# 2024-2025 Faculty/Staff Guide

# TO UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC POLICIES AND STUDENT SERVICES





## Introduction

The Registrar's Office offers services such as admissions, registration support, academic counseling, academic transcripts, scholarships, and bursaries, financial aid, financial counseling, and external invigilation.

The Faculty/Staff Guide is an overview of the university and academic regulations, policies, and procedures that inform these services Detailed information on these regulations is available in the academic calendars (dal.ca/academiccalendar) and the university secretariat policy repository (dal.ca/dept/universitysecretariat/policies.html). This guide addresses procedural issues related to these regulations and policies.

This guide is for Undergraduate Programs in the following faculties:

- Agriculture
- Architecture and Planning
- Arts and Social Sciences
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Health
- Management
- Science

University and academic regulations are continuously under review and are subject to change. The academic calendar contains the regulations in effect for the current academic year. Generally, a change in a regulation that is less restrictive for students will be applied immediately and a change in a regulation that is more restrictive for students will come into effect for new students the next academic year.

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## Services that are offered by other offices:

- To get a Dalhousie ID card printed or to replace lost or stolen cards (dalcard@dal.ca)
- For advice on program requirements and the selection of courses (advising@dal.ca)
- For information on fees or to make payments to a student account (student.accounts@dal.ca)

In addition to the services listed previously, our Enrolment Service Centre staff on the Sexton Campus and on the Agricultural Campus (Truro) also offer campus tours, DalCard student-IDs, and student financial account support for questions concerning fees, payments, and receipts. For students on the Sexton Campus, the Enrolment Service Centre also houses one of Dalhousie's three University Bookstore locations.

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# **Undergraduate Academic Dates 2024-2025**

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Fall Term 2024	DURATION OF COURSES	REGISTERED STUDENTS	AUDIT TO CREDIT AND VICE VERSA	WITH "W"
Multi-Term courses or XY full year class	Sep 03/24 - Apr 07/25	Sep 17/24	Oct 31/24	Feb 03/25
(UG) (GR) Full Term	Sep 03/24 - Dec 04/24	Sep 17/24	Oct 02/24	Oct 31/24
Winter Term 202	4			
(UG) (GR) Full Term	Jan 06/25 - Apr 07/25	Jan 20/25	Feb 03/25	Mar 5/25
Summer Term 20	24			
(UG) (GR) Full Term	May 05/25 - Aug 06/25	May 20/25	Jun 03/25	Jul 02/25
A (7 weeks)	May 05/25 - Jun 20/25	May 13/25	May 22/25	Jun 09/25
<b>A1</b> (3 weeks)	May 05/25 - May 27/25	May 08/25	May 12/25	May 20/25
<b>A2</b> (3 weeks)	Jun 02/25 - Jun 23/25	Jun 05/25	Jun 09/25	Jun 16/25
B (7 weeks)	Jul 02/25 - Aug 19/25	Jul 10/25	Jul 18/25	Aug 06/25
<b>B1</b> (3 weeks)	Jul 02/25 - Jul 24/25	Jul 05/25	Jul 09/25	Jul 16/25
<b>B2</b> (3 weeks)	Jul 28/25 - Aug 19/25	Jul 31/25	Aug 05/25	Aug 12/25

## Other Academic Dates 2024-2025

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May		
•	Thursday, 2	Grades due for courses with formal exams
•	Monday, 6	Co-op and Academic Summer term begins
•	Monday, 20	Victoria Day - University closed
•	Tuesday, 21 -	Spring Convocations
	Friday, 31	
June		
•	Monday, 17 -	Summer Break for Full-Term Courses (except students in Co-op, Clinicals, or Internships)
	Friday, 21	
July		
•	Monday, 1	Canada Day - University closed
•	Tuesday, 2	Last day to apply to graduate in the Fall
Augus	<u>:</u>	
Augus	Monday, 5	Halifax/Dartmouth Natal Day - University closed
•	Wednesday, 7	Classes end, Summer term
•	Thursday, 8	Break before exams
•	Friday, 9	Examinations begin
•	Wednesday, 14	Examinations end
•	Saturday, 24	Grades due for courses with formal exams
Septe	mher	
ocptc •	Monday, 2	Labour Day - University closed
•	Tuesday, 3	Classes begin, fall term
•	Tuesday, 17	Last day to apply for honours programs
		Last day to change from Dalhousie to King's and vice versa
•	Monday, 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - University closed
Octob	oer	
•	Monday, 14	Thanksgiving Day - University closed
•	Tuesday, 22 -	Fall Convocations
	Wednesday, 23	
Nove	mber	
•	Monday, 11	Remembrance Day - University closed
•	Monday, 11 -	Fall Break (except students in Co-op, Clinicals, or Internships)
	Friday, 15	
Decer	nber	
•	Monday, 2	Last day to apply to graduate in the Spring
•	Tuesday, 3*	*Monday classes will be held
•	Wednesday, 4*	Classes end, fall term
		*Monday classes will be held
•	Thursday, 5	Break before exams
•	Friday, 6	Examinations begin
•	Tuesday, 17	Examinations end
•	Tuesday, 24	Grades due for courses with formal exams

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Janua	ry	
•	Wednesday, 1	New Year's Day - University closed
•	Monday, 6	Classes begin, winter term
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Febru	ary	
•	Friday, 7	Munro Day - University closed
•	Monday, 17	Nova Scotia Heritage Day - University Closed
•	Monday, 17 -	Winter Break (except students in Co-op, Clinicals, or Internships)
	Friday, 21	
March	h	
IVIAICI		Last day to drop winter term classes with a "W". See refund schedule for fee implication.
•	Wednesday, 5	Last day to drop writer term classes with a W. See reland schedule for ree implication.
•	TBD	Registration opens for Graduate students, Faculties of Health, Engineering and Agriculture starting at
		7:30am for Fall/Winter 2025/26 terms (returning Dal & transfer students only).
		Registration opens for all other undergraduate programs at 6:00am, 8:00am, and 10:00am for
		Fall/Winter 2025/26 terms (returning Dal & transfer students only).
		Registration opens for Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry starting at 10:00am.
		Registration opens for visiting students starting at 10:00 am.
April		
, (p. 11	Monday, 7**	Classes end, Winter and Multi Term
	Wionady, 7	**Friday classes will be held
•	Tuesday, 8	Break before exams
•	Wednesday, 9	Examinations begin
•	Friday, 18	Good Friday - University closed
•	Saturday, 26	Examinations end
May		
	Friday, 2	Grades due for courses with formal exams
	Monday, 5	Classes begin, summer term
	Monday, 19	Victoria Day - University closed
	Wioriday, 15	Victoria Bay Offiversity closed
June		
•	Monday, 9 –	Spring Convocations
	Friday, 20	
•	Monday, 23 -	Summer Break for Full-Term Courses (except students in Co-op, Clinicals, or Internships)
	Friday, 27	
July		
•	Tuesday, 1	Canada Day - University Closed
•	Wednesday, 2	Last day to apply to graduate in the Fall
	•	
Augus		
•	Monday, 4	Halifax/Dartmouth Natal Day - University closed
•	Tuesday 5**	**Monday classes will be held
•	Wednesday 6**	Classes end, Summer term
	Thursday, 7	**Tuesday classes will be held
	Friday, 9	Break before exams
•	Saturday, 17	Examinations begin
•	Tuesday, 26	Examinations end
		Grades due for courses with formal exams

## **Definitions**

The following definitions are intended to facilitate an understanding of the calendar and not to define all words and phrases used in the calendar which may have specific meanings.

#### **Academic Dismissal**

A student's required withdrawal from a program due to unsatisfactory academic performance.

## **Academic Program**

A distinct group of courses and other requirements which lead to eligibility for a degree or other university-awarded credential.

## **Academic Terms**

Fall term: September - December Winter term: January - April Summer term: May - August Regular term: September - April

## **Advanced Standing**

Students possessing advanced knowledge of a subject will be encouraged to begin their studies in that subject at a level appropriate to their knowledge, as determined by the department/school/college concerned. However, such students must complete, at Dalhousie, the full number of credit hours required for the particular credential being sought.

#### **Audit Student**

A student permitted to attend courses but not expected to prepare assignments, write papers, tests or examinations. Credit is not given nor is a mark awarded for courses. Courses appear on the transcript with the notation "Aud". If not already admitted to the University, audit students must apply. Students may register to audit a course only after the first day of courses.

## Candidate

The term candidate for a doctoral degree is used to identify a student who has fulfilled all the requirements for the PhD except for the submission and defence of the thesis; thus, a candidate will have successfully completed the residency requirement, all course work, qualifying and comprehensive examinations (as applicable), and the thesis proposal defence (if applicable). This status is equivalent to the common terms "all but the thesis" or "all but dissertation" used at some institutions. The term candidate cannot be employed with regard to a Masters degree student.

## Clerkship

See Internship

## **Clinical Practice**

See Internship

## **Continuing Fees**

The tuition fees charged to graduate students who have fulfilled their program fee requirements but have yet to complete all their degree requirements. See Faculty of Graduate Studies Regulations.

## **Co-operative Education**

A program where academic study is combined with career related work experience.

## Co-requisite

Requirement which can be fulfilled concurrently with the course being considered.

## Course

A unit of study in a subject area. Such a course is identified by a course/subject label, number, credit value and title (e.g. ENGL 1100.03: Writing for University).

#### Credit

A unit by which University course work is measured. One course is normally worth one half credit or three credit hours.

## **Credit Hours**

One course is normally equal to three credit hours (e.g. ENGL 1100.03: Writing for University = 3 credit hours).

## **CRN**

Each course has a course reference number (CRN) attached to it. This number is to be used when registering for courses.

#### **Crosslisted Courses**

Courses are crosslisted based upon course content that deals with more than one subject area in a substantive way. The crosslisting recognizes the interdisciplinary nature of the course.

#### **Email**

Email is an authorized means of communication for academic and administrative purposes within Dalhousie. The University will assign all students an official email address. This address will remain in effect while the student remains registered and for one academic term following a student's last registration. This is the only email address that will be used for communication with students regarding all academic and administrative matters. Any redirection of email will be at the student's own risk. Each student is expected to check her or his official email address frequently in order to stay current with Dalhousie communications.

#### **Exclusion**

An exclusion is when one course is sufficiently similar to another course that credit will only be given once if both are taken.

## **Externship**

See Internship.

## **Fieldwork**

See Internship.

## **Full-time Students**

Those registered for 18 credit hours for UG, AC, HP level; 12 credit hours for TC level or more in the Regular term OR the equivalent of nine credit hours for UG, AC, HP level; six credit hours for TC level courses or more in either the Summer, Fall or Winter term.

## **Good Standing**

Students who meet the required GPA are considered to be in good academic standing.

## **Grade Point Average (GPA)**

Weighted sum of the grade points earned, divided by the number of credit hours enrolled.

Term GPA: Courses taken in a single term.

<u>Cumulative GPA:</u> All courses taken while registered in a level of study. In the case of a course that has been repeated, only the highest grade is included.

## **GSIS**

Graduate Student Information System. The electronic database used to approve graduate student program requirements and progress.

## **Graduate Student**

A student with a Bachelor's degree, usually with Honours or equivalent, enrolled in a Master's or Doctoral program, or a graduate diploma program.

## Internship, Fieldwork, Clinical Practice, Externship, Practicum, Clerkship

These terms are used in programs to describe practical professional educational experiences that are conducted in a non-university setting such as a health or social service agency.

## **Letter of Permission**

A Letter of Permission authorizes a Dalhousie student to take a course(s) at another institution for credit towards a Dalhousie gualification. Such permission must be obtained in advance of taking the course(s).

