversity Office

The SGDO provides innovative education, programming, resources and advocacy on sexual and gender diversity for students, faculty, librarians, and staff across our three campuses. They also offer resources related to U of T identification (how to change your name), accessing gender affirming health care, and connecting with 2SLGBTQ+ organizations.

21 Sussex Ave, Suites 416-417. (416) 946-5624 | <https://sgdo.utoronto.ca/>

### Sexual Violence Prevention & Support Centre

The Centre supports students, staff, faculty, and librarians at the University who have been impacted by sexual violence or sexual harassment. The Centre offers confidential, non-judgmental, client-centred services. They assist individuals in understanding, accessing, and navigating supports such as counselling, medical services, academic or workplace accommodations, financial aid, and legal aid. The Centre also works to end sexual violence on campus through training and education.

Gerstein Science Information Centre, B139 | 416-978-2266 | <https://www.svpscentre.utoronto.ca/>

### SGS Grad Hub

Find information from the School of Graduate Studies (SGS) including FAQs, university-wide awards, awards for international students, confirmation of enrolment forms, the graduate calendar, graduate fee schedules, the Centre for Graduate Professional Development, the Centre for Graduate Mentorship & Supervision, and more.

### U of T Libraries

U of T is home to Canada's largest academic library system, ranked third among peer institutions in North America, following Harvard and Yale. This system consists of 44 individual libraries with 12 million volumes in 128 languages, 100,000 serial titles, and 660,000 electronic journals. To ensure our collective knowledge is always up to date, we also add more than 100,000 new print volumes per year.

The U of T Music library contains over 300,000 books, scores, periodicals, and microfilms, and 180,000 sound recordings. Access the catalogue, e-sources, streaming audio and video, research help, and more. [Welcome to the Music Library | Music Library \(utoronto.ca\)](#)

### U of T Campus Safety App

Campus Police and the Community Safety Office have partnered to release the official U of T Campus Safety App. This app integrates with U of T's safety and security systems to help students, faculty, and staff move more safely on and off-campus. It also provides campus safety alerts and access to academic and mental health supports — all tailored to your campus of choice. The Campus Safety App is available for free [download](#) at Google Play and the Apple Store.

Key features include real-time Alerts for safety-related incidents or campus closures; Live Chat with Campus Police, connecting users with U of T safety staff in real-time; TravelSafer, allowing Campus Police to monitor a user's route when coming to or leaving from campus until reaching a destination; and Mobile Bluelight, which sends the user's on-campus location to Campus Police in a case of crisis. Additional features — such as Friend Walk and Support Services — assist users anywhere in the world.

## Student Groups

### [Faculty of Music Graduate Student Association \(MGSA\)](#)

The MGSA is the official graduate student organization in the Faculty of Music. The objective of the MGSA is to promote the interests of graduate students in the Faculty of Music, cultivate relations between the faculty and the student body in University activities, and to further goodwill among the student members. Officers are elected annually, and along with appointed committee chairpersons, form the Executive Committee. Various standing committees are responsible for planning and coordinating a number of student functions. Edward Johnson Building, Room 312.

### [University of Toronto Graduate Student Union \(UTGSU\)](#)

The University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union (UTGSU) serves all graduate students at U of T. Every student is a member of UTGSU, and all committees and commissions are open to all students.

### [Mentorship](#)

Gain insight and support from your peers. Mentors provide valuable guidance and challenge you to do your best. Visit the mentorship catalogue at [clnx.utoronto.ca](http://clnx.utoronto.ca) to get started. The Mentorship catalogue includes programs such as:

#### [Access Us](#)

Students with disabilities can get connected with a peer mentor and a supportive community that includes social events, academic workshops and career development.

#### [Access & Inclusion Peer Programs](#)

Students who are African/Black/Caribbean, Southeast Asian, Latin American or students whose parents/guardians did not complete post-secondary education in Canada (first generation) are paired with experienced upper-year mentors to help navigate potential barriers to success. You can meet with a mentor navigator over the summer or attend one of our summer/orientation events.

#### [International Student Experience Ambassadors](#)

Connect virtually with an upper-year international students and have your questions answered before arriving on campus in September.



# MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

University life isn't all classes, textbooks and practicing. The best way to ensure a fulfilling experience as a university student is to get involved in campus life.

## Athletic Centre

All students have automatic membership at the athletics facilities. The Athletic Centre boasts 10 squash courts, a 200-metre indoor running track, four multi-purpose courts, two swimming pools, an indoor golf range, badminton and tennis courts, dance studio, several gymnasiums, strength training apparatus, and sauna: [physical.utoronto.ca](http://physical.utoronto.ca)

Those who thrive on competition can join the University's Varsity Blues: <https://varsityblues.ca/>

The University of Toronto also has a comprehensive intramural sports program: <https://kpe.utoronto.ca/join-intramurals>

## Clubs and Associations



There are over 300 clubs and associations contributing to U of T's intellectual, political, social and cultural diversity and richness.

You can join any number of groups; check out ULIFE, a searchable database of all extracurricular activities on campus. [Student Organization Portal](#).

# Student Media

There are many opportunities to get involved in campus media. The Varsity is Canada's largest student newspaper and is distributed on all three campuses.

The Newspaper is U of T's only independent student publication and publishes weekly during the school year.

For those who are interested in music and electronic journalism, the University has its own radio station, CIUT-FM.



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89.5FM  
www.ciut.fm

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# Hart House



Hart House is a refuge for the mind, body and soul. All registered students are members. Within Hart House are a full service athletic facility, serene common rooms with fabulous fireplaces, two restaurants, an art gallery and a library.

There are more than 30 groups to join at Hart House. Learn photography, make a film, test your debating skills or hone your talent as a writer or artist.

For more details, please visit:  
<https://harthouse.ca>