## **Level of Study**

The following are levels of study:

- TC Technology Diploma Faculty of Agriculture
- AC Architecture/Engineering (Years 3 and 4)
- HP Health
- UG Agriculture, Arts & Social Sciences, Computer Science, Engineering (Years 1 and 2) and Bachelor of Food Science, Management, Science

## **Multi-Term Course**

<u>Undergraduate Multi-Term Course:</u> A course that spans multiple terms in an academic year. A final grade is awarded upon successful completion of the course

<u>Graduate Multi-Term Course:</u> A course that spans multiple terms in an academic year. A final grade is awarded upon successful completion of the course.

<u>Graduate In-Progress Course:</u> The grade of "In Progress" (IP) is used to identify and report on-going satisfactory progress in thesis, research projects, and courses/seminars structured to progress over a flexible number of academic terms. Students are expected to register in the course in each term that they are engaged in course-related activities. A final grade will be assigned in the academic term where course requirements are met.

## **Non-thesis Program**

A Master's program of study based on course work which may also include a research project. This includes many of the professional graduate programs. Some of these programs also offer a thesis option.

## **Part-time Students**

Students registered for fewer than 18 credit hours for UG, AC, HP level; 12 credit hours for TC level OR the equivalent of nine credit hours for UG, AC, HP level; six credit hours for TC level courses in either the Summer, Fall or Winter term.

## Part-time Graduate Student (Program Fee)

A part-time graduate student paying program fees is a student who has been approved by the department and the Faculty of Graduate Studies as working part-time on their graduate degree. A part-time graduate student is taking less than nine credit hours per term.

## Part-time Student (Per Course Fee)

A student who is taking less than nine credit hours in a term is considered a part-time student.

#### Per Course Fee

The fees charged to students in a Per-Course Fee Degree. Students pay fees according to the number of courses taken in any given term.

#### **Practicum**

See Internship.

## **Prerequisite**

A requirement that must be fulfilled prior to registering in a specific course.

## **Probation**

Warning to students that their academic performance is unsatisfactory and that they will be dismissed from their program unless their performance improves by the end of the next term.

## **Program Fees**

The tuition fees charged to students in a program-fee degree. The program fee is based on total tuition for a specified number of years, varying according to academic program. Students who have not completed their program after the specified number of years are required to pay a continuing fee.

## **Qualifying Students (Master's only)**

A full-time or part-time student with a Bachelor's degree or its equivalent in whom a department has expressed an interest as a potential graduate student, but who is without a sufficient GPA or academic background in a particular discipline to be enrolled directly in a Master's program.

## Residency

The period of time that graduate students are expected to be on campus for fulfillment of their formal program requirements. In some programs, part of the residency period may, with permission, include some time off campus (e.g. for fieldwork or research).

## **Scholarship GPA**

See Awards section.

## **Special Students**

Students who are not candidates for a degree or diploma but who wish to take courses which may be allowed for credit. This is not the same as auditing a course. Special students must satisfy normal admission requirements.

## **Special Student - Graduate Studies (SSGS)**

A Student who is not registered in a graduate program but is taking graduate courses. Special students must satisfy normal admission requirements.

## **Supervisor**

The supervisor is a member of Faculty of Graduate Studies who is directly responsible for the supervision of a graduate student's program. In this capacity, the supervisor assists the student in planning a program, ensures that the student is aware of all program requirements, degree regulations, and general regulations of the department and Faculty of Graduate Studies, provides counsel on all aspects of the program, and stays informed about the student's research activities and progress. The supervisor is also charged with ensuring that a student's research is effective, safe, productive and ethical. Specific duties of the supervisor include preparation of a program of study with the student, arrangement of and attendance at all supervisory committee meetings and candidate examinations, while ensuring that these exams are scheduled and held in accordance with Faculty of Graduate Studies and Departmental regulations, and reviewing the thesis both in draft and in final forms.

## **Thesis Only Fees**

See Continuing Fees above.

## **Thesis Program**

A Master's or Doctoral program of study involving a major research component in the form of a written thesis. Some programs offer a non-thesis option.

## **Transcript**

A transcript is a complete history of a student's academic record at Dalhousie. Partial transcripts, e.g. a portion of a student's record pertaining to registration in a particular degree, faculty, or level of study, are not issued.

## **Transfer Student**

A transfer student is one who is awarded credit towards a Dalhousie degree for academic work completed at a previous university or equivalent institution of higher learning.

## **Undergraduates**

Students who are candidates for an undergraduate degree or diploma.

## **Visiting Student**

A person permitted to take courses at Dalhousie for transfer of credit to another university.

## **Visiting Student Graduate Studies (VSGS)**

- a. A person permitted to take courses at Dalhousie for transfer of credit to another university (Letter of Permission required).
- b. A person permitted to work with a Dalhousie researcher for thesis work at another university (Research).

## **Work Term**

Career related work experience required in Co-operative Education programs. Work terms are usually 13-16 weeks in duration.

## **Writing Intensive**

Writing Intensive courses are those which emphasize the process of writing, frequency of writing assignments, and weighting of those assignments in the course grades. A Writing Intensive course is normally taken as a sequel to a Writing Requirement course, but does not satisfy the Writing Requirement.

## **Course Codes**

## Numbers

	0010-0099	Pre university preparation courses
•	0100-0300	Technology level courses

1000 level Introductory level courses

• 2000-4000 Advanced level courses

5000-9000 Graduate level courses (with some exceptions) **Subject Codes** 

ACAD - Academic

ACSC - Actuarial Science

AGRI - Agriculture AGRN - Agronomy

ANAT - Anatomy & Neurobiology

ANSC - Animal Science APSC - Applied Science AQUA - Aquaculture

ARBC - Arabic

ARCH - Architecture

ARTC - Applied Health Services Research

ARTS - Art

ASSC - Arts and Social Sciences Interdisciplinary

BIOA - Biology (Faculty of Agriculture) BIOC - Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

**BIOE** - Biological Engineering

BIOL - Biology BIOT - Bioethics

BMNG - Biomedical Engineering BUSI - Business Administration BVSC - Bioveterinary Science CANA - Canadian Studies

CH&E - Community Health & Epidemiology

**CHEE - Chemical Engineering** 

CHEM - Chemistry CHIN - Chinese

CHMA - Chemistry (Faculty of Agriculture)

CIVL - Civil Engineering

**CLAS - Classics** 

**CMMT - Communications** 

CNLT - Centre for Learning and Teaching

**COMM - Commerce** 

CPST - Complimentary Studies CRWR - Creative Writing

CSCA - Computer Science (Faculty of Agriculture)

CSCI - Computer Science CTMP - Contemporary Studies DEHY - Dental Hygiene DENQ - Dentistry Qualifying

**DENT** - Dentistry

**DISM** - Disability Management

DMUT - Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound Technology

ECED - Electrical and Computer Engineering

**ECMM - Electronic Commerce** 

ECOA - Economics (Faculty of Agriculture)

**ECON - Economics** 

EGLA - English (Faculty of Agriculture)

**EMSP - Early Modern Studies** 

ENGI - Engineering ENGL - English

**ENGM - Engineering Mathematics** 

ENGN - Engineering (Faculty of Agriculture)
ENSL - English Language (Continuing Education)

ENVA - Environmental Sciences (Faculty of Agriculture)

ENVE - Environmental Engineering ENVI - Environmental Studies ENVS - Environmental Science

ERTH - Earth Sciences EURO - European Studies EXTE - Extension Education

FIGA - First Year Interest Groups - Arts and Social

Sciences

FIGS - First Year Interest Groups - Science

FILM - Film Studies

FOOD - Food Science (Faculty of Agriculture)

FOSC - Food Science FREN - French

FRNA - French (Faculty of Agriculture)

GELA - Geology

GEOA - Geography (Faculty of Agriculture)

GEOG - Geography GENE - Genetics GERM - German

GWST - Gender and Women's Studies HAHP - Health and Human Performance

HESA - Health Administration HINF - Health Informatics

HISA - History (Faculty of Agriculture)

**HIST** - History

HLTH - Health Professions HORT - Horticulture HPRO - Health Promotion

**HSCE - Health Sciences Education** 

HSTC - History of Science and Technology HUCD - Human Communication Disorders IAGR - International Development (Faculty of

Agriculture)

IDHS - Interdisciplinary Health Studies

**INDG - Indigenous Studies** 

IENG - Industrial Engineering
INFB - International Food Business
INFO - Information Management

**INFX** - Informatics

INTA - Internship (Faculty of Agriculture)
INTD - International Development Studies
INTE - Interdisciplinary Studies (Graduate)
INWK - Engineering Internetworking
IPHE - Interprofessional Health Education

ITAL - Italian JOUR - Journalism KINE - Kinesiology

KING - King's Foundation Year Program

LARC - Landscape Architecture

LAWS - Law

**LEIS - Leisure Studies** 

LJSO - Law, Justice and Society

MARA - Marine Affairs MARI - Marine Biology MATH - Mathematics

MATL - Materials Engineering

MCRA - Microbiology (Faculty of Agriculture)

MDLT - Medical Lab Technology MECH - Mechanical Engineering

MEDI - Medicine

MEDP - Medical Physics MEDR - Medical Research MEDS - Medical Sciences MGMT - Management

MGTA - Management (Faculty of Agriculture)

MICI - Microbiology & Immunology MINE - Mineral Resource Engineering

MRIT - Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technology MTHA - Mathematics (Faculty of Agriculture)

MUSC - Music

**NESC - Neuroscience** 

**NUMT - Nuclear Medicine Technology** 

NURS - Nursing NUTR - Nutrition

**OCCU - Occupational Therapy** 

OCEA - Oceanography

ORAL - Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

PATH - Pathology

PEAS - Process Engineering and Applied Science

**PERF - Performance Studies** 

**PERI - Periodontics** 

PETR - Petroleum Engineering PGMD - Post-Graduate Medicine PGPH - Post-Graduate Pharmacy

PHAC - Pharmacology PHAR - Pharmacy PHDP - PHD Program PHIL - Philosophy

PHLA - Philosophy (Faculty of Agriculture) PHYC - Physics and Atmospheric Science

PHYL - Physiology

PHYS - Physics (Faculty of Agriculture)

PHYT - Physiotherapy PLAN - Planning PLSC - Plant Science POLI - Political Science

POLS - Political Science (Faculty of Agriculture)

**PROS - Prosthodontics** 

PSYC - Psychology (Faculty of Agriculture)

PSYO - Psychology PSYR - Psychiatry

PUAD - Public Administration RADT - Radiological Technology

**REGN - Registration Course - Graduate** 

**RELS - Religious Studies** 

**RESM - Research Methods/Project Seminars** 

RSPT - Respiratory Therapy

RURS - Rural Studies RUSN - Russian Studies

SCIE - Science SLWK - Social Work

SOCI - Sociology (Faculty of Agriculture)

**SOIL - Soils** 

SOSA - Sociology and Social Anthropology SPAN - Spanish and Latin American Studies

**SPEC - Special Topics** 

SPNA - Spanish (Faculty of Agriculture) STAA - Statistics (Faculty of Agriculture)

STAT - Statistics SUST - Sustainability THEA - Theatre

TYPR - Transition Year Program

VISC - Vision Science

VTEC - Veterinary Technology

## **Release of Information About Students**

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPOP) provides for the protection of an individual's right to privacy but also requires that certain records be disclosed unless they are exempted from disclosure.

## **Public Information**

Some information is deemed public and can be released to third parties:

- Name
- Period of registration
- Certificates, diplomas, degrees awarded
- Field of study (as it relates to the degree awarded)
- Hometown and awards/distinctions as they appear in the convocation program

## **Student Access to Their Own Records**

Students have access to view their academic record through <u>Dal Online</u> and can print unofficial copies of their records. Official copies of the academic record can be requested through <u>Dal Online</u>.

Dalhousie University and The University of King's College are members of the MyCreds™ network, a national, shared service and platform that provides students and graduates access to a secure, online, password protected learner credential wallet. This virtual wallet allows you to view and share your verified and official transcripts in a digitized format on a 24/7 basis anytime, anywhere. For more information, visit dal.ca/transcripts.

A student has the right to view records related to their academic record including admission documents, registration history and grade assessments. Some content is excluded such as reference letters submitted as part of an application.

Contact the Registrar's Office if you have questions about what information can be released to a student.

## Disclosure to Faculty, Administrative Officers, and Committees of the University

Information on students may be disclosed without the consent of the student to University officials or committees deemed to have a legitimate reason for accessing this information. It is important to ensure that students' privacy is always considered before information is released to internal offices. In particular, sensitive information should only be kept for the express purpose for which it was disclosed and should be returned or destroyed after it is used.

For advice on the release of information, please consult with the Registrar or University Legal Counsel.

## **Disclosure to Third Parties**

There are some instances when information about students can be released without the consent of the student:

- Complying with a judicial order or subpoena
- Federal or provincial legislation
- Emergency situations where the knowledge of that information is required to protect the health or safety of the
- student or another person
- In compliance with Statistics Canada, a student's national personal identification number assigned by the university or college first attended will appear on the student's transcript of records.
- The Federal Statistics Act provides the legal authority for Statistics Canada to obtain access to personal information held by educational institutions. The information may be used only for statistical purposes, and the confidentiality provisions of the Statistics Act prevent the information from being released in any way that would identify a student.

Students who do not wish to have their information used are able to ask Statistics Canada to remove their identifying information from the national database by contacting us by:

Email: PSIS-SIEP\_contact@statcan.gc.ca
Mail: Institutional Surveys Section

Centre for Education Statistics Statistics Canada Main Building SC2100-K Tunney's Pasture Ottawa, ON K1A 0T6

 The Federal Students should also be aware that the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) collects data on behalf of Statistics Canada, and that it uses the data for similar purposes.
 Statistics Canada will notify the MPHEC of any student choosing to have their personal information removed from the national database, and their information will subsequently be removed from the MPHEC's database. Further information on the use of this information can be obtained from the Statistics Canada Website www.statcan.gc.ca.

Information on students will be released to third parties only if written permission from the student is on record, or where the student has signed an agreement with a third party, one of the conditions of which is access to her/his record (e.g., in financial aid).

Other than the above, information related to students will not be released even if the requests are from parents, spouses, credit bureaus and/or police.

## **University Regulations**

## **Code of Student Conduct**

The University occupies a special place in society as an academic community with a responsibility for the discovery and sharing of knowledge in our diverse community. This aspiration can only be fulfilled with a commitment from all members of the University community to a living, learning, and working environment that is free of discrimination, harassment and violence and is also characterized by understanding, respect, trust, openness, and fairness.

The University takes responsibility to create and promote this environment with the expectation that all members of the University community, including Students, are committed to upholding it.

The University recognizes the complexity of Student life at a post-secondary institution and understands that Students may have differing experiences and backgrounds. Nevertheless, Students are responsible for their own actions and interactions with others. Students are required to conduct themselves responsibly in accordance with this <a href="Code">Code of Student Conduct</a> ("the Code") and to be individually responsible for their actions whether acting on their own or in a group.

The primary purpose of the Code is to ensure that appropriate Student behaviour is well understood. This includes transparency and consistency in expectations for conduct and an educational and restorative approach to remedies. Punitive approaches may be deemed applicable in some circumstances.

## The Code:

- 1. Defines Student rights, responsibilities and expectations;
- 2. Identifies activities and behaviours that constitute non-academic misconduct;
- 3. Ensures transparency, consistency and predictability in policies and procedures;
- 4. Identifies the process by which Student non-academic misconduct will be addressed.

For the full Code of Student Conduct please click here.

## **Academic Forgiveness Policy**

Some students who have been absent from study and subsequently return to study will find it difficult to recover their previous cumulative GPA. Students in this situation can request Academic Forgiveness.

In order to be considered, students must:

- 1. Be enrolled in an undergraduate or technical level program
- 2. Have had an absence from study for at least three years
- 3. Have returned and completed at least one full year of study with a GPA of at least 2.00

To request academic forgiveness, students must submit a letter to the Registrar outlining their request. Details of the Academic Forgiveness Policy can be found in the academic calendar at dal.ca/academiccalendar.

## **Academic Integrity**

Dalhousie has a number of policies relating to academic integrity. For students the main policy is outlined under "<u>Academic Dishonesty</u>" in the University Regulations section of the Undergraduate Academic Calendar (<u>dal.ca/academiccalendar</u>). This section includes definitions of plagiarism and other academic offences. It also includes information about the faculty discipline process and the Senate Discipline Committee.

Please visit the University's academic integrity website at <u>dal.ca/academicintegrity</u> for information on policies and a list of faculty resources focused on preventing and responding to academic dishonesty.

## **Faculty Discipline Procedures Concerning Allegations of Academic Offences**

As approved by the Senate on March 26, 2007, amended by Senate April 27, 2009, January 9, 2011, and June 13, 2016.

## **Guideline for Evaluators**

An alleged first or later breach of any academic standard by a student should never be dealt with by an evaluator, but in all instances, should be referred to the <u>Academic Integrity Officer</u> in accordance with these procedures. Any attempt by any person or body other than the Senate, the Senate Discipline Committee, or the Academic Integrity Officer to impose a penalty for an alleged offence is null and void and leaves the student still liable to discipline for that offence. Further, a student remains liable to discipline for a suspected offence notwithstanding a failure on the part of an evaluator to report the allegation in accordance with these procedures.

Where an allegation of a breach of academic standards has been made or is pending, the evaluator would not reveal the mark or grade to anyone until the Vice Chair (Academic Administration) has confirmed the disposition of the matter by the Senate Discipline Committee or the Academic Integrity Officer.

The procedures outlined in the academic calendar deal with allegations of academic offences and do not deal with violations of the Code of Student Conduct. The purpose of these procedures is to delegate assessment of certain allegations of academic offences to the faculty level.

## **Other University Policies**

Alcohol
Hazing
Sexualized Violence
Statement on Prohibited Discrimination
Student Accommodation
Tuition

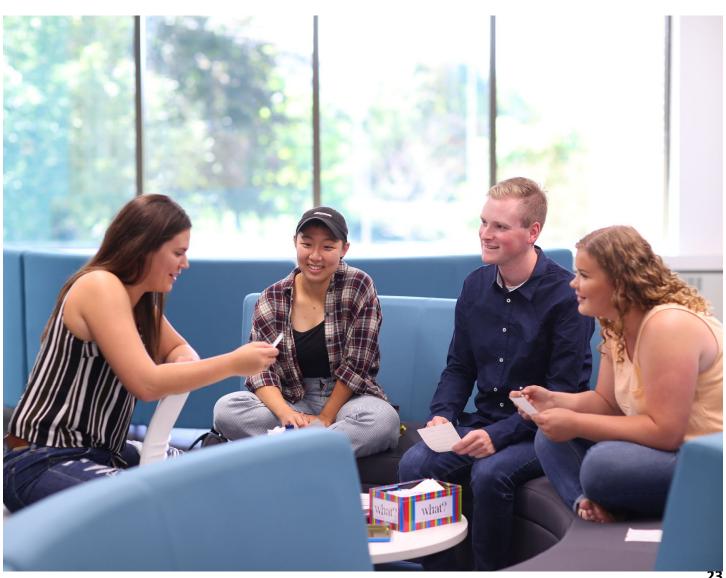
## **Academic Calendar**

Dalhousie has three <u>academic calendars</u> (Undergraduate, Graduate, Dentistry-Law-Medicine) produced annually. The calendars list all the courses and programs offered at Dal, subject by subject. As well, calendars include information on admissions requirements, university regulations and degree requirements.

Academic Calendars are the official contract with students. Students follow the regulations contained in the academic calendar published the year they begin their degree at Dalhousie.

Academic calendars are available online in March for the upcoming academic year. Although only critical changes are made once a calendar goes live, key contacts within each department and faculty have access to make changes to calendars for the next academic year. Connect with your Dean's office should you have suggested changes to the calendar.

Archived versions of older academic calendars are also available online at https://academiccalendar.dal.ca.



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## **Financial Assistance**

www.dal.ca/financialaid awards@dal.ca

## **Dalhousie Scholarships**

**Undergraduate: Halifax Campuses\*** 

## In course Scholarships

Students must complete at least 30 credit hours of credit coursework over two academic terms\*\* in the previous academic year (excluding transfer credits) and achieve a minimum SGPA of 3.70 over the two terms being assessed. For students at the Halifax and Yarmouth campuses.

There is no need to submit an application for most in-course scholarships — students are assessed automatically. Students will be notified of an in-course scholarship by their Dalhousie email in late summer.

For more information on awards requiring a separate application please visit the in-course scholarships link above.

## **Undergraduate: Truro Campus**

#### In course Awards

Students must complete the Faculty of Agriculture In-Course Award Application through Dal Online in September.

## **Other Programs**

Law

## **Graduate Studies**

Medicine and Dentistry (Please contact the department)

## **Dalhousie Bursaries**

**Undergraduate: All Campuses** 

## **Undergraduate Bursary Program**

Provides funds to assist students in financial need and are available to undergraduate students in Halifax and Yarmouth campuses, Dental Hygiene, and Master of Social Work students. Bursaries are typically smaller amounts of money, intended to supplement other funding sources. **New this year:** Students apply through Dal Online September 1 – October 15 for both the fall and winter terms (one application).

## **Other Programs**

Law

## **Graduate Studies**

Medicine and Dentistry (Please contact the department.)

<sup>\*</sup>Including Yarmouth

<sup>\*\*</sup>Bachelor of Nursing students have different requirements- please refer to the website

<sup>\*</sup>Master of Social Work students are eligible to apply for <u>Undergraduate Bursaries</u>.

<sup>\*</sup>Dental hygiene students are eligible to apply for Undergraduate Bursaries.

## **Other Funding Sources**

## Organizations you are involved with

- Places of worship/religious organizations
- Community or civic organizations
- Aboriginal bands
- Foundations
- Employers and/or parent(s) employers

## **Dalhousie Student Union Funding**

Includes member grants, student accessibility bursaries, and the International Student Emergency Fund Bursary.

## **University departments**

Individual departments can offer their own awards or can connect students with other external opportunities.

A list of external funding opportunities

## **Student Loans**

## **Canadian Government Student Loans**

Financial assistance is based on financial need as established by the federal and/or provincial governments through an assessment of the student's application. Students apply through their Provincial Student Loan Office.

## **Student Lines of Credit**

Many banks offer student lines of credit or bank loans. A line of credit gives students access to a specific amount of money that they can withdraw as they need it. Interest is paid only on the money they withdraw.

## **United States Student Loans**

Dalhousie is recognized as a participant by the US Department of Education for the William D. Ford Direct Loan Programs. Dalhousie is also recognized by some private lending agencies.

## **International Students**

Students can check with their home government and lending institutions for student loan programs.

## **Financial Emergency**

## **Temporary Loans**

Dalhousie offers temporary loans of up to \$1,000 to help students make it through cash-flow crunches, until other funding arrives. Temporary loans are interest-free until due, and can be used to pay for living expenses, but not tuition or fees. *Students can email their application to awards@dal.ca* 

## Speak to the Awards Team

**Student Awards & Financial Aid** 

Registrar's Office: Awards@dal.ca

## Registration

Registration opens for returning undergraduate students in most faculties in March. New student registration, as well as returning student registration for some faculties, is in June.

New students to Dalhousie or those changing programs must pay a \$200 admission deposit to Student Accounts before they can register. This deposit is non-refundable and is applied towards tuition and fees owing.

## **Registration Holds**

Students may have holds that prevent registration. The most common hold is a financial hold, added by Student Accounts. Students who owe fees will not be permitted to register in a future term until their account has been cleared for the current one. Students who have other types of holds on their accounts should contact the Registrar's Office.

Students are considered registered once they have selected courses. Selection of courses is deemed to be an agreement by the student for the payment of all assessed fees. If they will not be taking courses, they must drop them through <u>Dal Online</u> by the deadline specified for each term.

It is important that all students are officially registered in a course before they participate in that course, especially in laboratory work.

## **Access to the Student Information System**

Access to Student Information is delivered via the web using Dal Online.

#### **Dal Online Access**

<u>Dal Online</u> provides faculty, advisors and academic administrators with access to a wide variety of course data and student information, and is the gateway for running a degree audit or grade submission.

Users log in by using their Net ID and password. Employees identified as instructors will be automatically granted access privileges to all information regarding their courses.

If you are an academic advisor requiring access to student information, forward an email with your name and Dalhousie ID (BOXXXXXXX) to the Dean of your faculty to request authorization. Advisor access will be granted once approval from the Dean is received. Administrators who require access to all course lists for a department should forward an email with their name and ID number to the Dean or department head requesting authorization.

When initially logging into <u>Dal Online</u>, the terms of usage will be displayed. If you agree to the terms, you will be permitted to continue; otherwise, you will be asked to contact the appropriate administrative office.

Each primary instructor has access to their own courses. The primary instructor may also assign departmental administrators or other faculty as proxies for grade entry; however, final approval of grades must be completed by the instructor.

## Admission/Readmission

An application for admission to Dalhousie is required for all programs, whether a course is being taken for credit or audit, or as a degree seeking, special or visiting student.

Undergraduate students can apply for admission online at dal.ca/admissions/apply.

All students who have been absent from study for two consecutive terms (excluding the summer) are required to submit an application for readmission.

## Advising

Students are encouraged to seek advice about their academic program from the appropriate college, school or department. See Where to Go for Advising under <a href="mailto:dal.ca/advising">dal.ca/advising</a> for contact and booking information for each.

Student Success Advisors, in the Bissett Student Success Centre: Academic Advising and Career Services, are available to speak with first- and second-year undergraduate Arts & Science students about any general academic concerns. See <a href="mailto:dal.ca/advising">dal.ca/advising</a> for contact and appointment booking information. Students on the Agricultural Campus may speak with an advisor in the <a href="mailto:Agriculture Campus Student Success Centre">Agriculture Campus Student Success Centre</a>.

Advice on admission, appeals, bursaries/loans, academic regulations, degree requirements and graduation (for undergraduate Arts and Science programs), program selection, scholarships and other topics is available from the Registrar's Office. Students can visit the Registrar's Office at any of the three locations or phone **902.494.2450** to book an appointment with an advisor.

A degree audit tool is available through <u>Dal Online</u>. The tool, which can be accessed by both students and advisors, is used to determine a student's progress towards meeting program requirements. Each audit lists complete and incomplete requirements. In the case of an incomplete requirement, the courses required to fulfill the requirement are listed. Students can also use the planned courses feature to determine if courses for which they have not yet registered will apply towards their degree. To view an audit, select the Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS) on the Web for Faculty, Advisors and Academic Administrators menu. DARS gives you a current snapshot of where the student stands in meeting their program requirements. It lists the complete or incomplete requirements, and the courses needed to fulfil each requirement. See <u>dal.ca/degreeaudit</u> for more information. If you require training on the use of the degree audit, contact the Registrar's Office to book an appointment.

## **Changing Programs**

Dalhousie's degree programs have different entrance and degree requirements. If a student wishes to explore a program change, they should meet with an Admissions Advisor to discuss options. An Admissions Advisor can help with:

- Exploring whether a change is right for the student
- Reviewing the entrance requirements for other degrees
- Deciding if this change is realistic
- Estimating the remaining requirements (transfer credits)
- Exploring other options

Students who decide to change their program must complete an undergraduate application form for the new program.

## **Auditing a Course**

Students who have been admitted to a faculty may audit many of the courses offered. Registration for an audit is available from the first day of classes until the last day to add a course. Students auditing courses will not be eligible to write examinations in the course and will not, under any circumstances, be granted credit for it. Fees are payable as indicated under Fees and a course may not be changed from credit to audit or from audit to credit status after the last date for dropping classes without a "W".

A student auditing a course is expected to attend the course, but is not expected to prepare assignments, write papers, tests or examinations. They do not receive credit for the course, but it does appear on their transcript with the notation "AUD".

## Workload

Normal workloads vary by program of study and students should consult the academic calendar for specific details.

## **Established Undergraduate Workload**

**Faculties of Agriculture, Arts & Social Sciences, Computer Science and Science** — 15 credit hours per term. Students with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 are permitted to increase the normal workload to 18 credit hours per term and should contact the Registrar's Office to do so. Students whose cumulative GPA is less than 3.00 will need the approval of the relevant Assistant Dean via Request to Exceed Maximum Workload Form.

Rowe School of Business — 15 credit hours per term. Bachelor of Commerce students on a work term are permitted a maximum of 6 credit hours (3.0 for the work term and 3.0 for one course). Students with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 are permitted to increase the normal workload to 18 credit hours per term and should contact the Registrar's Office. Students whose cumulative GPA is less than 3.00 will need the approval of the undergraduate advising office in the School of Business.

**Faculty of Architecture & Planning, Engineering, Health** — credit hours vary by program. To increase the normal workload, students need approval of the Assistant Dean/Director via Request to Exceed Maximum Workload form.

## **Transfer Credits**

Students who have been accepted to a direct-entry undergraduate program at Dalhousie, paid the \$200 admission deposit, and submitted a <u>transfer credit request form</u> will have all previous post-secondary work, whether completed at the high school, college or university level, reviewed for potential transfer credit. Students accepted to a non-direct-entry, professional, or graduate program should consult with their faculty/school/department for more information about transfer credit processes. The deadline to submit a transfer credit request form is prior to the completion of a student's first term of study at Dalhousie.

Internal transfer students who would like for their post-secondary work completed prior to attending Dalhousie to be assessed for their new degree, must submit at transfer credit request form prior to the completion of their first term of study in their new program.

Course work at the university or college level can be considered for credit if it:

- is from a recognized institution
- was completed with a minimum grade of C
- is equivalent to a course offered at Dalhousie
- applies to the student's program of study
- has been completed within the appropriate time period

Students can transfer up to half of the required courses towards an undergraduate credential (degree, diploma, major, minor etc.) from another institution. The number of transfer credits a student can receive may be further limited based on the degree requirements of their particular program.

For more information on the transfer credit process and eligible curriculums, please visit dal.ca/transfercredits.

## **Admission to an Honours Program**

Applications for admission to honours programs must be made to the appropriate department using forms available on the web at <u>dal.ca/honours\_or</u> from the Registrar's Office.

Applications must list all courses completed by a student toward the honours degree requirements (electives, major and minor courses). Courses in which a failing grade was earned or courses in the major in which a grade less than "C" was earned should not be listed. For Bachelor of Arts, courses with a grade below "C" in the minor should not be included.

The last day to apply to an honours program is **September 17**, i.e., the fall course add/drop deadline of the student's final year.

## **Honours Standing**

Students must satisfy the requirements listed in the calendar and be recommended by the department(s) to graduate with honours. Forms requesting the qualifying examination result will be sent to departments by the Registrar's Office prior to graduation (in late April for Spring Convocation and early September for fall Convocation).

## **Counting of Credits Towards Two Dalhousie Programs**

## **Undergraduate Studies**

Students who hold one Dalhousie undergraduate degree may count courses toward a second undergraduate degree if:

- Only credit hours that are applicable to the program for the second degree may be counted for credit.
- A grade of C or higher was attained in the course

## **College of Arts and Science**

**Honours Programs** 

• 60 new credit hours must be completed in accordance with departmental requirements

Major Programs (BA)

- 60 new credit hours with at least 36 credit hours at the 2000 level or above in a new subject and at least 18 of the 36 must be at the 3000 level or above
- More than one BA will not be awarded.

Major Programs (BSc)

- 60 new credit hours with at least 42 credit hours at the 2000 level or above in a new subject and at least 24 of the
  - 42 must be at the 3000 level or above
- Students may obtain a second BSc.

## **Faculty of Management**

Bachelor of Commerce

• 60 new credit hours must be completed as well as three new work terms. 48 of the 60 credit hours must be in the core area including the 9 credit hours of work terms.

Bachelor of Management

• 60 new credit hours must be completed.

## **Faculty of Health**

No more than half of the required credit hours can be counted from another Dalhousie degree.

## **Faculty of Architecture and Planning**

A minimum of one third of the credits required in the third and fourth years must be taken while registered in the BEDS program.

## **Faculties of Engineering and Computer Science**

60 new credit hours must be completed.

## **Faculty of Agriculture**

A minimum of 60 new credit hours must be completed for a Bachelor of Science (Agriculture).

## **Dental Hygiene**

Students who have completed the Diploma in Dental Hygiene at Dalhousie University may receive 30 credit hours towards a BA or BSc.

## Diploma in Technology to Undergraduate Programs (Faculty of Agriculture)

Students who have completed technology level courses may be eligible to receive degree level credit for such courses, to a maximum of 60 credit hours, evaluated on a course by course basis with a minimum grade of "C". Students who successfully complete a Technical Diploma program in the Faculty of Agriculture and apply to the Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) program will receive a minimum of 30 credit hours toward the degree.

## College of Continuing Education Classes Toward a Diploma in Technology Programs (Faculty of Agriculture)

Special permission to complete a limited number of select continuing education courses in the Faculty of Agriculture may be granted to students enrolled in technology diploma programs. These courses must be approved in advance by the Dean or designate. Any student who wishes to explore this option should contact their academic advisor.

## **Course Administration**

## **Course Registration**

All students add and drop their courses using <u>Dal Online</u>. The last day to add fall term courses is **September 17, 2024.** Winter term courses can be added until **January 20, 2025.** After these dates, students must obtain permission from the instructor. Professors can deny admission to their class if the student has not been attending their class prior to the deadline. If permission is granted, the instructor should sign an **add form** which the student will then submit to the Registrar's Office. These forms can be found at <u>dal.ca/addclass</u>

## **Course Lists**

Course lists are available on-line through the Web for Faculty, Advisors and Academic Administrators menu of <u>Dal Online</u> under Class Management.

To assist instructors with getting to know students, the course list can include the student's photo. Like all student information, photos are confidential and are provided solely for the purposes of course management and advising. For first year courses, it is recommended that you wait until courses have begun before printing course lists, as some students may not have yet obtained their student identification, and many images may be unavailable.

## **Overrides**

For various reasons, a student may occasionally require the approval of the instructor before they can register for a course. There is a different type of override for each of the possible scenarios outlined below. Users with Faculty or Administrator access in <u>Dal Online</u> can grant this permission using the Registration Permits/Overrides option from the Class Management menu.

There are five types of overrides available:

- 1. **Instructor's Approval** this permit overrides all conditions that may be keeping a student from registering in a course. It will override maximum enrolment, prerequisites and degree restrictions. This is the only type of override that will meet the signature requirement assigned to some courses.
- Maximum Enrolment Override this permit allows a student to register for a course that has reached its
  maximum seating capacity. This approval does not override prerequisite or restriction checking. When using the
  maximum enrolment override, please be cognizant of the seating capacity of the classroom the course is
  scheduled in. Fire regulations prohibit accepting more students into the course than the classroom can hold.
  Room capacity information can be found in <u>Campus Bookings</u>.
- 3. **Permission to Register from Waitlist** this permit allows a student on the waitlist to register for the course. This override is only valid for three business days and is the only one that expires. Departments are advised to email students when an override is given. Students who have not registered by the end of the third business day will be removed from the waitlist and the permit removed so another student can be granted the override.
- 4. **Override** if a course has been set up to check for a prerequisite, this override must be used if the instructor wants to allow a student who does not have the prerequisite to register for the course. This approval does not override maximum enrolment.
- 5. **Program/Degree/Major Override** this permit allows a student who is not in the appropriate program, degree or major to register in a class or to put their name on the waitlist. It does not override prerequisites or maximum enrolment.

Non-attendance does not constitute withdrawal from a course. Students wishing to withdraw from a course or from the university must drop their courses through <u>Dal Online</u>. The date of the course drop will determine academic and financial penalties. The <u>schedule of dates</u> outlining academic penalties is listed at the front of this guide and in the academic calendars.

If a student fails to withdraw from a course during the approved timeframe, they will need the approval of the Assistant Dean Students or Dean's designate and the Registrar's Office. The student must submit a **Waiver of an Academic Regulation** form (dal.ca/appeals) including the reason for the withdrawal and why they did not withdraw during the approved time. Only in exceptional circumstances will a retroactive withdrawal be approved.

If a retroactive withdrawal is approved, a prorated refund of the tuition fees will be returned to the student based on the drop date. Incidental fees will not be returned to the student even if a retroactive withdrawal to the beginning of the term is approved.

## Offering a New Course

Once a course has been approved by the Faculty Curriculum Committee, the following details of the course should be submitted to the Registrar's Office by the committee for inclusion in the Academic Calendar and the Student Information System via the Navigator Suite online portal. If courses are approved after the calendar has been published online, they will have their descriptions added to the web version of the calendar:

- Subject
- Number
- Credit Value
- Grading Scheme
- Title

- Course Description
- Cross-Listing Information
- Prerequisite Information
- Restriction Information
- Exclusion Information

- Teaching Format
- Course Hours (total hours including lecture/labs/ compulsory tutorials hours per week)

## **Timetable Listings**

Approximately a year before the start of each academic year, the Registrar's Office will ask departments to provide details on all courses to be offered in that year. Departments should list all courses, including credit, non-credit, work term and reading courses in which students may enroll for the upcoming session (regardless of whether classroom space is required). This information is entered in the online Timetable Assistant tool. Courses not previously approved by the appropriate curriculum committee will not be listed in the timetable, nor recorded on the Student Information System. Requests to add courses to the Academic Timetable after this submission period should be submitted via the Registrar's Office Help Centre Timetable Request form.

## **Changing the Term of Cancelling Courses**

Addition of new courses is anticipated and will be accommodated; however, removing or changing the time/term of a course once registration is open requires the approval of the Registrar, or their designate. If students are registered in the course in question, the department requesting the change must demonstrate that none of the enrolled students require the course to satisfy graduation requirements in that term, or that the change in time does not affect the students' abilities to satisfy their degree requirements in that term.

Requests should be made in writing by submitting the <u>Course Cancellation/Change Form</u>. Please note that login with NetID and password is required to access the form.

## **Reserved and/or Restricted Seating**

To ensure that specific groups of students have access to courses, departments may reserve seats in a course by field of study. Seats will be reserved until the end of March, unless it is specifically requested to keep them on indefinitely.

Reserved seating requests must be submitted each year prior to registration opening. **Reservations do not carry forward year to year.** 

## Waitlists

Departments may establish waitlists for courses and are responsible for monitoring the waitlist and giving permission to any students who should be admitted to the course from the waitlist. As permission is granted to an individual student, the student must be notified by the person granting the approval that they will have three working days to register. Once the override has been granted, students must register for the class through <u>DalOnline</u>. After this time, the permit is removed, and the student is taken off the waitlist.

Waitlists are removed after the last day of registration in each term. Departments must provide waitlist information each year to the Registrar's Office prior to registration opening. Waitlist details are not carried forward from one year to the next.

## **Prerequisite Checking**

Completion of course prerequisites is checked before a student is permitted to register for a course. This information is carried forward each year and will be based on information in the calendar. Additions or changes to the prerequisite requirements of each course must be provided to the Registrar's Office with the calendar submission each year via Navigator Suite online portal.

For the **Faculty of Agriculture**, most students will follow the prerequisite checking described above. Those students who completed course work at the former NSAC will not have their prerequisites checked automatically. The instructor of each course will need to review and determine if those registered in their course satisfy the requirements.

## **Repeat Courses**

Only the highest grade a student has achieved in a course will be included in the cumulative grade point average (GPA) calculation. All attempts at a course and the grades achieved remain on the transcript. Each instance of a repeated course will have one of the following statuses to indicate how it is being calculated in the GPA provided they are taken at the same level:

- Repeat I Repeated course included in the cumulative GPA
- Repeat E Repeated course excluded from the cumulative GPA

Courses that are cross-listed or otherwise deemed equivalent are considered repeated courses under this regulation. Courses repeated while on letter of permission are affected by this policy as well. Departments that wish to have courses included under this regulation should contact the Registrar's Office.

Occasionally, the exclusion of an earlier occurrence of a course grade in the GPA may result in a term or cumulative GPA that no longer corresponds with the academic standing that was assigned. In all cases, the original academic standing remains on the transcript.

## **Letter of Permission – Courses**

A <u>letter of permission</u> authorizes a student (who has completed their first year of study) to take a course(s) at another institution for credit towards a Dalhousie degree or diploma. To do so, a student must get approval before registering for the course at the other institution.

For courses taken through a letter of permission at a Canadian university, the appropriate Dalhousie letter grade and corresponding grade points will be assigned. For institutions outside of Canada, a grade of P (pass) or F (fail), as appropriate, will be recorded.

A Letter of Permission will be provided if all of the following conditions are met:

- The student must be registered in a degree program and in good academic standing, i.e., students who have been academically dismissed or are on probation are not eligible.
- The student must not owe money to Dalhousie.
- The student has not exceeded the allowable number of transfer credits.
- The course at the other institution is acceptable for transfer to Dalhousie. The course is not offered via Challenge for Credit or Prior Learning Assessment and/or Recognition. Dalhousie will not accept challenge credits from other institutions on letter of permission.

- The workload will not exceed Dalhousie's limitations.
- The course is not offered at Dalhousie in the term in which the student wishes to take it; or the student has a scheduling conflict; or the course is full; or the student is living outside the local area.
- If an equivalent class is available at Dalhousie, approval may not be granted.
- A direct equivalency may not satisfy degree requirements. Confirm the class can fulfill degree requirements with your Academic Advisor before registering.

Further information about how to have a Letter of Permission approved is available at dal.ca/letterofpermission.

## **Learning Agreement**

International Centre, Faculty of Management, Faculty of Computer Science, and UPMC in the Faculty of Science exchanges and study abroad programs are currently using the learning agreement program. If your faculty's departmental exchange and/or study abroad program is interested in switching from letter of permission to the learning agreement process, please contact Christine Wilson (christine.wilson@dal.ca) for more information.

- Students will be required to meet with their exchange coordinator as a step in finalizing the learning agreement, which will ensure they understand the specifics related to their exchange administration.
- The allocation of credit hours for courses taken at host universities will be clear as soon as the proposed course
  section is processed by the Registrar, reducing confusion about the number of courses that constitute a full
  course load for exchange students and for a more accurate degree audit upon leaving for exchange.
- The confirmation of enrolment section will ensure that students have little to no administration to complete
  following their exchange to finalize credits retroactively in response to changes they decided to make once they
  arrived at their host institution.
- Students will be required to meet the same requirements to take courses on exchange as taking courses on letter of permission.
- The credit conversion table is assessable by all advisors on the <u>Learning Agreements website</u>. Any institution that you assessed that is not listed please contact the *Assistant Registrar, Records & Academic Support*.

Please visit the <u>Learning Agreement Webpage (dal.ca/learningagreement)</u> to access the forms, conversion chart and the Step by Step guide on the process.

## **Course Outlines**

Students will be provided with a course outline by the instructor at the first meeting of the course. To complete a course satisfactorily, a student must fulfill all the requirements as stated in the course outline.

Copies of course outlines will be placed on record in a department or school file within four weeks after the beginning of each term.

Course outlines should include the following information:

#### **Administrative**

- Course type
- Course name
- Course number and credit hours
- Lab and tutorial hours, if appropriate
- Instructor's name
- It is also recommended to note any courses that are exclusions of this course.

#### **Academic**

- Aims and objectives of the course
- Plan for the course showing the topics to be covered
- Prescribed textbooks and references

## **Assessment Components**

- Indication of the work to be submitted for assessment which will count towards the final grade
- Other work which may or may not be assessable, which does not count towards the final grade, but which must be fulfilled to meet course requirements
- Relative weighting for each item assessed
- Assessment scale to be used, and the level on that scale that indicates satisfactory passing performance
- Performance requirements relating to the parts of the assessment that must be individually passed
- Scheme used to convert numeric grades to
- letter grades
- Attendance requirements if any
- Include statement on academic integrity in the course outline, and it is recommended you review this issue in class

When collaboration is included as part of course expectations as in group projects or group assignments, the instructor will provide a statement of the degree of collaboration permitted in the preparation and submission of assignments in the course outline.

## **Examination**

- Whether a final examination will be conducted and, if so, the duration and format of the examination;
   examinations may be oral, written (closed or open book) under supervision, or take home
- Relative weight given to the examination grade in the final grade

## **Variation of Course Outlines**

Instructors may make changes to course outlines at any time. If, however, these changes affect any of the following areas, at least two-thirds of enrolled students must approve the variations in order for them to be valid:

- Assessment components
- The weight of individual assessment components
- Change in relative examination weight of ten per cent or greater

## **Review of Grades**

Consult the appropriate Faculty office for guidelines on the review of grades.

## **Examinations**

## **Tests**

Tests are normally scheduled during course time. Tests scheduled outside course time should not conflict with other regularly scheduled courses, and dates and times will be included in the course syllabus. No written tests or examinations, with the exception of project presentations and major papers, worth more than 25% of the final grade, may be held in the last two weeks of a term, without the explicit approval of the appropriate faculty, school or college. No tests may be held between the end of courses and the beginning of the official examination period, with the exception of those activity modules and laboratory courses in the Faculty of Health in which special facilities are required.

## Official Examination Periods 2024–2025

Periods of approximately one and one-half weeks in December and three weeks in April are set aside each year for the scheduling of formal examinations. For the 2024/2025 academic year, the formal exam periods are as follows:

- December 6-17, 2024 (exam schedule posted by October 1, 2024)
- April 9-26, 2025 (exam schedule posted by February 1, 2025)

Please review the detailed exam schedule as soon as it is posted. Every effort will be made not to schedule students for more than two examinations on the same day. You should contact the Dean's/ Director's Office of the appropriate faculty/school/college for assistance if you are scheduled for more than two exams on the same day.

For the 2024/2025 academic year, there will be a mix of online and in-person exams.

## **Examinations Scheduled by the Registrar**

Instructors wishing to have examinations scheduled by the Registrar's Office must make this request anew every term. This information is not kept on file. A request for this information will be sent out by the Registration and Academic Scheduling Unit to our departmental exam contacts on or around the first day of class each term. This request will come in the form of a spreadsheet detailing the courses that are on the timetable for that term. Courses that require exams to be scheduled by the RO should be identified, and the required details added prior to returning the document via the <a href="Internal Exam Request Form">Internal Exam Request Form</a>. Exams not included on this list will not be scheduled by the Registrar's Office. Only exams of 2 or 3 hours in length can be included in the in-person exam scheduling process managed by the Registrar's Office.

Once the Registrar receives the information, a conflict-free examination schedule is created and posted on the web.

Instructors may also arrange their own examinations at times and places of their choosing during the formal examination periods, with the understanding that in cases of conflict of examinations for an individual student, the examinations scheduled by the Registrar's Office takes precedence. The exam time for independently scheduled examinations will not appear on the Registrar's schedule posted online.

## Requests for an Alternate Final Examination Time Religious Holiday/Examination Schedule

Both online and in-person exams will be scheduled in Atlantic Standard Time in one of four daily time-blocks:

- 8:30am-11:30am
- 12:00pm-3:00pm
- 3:30pm-6:30pm
- 7:00pm-10:00pm

#### **Online Exams**

Two types of online exams can be scheduled:

**Synchronous exams**: All students write the final exam at the same time and in a fixed window of time. For example, all students would write a 2-hour exam on December 10 from 8:30-10:30am Atlantic Standard Time.

**Fixed Range exams**: The exam will be a fixed duration, but students can choose when to start writing the exam over a specified period of time. For example, a 2-hour exam might be available at 8:30am Atlantic Standard Time on December 10 until 8:30am Atlantic Standard Time on December 11. Students will decide when during that period of time to write the exam.

Fixed Range exams will be scheduled using the start time of the exam. This is the time the exam will be released to students. This ensures that each student has, at a minimum, a 3-hour window in which to write the exam that is conflict-free and without more than two exams scheduled on that day.

Students may have more than two exams scheduled during the range of the exam; however, they will not have more than two exams scheduled on the day the fixed range exam is released.

Instructors may also choose to deliver a take home exam, or to schedule their own exam during the final exam period but must accommodate any conflicts between these exams and the exams scheduled by the Registrar's Office.

#### **Requests for an Alternative Final Examination Time**

A student's request for an alternate time for a final examination should only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Such circumstances include illness (with medical certificate) or other mitigating circumstances outside the control of the student. Elective arrangements (such as travel plans) are not considered acceptable grounds for granting an alternative examination time. In cases where it is necessary to make changes to examination arrangements late in the term, or Senate has approved exceptional examination arrangements, a special effort will be made to address any challenges these changes may cause for individual students.

The decision whether to grant a student's request for an alternate examination time rests with the instructor of the course, as does the responsibility for making the alternative arrangements.

This policy may also be applied at the discretion of the instructor to tests and examinations other than final examinations.

Students may contact the Dean's/Director's office of the appropriate faculty/school/college for assistance if they are scheduled for more than two examinations on the same day.

#### **Religious Holiday Examination Schedule**

The University acknowledges that, due to the pluralistic nature of the University community, some students may on religious grounds require alternative times to write examinations and tests. Accordingly, a student who requires an alternate examination or test time on religious grounds should consult with the Student Accessibility Centre at 902.459.2994, 902.494.2836 or <a href="access@dal.ca">access@dal.ca</a> (Halifax Campuses) or the Student Success Centre at <a href="accessac@dal.ca">access@dal.ca</a> (Truro Campus).

# Policy in the Event that a Formal Examination cannot be Completed at the Regularly Scheduled Time

Formal examinations, two or three hours in length, are scheduled by the Registrar each December and April during formal examination periods, as laid out in the calendar. If, in the unusual event that one of these examinations must be postponed or abandoned at short notice, the following policies will apply:

- 1. If more than fifty percent of the time allocated for the examination has elapsed, students' work up to the premature end of the examination, but prorated for the actual time written, will lead to the mark to be obtained from the formal examination.
- 2. If less than fifty percent of the time allocated for any examination has elapsed, the examination will be rewritten as soon as possible, normally on a day when examinations are not scheduled. Students will be informed by the Registrar of the time and place of the rewrite on the Exams website.
- 3. In all cases in which a formal examination cannot be written at its scheduled time, and special arrangements must be made, it is essential that faculty ensure that all students in the class are treated fairly and equitably and according to the evaluative criteria in the course outline given to students at the beginning of the term.
- 4. If an examination is terminated as under #1, any student who feels disadvantaged by not having been able to write an examination for length specified in the class description, may appeal through the appropriate departmental or school appeal mechanism for an examination of the specified length. Appeals will be in writing and in a timely fashion. If the appeal is granted, arrangements for such a makeup examination will be made between the student and course professor. If a formal examination cannot be written at its scheduled time, it is the responsibility of students to check the Exams website for information regarding when the examination will be rewritten. Announcements will be made as soon as possible after the original time, normally within 24 hours, and rewrites will normally take place within the regular examination period.

### **Policy on Submission of Student Papers**

Any instructor may require student papers to be submitted in both written and electronic form as defined by the instructor. Use of third-party originality software does not preclude instructor use of alternate means to identify lapses in originality in attribution. The results may be used as evidence in any disciplinary action taken by Senate.

If an instructor plans to use originality-checking software in a class, students shall be informed in the course outline that their written work may be submitted to a text-matching software service, which is meant to assure students that everyone will be evaluated on the basis of their own work and to warn students that plagiarism is likely to be detected. The planned use of originality-checking software will also be included in the oral presentation of the course outline in the initial course meeting.

Students shall also be informed in the course outline that they are free, without penalty of grade, to choose an alternative method of attesting to the authenticity of their work. Students shall inform instructors no later than two weeks after the commencement of classes of their intent to choose an alternate method.

Instructors shall provide students with at least two possible alternatives that are not unduly onerous and that are appropriate for the type of written work. Alternatives shall be chosen from the following:

- Submitting copies of multiple drafts demonstrating development of the work
- Submitting an annotated bibliography
- Submitting photocopies of sources
- Other alternatives devised by the instructor, provided that they are not unduly onerous

#### **Final Examination Papers**

Where the final examination paper is not returned to the student, it is recommended that the instructor keep the final examination for 12 months.

#### **Invigilation of Examinations**

Once the examination schedule is available, the Registrar will assign Chief Invigilators to the large examination locations (Dalplex, Studley Gymnasium, Sexton Gymnasium, first floor rooms in the Collaborative Health Education Building, and Langille Athletic Centre). The Registrar will also assign graduate students to assist faculty members at the large examination locations.

#### **Invigilation Instructions**

All efforts must be made to ensure fairness in examinations and to protect the integrity of the work and earned credit of each student.

#### **Suspicion of Cheating:**

- Invigilators, at the time of suspecting someone of cheating, should take the booklet away from the student, but issue another and allow the student to continue with the examination.
- The removed booklet should be annotated with a comment to the effect that cheating was suspected and details, if desired.
- Invigilators must report to the Chief Invigilator any suspected irregularity, such as any candidate found communicating with another in any way, or having unauthorized books or papers in their possession, even if their use cannot be proved.
- The Chief Invigilator must submit a written report to the Faculty Academic Integrity Officer no later than the deadline for submission of final grades.

#### **Examination Responsibilities of the Chief Invigilator:**

- Full execution of responsibilities as Chief Invigilator is expected to ensure fairness in examinations for each student.
- Ensure AV equipment is arranged if required.
- Arrange the seating plan in advance, taking into consideration the length of each examination.
- Arrive at least 30 minutes before the scheduled exam start time.
- Ensure the examinations are conducted in the appropriate manner.
- Advise students of emergency procedures, including the location of emergency exits for the examination space.
- Inform students where to place all books, papers, electronic computing and data storage devices, cell phones and other communication devices, not specifically approved for use during the examination. Cell phones and other communication devices are to be turned off and placed under the student's chair. Phones/devices with alarms should not be left turned on in any location within the exam room i.e. bags left in the back
- Request that students place their Dalhousie Student ID card on the top right-hand corner of their examination writing surface.
- Ensure that unnecessary conversation and other distractions are avoided.
- Ensure that regular monitoring of students takes place during the examination.
- Request that students sign their examination booklet before submitting it.
- Give warning to the candidates fifteen minutes before the time fixed for the closing of the examination, also noting that no candidate may leave the examination room until the end of the examination period.
- Ensure that each examination ends on time. Efficient movement of students in and out of examination rooms is particularly important, considering there are only 30 minutes between examination periods.
- In the absence of an Assistant Invigilator, carry out the duties of that position as listed below.

- Know the number of candidates writing.
- Arrive at the examination site 30 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- If the Assistant is unable to invigilate, they must contact the Registrar's Office immediately.
- Contact Security Services if room is locked or booklets are not there.
- Ensure seating meets examination requirements.
- Ensure papers and examination booklets are properly distributed on the examination writing surfaces before the scheduled starting time of the examination.
- Collect and count examination booklets at the end of the examination.
- Collect any unused examination booklets and places at the front of the room.
- Remain in the room until the next invigilator arrives.
- If it is the last examination of the day, secure the room at the end of the examination period.
- Return any ID cards left behind to the Security Services Office.

#### **Examination Responsibilities of Departmental Invigilators:**

- Arrive 30 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- Attend strictly to the supervision of the examination over which they preside.
- Give as few explanations and directions as possible; directions considered necessary should be given so as to be heard by all candidates.
- Abstain from answering questions about exam content.

#### **Examination Responsibilities of the Department Chair:**

 Appoint enough departmental invigilators for examinations set by that department, such that there is at least one for every fifty students writing.

#### **Examination Responsibilities of Departments:**

- Prepare their own examination papers and have sufficient copies made.
- Deliver these to the examination location at the proper time.
- Provide supervision for the examination set by that department under the general supervision of the Chief Invigilator.
- Take custody of their respective examination as soon as the examination has been concluded.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### 1. When should the invigilator be in the examination room?

Not less than thirty minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the examination. The examination room should be unlocked thirty minutes before the examination begins.

#### 2. When may candidates leave an examination?

No candidates shall be permitted to leave the examination room within the first half hour, unless accompanied by an invigilator.

During the examination, any candidate wishing to use the washroom may do so and will be accompanied by an invigilator of the same gender, where possible.

Candidates may not leave the examination room during the last fifteen minutes.

#### 3. Are candidates allowed to enter the examination late?

No candidate may enter the examination room more than 30 minutes after the examination has begun.

#### 4. What should be done if:

Illness occurs after the examination commences?

Take the examination booklet from the student and indicate on it that the student left the examination due to illness.

The student continues writing after the examination has ended?

Advise the student that a line will be drawn through anything written after this point and an explanation written on the booklet.

The student cannot present a valid Dalhousie photo ID?

Indicate on the examination booklet, or the examination itself if booklets are not being used, that the student did not have an ID. The student should be allowed to proceed with writing the exam.

#### 5. What should be done in case of an emergency?

**Medical Emergency** 

Call Dalhousie Security Emergency at 4109 (Halifax Campus) or 902-893-4190 (Truro Campus)

Bomb Scare

Call Dalhousie Security Emergency at 4109 (Halifax Campus) or 902-893-4190 (Truro Campus)

Fire

Instruct students to remain calm. Initiate alarms by activating the alarm pull station. The system will automatically signal Dalhousie Security who will call the Fire Department and dispatch an officer to assist. Follow posted "Emergency Procedures".

If the examination room is locked or examination booklets are not in the room, call Dalhousie Security at 6400 as staff can provide keys and examination booklets.

#### 6. Cancellation of examinations due to storm.

Please visit <u>dal.ca/senate</u> for the policy on cancellation of examinations due to a storm.

### **Grades**

#### **Principles**

The purpose of this Statement of Principles is to ensure:

- 1. That students, at the beginning of courses, are advised as to the scope and content of the course and the assessment systems used;
- 2. That assessment and grading practices throughout the University are consistent and reflect appropriate academic standards;
- 3. That the evaluation of student performance is made in a fair manner congruent with academic standards;
- 4. That the levels of achievement indicated by given letter grades, while accommodating the particular circumstances of each faculty, are compatible with each other;
- 5. That the academic standing of every student can be accurately assessed even when courses have been taken in different Faculties of the University; and
- 6. That each faculty develops procedures for implementing these policies according to faculty needs.

#### **Submission of Grades**

Grades are submitted either by completing the Dal Online grade sheet, or by importing grades from a spreadsheet or text file. Further instructions are available via the **Dal Online Help Centre**.

**Grade Submission** 



If a student is attending a course but not registered, the student must complete an academic waiver form to request backdated registration in the class. Students can submit waivers themselves in DalOnline.

If a student is on the class list (registered) but has not attended, or written the examination, a grade of "F" should be recorded.

The date for the submission of grades is set annually by the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee in conjunction with Dalhousie Academic Dates for that year and will normally be between seven and ten calendar days from the final day of the exam period. The date will be based on three principles:

- 1. Transparency and timeliness for students, to allow for informed course planning and registration for future terms before the term starts;
- 2. Appropriate time for instructors to enable the effective and appropriate grading of examinations and term assignments; and,
- 3. Adequate time to provide necessary services to students to enable timely academic standing assessments, advising, and convocation approvals

The final possible date for the submission of grades will be published along with the Dalhousie Academic Dates for each academic year. For 2024/25 academic year, the final grade submission dates are:

• Fall Term

December 24, 2024

Winter Term May 2, 2025

For further details, particularly for the responsibility of course instructors, refer to the **Grading Practices Policy**.

The grade submission deadline is important to adhere to as it determines academic standing and eligibility to graduate. In addition, inquiries to faculty and staff will increase from students after the grade deadline has passed due to the importance of academic planning for students. The electronic grade processing remains available for use during the following periods:

Fall Term September 1 to January 15
 Winter Term September 1 to May 15
 Summer Term May 1 to August 31

For grades that need to be entered outside of the online grade entry process, fillable PDF copies of Grade Return Sheets for courses that have missed the deadline for online submission will be distributed to the home department for the course for further distribution to the primary instructor. Once completed, the Grade Return Sheet should be returned to the Registrar's Office. For non-standard courses continuing beyond the normal end of the term, please contact the Registrar's Office at <a href="mailto:ro.records@dal.ca">ro.records@dal.ca</a> for assistance with online grade submission.

For extenuating circumstances, e.g., an extension for a student to complete your course, enter a grade of either INC (incomplete – behaves like an F on GPA) or ILL (neutral impact on GPA) in <u>DalOnline</u>. This will allow you to immediately change the grade on the student's record through Dal Online; see Changing a Grade below. **Without an initial grade** before the deadline above, a Grade Return Sheet will need to be processed.

#### **Posting Grades**

#### When Will Grades Appear on Student Transcripts?

The Registrar's Office banner processes each evening (after 6pm) that posts grades into the Student Information System starting the last day of classes of each term for approximately six weeks. This grade roll will pull courses you have graded and saved in DalOnline, and roll them to the academic records. Outside of these time periods the process is run once a week. In the interest of protecting the privacy of student information, grades should not be posted publicly.

#### **Changing a Grade**

When it is necessary to change a grade, changes can be made in Dal Online up to the deadline. If you require assistance please refer to the **Dal Online Help Centre** 

#### **Deadlines for Submission of Revised Grade**

•	Fall Term Classes	February 1
•	Winter Term Classes	June 1
•	May – June Classes	August 1
•	May – August Classes	October 1
•	July – August Classes	October 1
•	Regular Term Classes	June 1

After the deadline, with the approval of the appropriate Faculty or School of the student, a Grade Change form should be submitted to the Registrar's Office via ro.records@dal.ca.

#### Reassessment of a Final Grade

Students who have questions about final grades are encouraged to discuss them first with the course instructor. Students may also consult the Chair of the department, Director of the school/college, Dean of the faculty, or the Student Advocate.

If the student's concerns cannot be resolved, they may also use the formal process that follows for the reassessment of final grades. Once a final class grade has been submitted to the Registrar's Office, a student who wishes to have a final grade reassessed should make a written request to the Registrar's Office and pay the fee of \$50 per course. The request must identify the specific component which the student wishes reassessed and the grounds for the request. Such requests must be made by the following deadlines:

•	Fall Term Classes	March 1
•	Winter Term Classes	July 1
•	May – June Classes	September 1
•	May – August Classes	November 1
•	July – August Classes	November 1
•	Regular Term Classes	June 1

When such a request is received, the Registrar's Office will forward it to the Dean of the faculty or Director of the school/college offering the class. The reassessment will be conducted according to procedures developed for this purpose by the faculty or school/college. These should reflect the nature of the academic disciplines and assessment involved, and they should provide for a review of the assessment by a qualified person or persons not responsible for the original evaluation.

The student will be notified by the Registrar's Office of the outcome of the reassessment. If the reassessment results in the assignment of a grade that is different (higher or lower) from the original one, the new grade will replace the original one and the fee will be refunded.

#### **Late Grades**

Late submission of grades has a significant impact on students. Academic standing is not accurate until all grades are received. Late grades could result in a student eligible to return to study to being deemed ineligible and vice versa. Late grades will also affect prerequisites for the following term's registration resulting in

students no longer satisfying or meeting prerequisites. Due to the competitive nature of scholarships, late submission of grades may have an adverse effect on scholarship assessment.

### **Assignable Grades**

Assignable diades						
GRADE	PERCENTAGE	GRADE POINT AVERAGE	DEFINITION			
A+ A A-	90 – 100 85 – 89 80 – 84	4.30 4.00 3.70	Excellent	Considerable evidence of original thinking; demonstrated outstanding capacity to analyze and synthesize; outstanding grasp of subject matter; evidence of extensive knowledge base		
B+ B B-	77 – 79 73 – 76 70 – 72	3.30 3.00 2.70	Good	Evidence of grasp of subject matter, some evidence of critical capacity and analytical ability; reasonable understanding of relevant issues; evidence of familiarity with the literature.		
C+ C C-	65 – 69 60 – 64 55 – 59	2.30 2.00 1.70	Satisfactory	Evidence of some understanding of the subject matter; ability to develop solutions to simple problems; benefiting from their university experience.		
D	50 – 54	1.00	Marginal Pass	Evidence of minimally acceptable familiarity with subject matter; critical and analytical skills (except in programs where a higher minimum grade is required).		
FM		0.00	Marginal Failure	Available only for Engineering, Health and Commerce.		
F	0 – 49	0.00	Inadequate	Insufficient evidence of understanding of the subject matter; weakness in critical and analytical skills; limited or irrelevant use of the literature.		
INC		0.00	Incomplete			
W		Neutral and no credit obtained	Withdrew after deadline			
ILL		Neutral and no credit obtained	Compassionate reasons, illness			
Р		Neutral	Pass			
TR		Neutral	Transfer credit on admission			
Pending	3	Neutral	Grade not reported			
MT		Neutral	Not graded; part of a multi-term course	The grade assigned temporarily within a single academic year until all requirements of the multi-term course are complete. The final grade obtained in the multi-term course will replace the MT grade in each term		
CR		Neutral	GPA neutral grading opti due to extenuating circumstances	on Credit obtained (requires a minimum passing grade in the course)		
NCR		Neutral	GPA neutral grading opti due to extenuating circumstances	on No credit obtained		

#### ILL (Neutral): Compassionate Reasons and/or Illnesses

A grade of ILL should be reported if the student has provided the instructor with an appropriate certificate from a physician. The instructor should not normally accept such certificates after a lapse of more than one week from the examination or assignment completion date. For exceptional circumstances other than illness, appropriate documentation, depending on the situation, should be required.

ILL is neutral for GPA purposes and credit does not accrue. ILL may be either a final grade, or an interim grade in cases where completion of requirements is anticipated. For credit to be obtained, a passing grade must subsequently be supplied to the Registrar's Office (see submission dates below).

#### INC (0.00 grade point value): Incomplete

This grade should be reported only when special circumstances, such as the death of a close relative, makes it impossible for the student to complete their work. A student who is simply late with their work should be reported as "F", not as INC. Incomplete work in a class must be completed, marked and a grade supplied to the Registrar's Office by the dates specified below.

The Registrar's Office is not permitted to accept a late clearance of INC or late grade changes other than those due to errors. If there are exceptional circumstances, a recommendation should be forwarded to the appropriate Assistant Dean or Director of school/college.

Unless INC is changed to a higher grade, it counts in the GPA and has a grade point value of 0 — it is a failing grade.

#### **Deadlines for Submission of Revised Grade to Replace an ILL or INC:**

•	Fall Term Classes	February 1
•	Winter Term Classes	June 1
•	May – June Classes	August 1
•	May – August Classes	October 1
•	July – August Classes	October 1
•	Regular Term Classes	June 1

A grade of INC will be recorded by the Registrar's Office after these deadlines where no other grade is reported or where an unofficial grade is reported.

#### FM (0.00 grade point value): Marginal Failure

This assignable grade is available in the faculties of Engineering, Health and the School of Business.

#### IP (neutral) In Progress

This grade is not available for courses at the undergraduate level. It is used only for these at the Master's and Doctoral levels, for certain Health courses which are ongoing (e.g., IPHE 4900), and for certain graduate courses that constitute an ongoing project.

#### W (neutral): Withdrew After the Deadline

A voluntary withdrawal is processed only when initiated by the student. A grade of "W" will be displayed on the academic record.

#### TR (neutral)

This is a transfer credit on admission.

#### Pending (neutral)

This grade is assigned by the Registrar's Office when there is another process underway in relation to the course.

#### MT (neutral): Multi-Term

This grade will be replaced with a final grade once all parts/requirements of the multi-term course have been completed.

#### **CR** (neutral) Credit

The grade is used only when a student has obtained a minimum passing grade in the course, but due to extenuating circumstances, has not obtained the grade they may have otherwise. The student receives credit for the course, but the GPA is not impacted by a low passing grade.

#### NCR (neutral) No Credit

This grade is used only when a student has failed or not been as successful in a course as expected because of extenuating circumstances. The student does not receive credit for the course, and the GPA is not impacted by a low or failing grade.



## **Waiver of Regulations**

#### **Undergraduate Programs**

#### **University Regulations**

University regulations may not be waived by the Registrar's Office or Dean's Office and students must follow the appeal processes described in the relevant section of the Academic Calendar (dal.ca/academiccalendar).

#### **Academic Regulations**

Academic regulations may be waived by the Registrar's Office with the support of the Dean of the relevant Faculty or their designate. Students must complete a Waiver of an Academic Regulation form through Dal Online, providing relevant information regarding their request. The submission will be reviewed by the Dean's designate and the Coordinator, Academic Records before being approved for processing. Students can track the progress of an academic waiver through Dal Online. Please contact <a href="mailto:ro.records@dal.ca">ro.records@dal.ca</a> if you have any questions about the academic waiver process.

#### **Faculty Regulations**

The Dean or designate may waive Faculty regulations and notify the Registrar's Office by submitting a Waiver of an Academic Regulation form (dal.ca/appeals).

#### **Departmental Regulations Waiver**

Departmental regulations, such as the requirement for the completion of a particular course in a major, may be waived by the appropriate school/ department. When approval is granted to the student, the Registrar's Office should be notified by submitting a Waiver of a Departmental Requirements form. If the department administrator has run out of copies, please contact the Registrar's Office. Alternatively, email the details of the waiver to <a href="majority:degree-audit@dal.ca">degree-audit@dal.ca</a> to have the student's Degree Audit updated.

#### **Faculty of Agriculture**

As of September 2013 all students enrolled in the Faculty of Agriculture follow the aligned academic regulations as described in the calendar (dal.ca/academiccalendar). Students who feel a new regulation disadvantages them, and who started their program of study under the former NSAC calendar, may request a waiver to be considered under the former regulation.

## **Academic Standing**

Students' academic standing is normally assessed at the end of each academic term, including the summer term.

Fall Term
 Winter Term
 Summer Term
 First week in January
 First week of May
 Last week in August

#### **Good Standing**

Students who meet the required cumulative GPA of 2.00 are considered to be in good academic standing for all faculties except Dentistry, Law, Medicine, Bachelor of Science (Nursing) and Graduate Studies.

#### **Probation**

Students with a cumulative GPA of less than 2.00 and greater than or equal to 1.70 who have completed at least 24 credit hours will be placed on academic probation.

Students are eligible to continue to register at Dalhousie while on probation provided they satisfy the grade point average requirements outlined in Section 19 of the Academic Regulations (dal.ca/academiccalendar under "Academic Regulations").

Bachelor of Science (Nursing) Degree Program (Admitted in Sept 2016 or later) students with a cumulative GPA of less than 2.29 and greater than or equal to 1.7 who have completed at least 24 credit hours will be placed on academic probation.

#### **Academic Dismissal**

Students with a cumulative GPA of less than 1.70 who have completed at least four full credits will be academically dismissed for a 12-month period. Students on probation who do not achieve a term GPA of 2.00 or greater will be academically dismissed for a 12-month period.

Students must be in good standing to take a class at another institution for credit at Dalhousie. A Letter of Permission will not be issued to a student on probation or who has been academically dismissed.

Bachelor of Science (Nursing) students on probation are allowed to continue to register provided their term GPA is at least 2.30. Students who are on probation who do not achieve a term GPA of 2.30 will be academically dismissed. If a student is readmitted, failure in any course (including non-nursing courses, core nursing courses including clinical practical and electives) will result in dismissal from the Nursing program.

BEng and DipEng students will no longer be dismissed for failing the same course more than once. Senate approved the removal of the double failure dismissal regulations for the Faculty of Engineering effective as of the 2024/2025 academic year

Students in any undergraduate degree program offered by the Faculty of Computer Science where the first major is Computer Science or Applied Computer Science, who receive a grade lower than C in a 1000 or 2000 level core CSCI course two times, will be dismissed. After meeting with Faculty of Computer Science undergrad advisors, they may be allowed a third attempt at the course before being dismissed.

Faculty of Computer Science students who have been dismissed and who have been required to withdraw from the university for one term or more, may be readmitted to a program in the Faculty of Computer Science only once.

BComm (Co-op) student who fail the same required course twice will be dismissed or who fail their second attempt at the same work term course will be dismissed.

#### Dean's List

Full-time students pursuing a degree will be assessed for eligibility for the Dean's List at the end of each academic term. Students who take a minimum of nine credit hours in a term and achieve a term GPA of 3.70 will be placed on the Dean's List.

Part-time students will be considered once at the end of each academic year. For this purpose, a part-time student is one who takes at least nine credit hours during the academic year but less than nine credit hours in any one term in the academic year. The student must achieve a GPA of 3.70 in every term in the academic year.

The number of students placed on the Dean's List will normally not exceed 15% of the class. Students registered for full year courses (courses that run from September through April) will be considered for the Dean's List when full year course results are available. The notation "Dean's List" will appear on the transcript.

#### **Graduation with Distinction**

## Faculties of Agriculture, Architecture and Planning, Arts and Social Sciences, Computer Science, Engineering, Science and Management

A cumulative GPA of at least 3.70 is required to graduate with distinction. For the purpose of determining whether a student will graduate with distinction, all courses taken while registered in a level of study at Dalhousie, including courses taken on letter of permission, repeated courses, and courses for which non-passing grades were obtained, are included. At least half of the courses must be completed at Dalhousie. The notation "Distinction" will appear on the transcript.

For honours students, instead of Distinction, they are assessed for First Class Honours, which requires an Honours GPA, as calculated on the degree audit, of at least 3.70 and a qualifying exam result of at least A- or pass.

#### **Faculty of Health**

A cumulative GPA of at least 3.70 is required to graduate with Distinction from the Faculty of Health programs. For the purpose of determining whether a student will graduate with distinction:

- credits that are transferred into a degree program from other Dalhousie programs are included in final GPA calculations; and
- credits from programs outside Dalhousie taken prior to program entry are not used in final GPA calculations.

Credits taken on a Letter of Permission while in the program are used towards distinction calculations. At least half of the courses must be completed at Dalhousie. Students who have been on the Dean's List for three of the four years of the BSc Pharmacy program and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.70 or higher will graduate with Distinction.

#### **Sexton Distinction List**

Students pursuing a degree in the Faculties of Architecture and Planning, Computer Science, and Engineering who have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.85 upon graduation will be placed on the "Sexton Distinction List". The notation "Sexton Distinction" will appear on the transcript

### **Graduation**

The Dalhousie Senate meets twice (Spring and Fall) per year to award degrees. Lists from the faculties are to be submitted in advance by the pre-determined deadline via excel spreadsheet to graduation@dal.ca.

- Fall 2024 Submission Deadline October 4, 2024
- Senate Awards Degrees October 10, 2024
- Spring 2024 Submission Deadline May TBD
- Senate Awards Degrees May TBD

Any late submissions are only to be e-mailed to <a href="mailed tograduation@dal.ca">graduation@dal.ca</a>. The Registrar's Office will review the submission and be responsible for putting forward the late names to senate.

#### Deadline for submission of Letter of Permission grades for graduation:

- Fall 2024 August 31, 2024
- Spring 2024 April 31, 2025

#### Deadline for academic record changes including changes of grades, departmental waivers, etc.

- Fall 2024 September 30, 2024
- Spring 2024 May 10, 2025

Questions regarding this process can be sent to graduation@dal.ca.



### **Convocation Ceremonies**

Dalhousie University hosts two Convocation seasons each year (Spring and Fall) to confer degrees and diplomas to graduating students. The planning for these University events is the responsibility of the Registrar's Office.

The schedule of Convocation dates is posted online within one month following the deadline to apply to graduate. Visit the <u>Convocation Website</u> for information about ceremony dates, guest invitations, academic dress and more.

#### **Convocation Vision**

To offer a meaningful, memorable, and inclusive capstone celebration, marking the transition from students to alumni, infused with a tone of pride and possibility.

#### **Convocation Mission**

To confer degrees upon graduating students and celebrate their academic accomplishments with family, friends, and supporters.

#### **Convocation Guiding Principles and Values**

Convocation celebrations should:

- Be meaningful, memorable, and celebratory for graduates and guests.
- Acknowledge tradition as balanced against ever-evolving traditions and values.
- Be inclusive of our diverse community.
- Be intimate and personalized, with a particular eye to the distinctiveness of each Faculty.
- Set best practice, and endeavor to exceed the experience at peer institutions.

#### How faculty and staff can celebrate with graduates:

- Volunteer to be a marshal during the ceremonies Marshals play multiple roles during the
  ceremonies supporting graduates as they line up, distributing name cards, ensuring graduates are
  lined up appropriately, assisting with late graduates, and leading graduates into the auditorium and
  overseeing the flow of graduates through the ceremony.
- **Join the academic procession** Show your support of graduates by joining the academic procession and sitting onstage. You are not required to RSVP in advance, but you do need to reserve academic dress if you do not own your regalia. Watch for an email in the weeks before Convocation for a *Memo to the Dalhousie Community* that will have reservation information.
- Mingle during graduate line-up As an integral part of the student experience, graduates welcome the opportunity to engage with faculty and staff members who helped them on their academic journey. Greet and congratulate graduates in the graduate lineup area on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Dalhousie Arts Centre before joining the academic procession in the coat check area on the main floor of the Arts Centre a half hour before the ceremony begins.

- Act as a Greeter and Wayfinder Greet and direct graduates and guests upon arrival and answer any questions they may have about the venue, invitations, academic dress, and other details pertaining to Convocation Day. Answers to frequently asked questions will be provided.
- Support the distribution of parchments Volunteering for parchment distribution means that you will be interacting with students at the very moment they receive their parchments, which is the culmination of their hard work and dedication. This moment will have a lasting impact on graduates and is an opportunity for you to be part of their celebration! As such, we aim to strike a balance between achieving a high degree of accuracy in distributing legal documents, while also presenting a congratulatory face to graduates.



### **Additional Resources**

#### **Academic Support**

#### **GPA Calculator**

#### **Student Success**

- Halifax (902) 494-3077
- <u>Truro</u> (902) 893-6672

#### **Accessibility**

- <u>Halifax</u> (902) 494-2836
- Truro (902) 893-6672

### Career Planning & Preparation

#### **Career Information**

- Halifax career.services@dal.ca (902) 494-3537
- Truro careerac@dal.ca (902) 893-6672

### **Housing**

#### Residence

- Halifax (902) 494-1054
- <u>Truro</u> (902) 893-7519

#### **Community Connections**

#### **Campus Communities**

#### **Black Student Advising Centre**

- Halifax (902) 494-2210
- <u>Truro</u> (902) 893-6672

#### LGBTQ2SIA+ Collaborative

#### Food & Retail

#### Bookstore

- <u>bookstore@dal.ca</u>**Halifax:** (902) 494-2460
- Truro: (902) 893-6728

#### Libraries

#### **Study Skills & Tutoring**

- Halifax (902) 494-3077
- <u>Truro</u> (902) 893-6672

#### Registrar's Office

- Halifax (902) 494-2450
- <u>Truro</u> (902) 494-2450

#### **On Campus Employment**

MyCareer

#### **Off-Campus Living**

#### **Indigenous Student Centre**

- Halifax (902) 494-8863
- Truro (902) 896-4486

#### Multifaith Services (Halifax)

multifaith@dal.ca
 (902) 494-2287

#### **DalCard**

#### **DSU Food Bank (Halifax)**

• (902) 494-1106

#### **On Track Program**

#### **Writing Centre**

- <u>Halifax</u> (902) 494-1963
- <u>Truro</u> (902) 893-6672

#### **International Centre**

- <u>Halifax</u> (902) 494-1506
- Truro (902) 893-6905

## South House Sexual & Gender Resource Centre (Halifax)

outreach@southhousehalifax.ca (902) 494-2432

#### **Food Services**

- Halifax
- Truro

#### Loaded Ladle (Halifax)

#### **DSU Market (Halifax)**

#### info@loadedladle.com (902) 494-6662

#### **Health & Wellness**

#### **Student Health and Wellness**

- Halifax (902) 494-2171
- Truro ssdalac@dal.ca (902) 893-6369

#### **PRO Social**

#### **Fitness and Recreation**

- **Dalplex** (Halifax) dalplexinfo@dal.ca (902) 494-3357
- Sexton Gym (Halifax) dalplexinfo@dal.ca (902) 494-6053
- Truro (902) 893-6660

#### **Health Insurance Plan(s)**

- Halifax (902) 494-2850
- Truro (902) 893-4904

#### **Money Matters**

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#### Registrar's Office

- Halifax (902) 494-2450
- Truro (902) 494-2450

#### **Student Accounts**

#### **Fee Calculator**

### **Getting Involved on Campus**

#### **Get Involved**

### Dalhousie's Co-Curricular Record (CCR)

#### **Leadership Programs**

SAIL Program (Truro)

#### **Dalhousie Rams**

#### **Dalhousie Tigers**

#### **Intramurals**

#### Sports Clubs & Intramurals (Halifax)

#### **Intramurals and Fitness Classes**

#### (Truro)

#### **Societies**

#### **Student Events**

#### Ways to Get Involved

#### **Dal After Dark**

#### Safety & Respect

#### **Human Rights & Equity Services**

hres@dal.ca (902) 494-6672

#### Dal Safe App

#### **Dal Alert**

#### **Security Services**

- Halifax (902) 494-6400 (General) (902) 494-4109 (Emergency)
- Truro (902) 893-4190 (General) (902) 893-6369 (Emergency)

#### **Getting Home Safely**

- Dal Safe (Halifax)
- Safewalk Service (Truro) (902) 893-4190

### **Dalhousie Medical Campus**

**Response Team** 

#### **Solving Problems**

#### **Student Conduct Office**

(902) 494-4140

#### **Ombudsperson**

(902) 494-2665

#### **DSU Student Advocacy Service** (DSAS)

(902) 494-2205

#### **Equity and Accessibility Office**

dsuequity@dal.ca

#### Social Worker (Halifax)

(902) 494-6351