

Senate
via Zoom audio conference
WEDNESDAY, January 12, 2022
1:30 p.m.

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

II MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE

7. **Revisions to 2021 – 2022 Academic Schedule RE: Master of Occupational Therapy, College of Rehabilitation Sciences**

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FROM: Jeff Adams, University Registrar and Executive Director, Enrolment Services

DATE: January 10, 2022

Subject: 2021-22 Academic Schedule Changes – College of Rehabilitation Sciences

The Master of Occupational Therapy program follows an irregular schedule. As a result of some delays from the UMFA strike there is a need to modify the 2021-22 academic schedule. The details of the changes are outlined in the accompanying proposal.

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FROM: Reg Urbanowski, Dean, College of Rehabilitation Sciences

DATE: January 10, 2022

SUBJECT: 2021-2022 Academic Schedule Changes – MOT Program

Dear Jeff,

Please consider the attached changes to the 2021-2022 Academic Schedule for the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) program.

The MOT is an accredited two-year entry-to-practice lock-step professional program that requires students to complete 1000 hours in the field. There are 50 students in Year 1 and 50 students in Year 2. All the requested changes to the academic schedule are due to the strike.

Changes for students currently enrolled in Year 1 (2023 Grads):

MOT 1 students were not able to complete Basic Fieldwork (Nov 22-Dec 17/21) in the 2021 Fall Term due to the strike. Fall Term academic courses were interrupted during the strike and must be completed prior to going into the field. Therefore, the academic block was extended until December 17/21 and students could not proceed into Basic Fieldwork. Fieldwork placements are typically offered at specific times during the academic year. These times are negotiated with the occupational therapy clinical community. The next fieldwork block for Year 1 students is 2022 Summer Term (May-June).

The proposed change compresses two fieldwork courses into 2022 Summer Term: Basic Fieldwork (May 9-27/22) and Intermediate Fieldwork 1 (May 30-July 1/22). Normally, only Intermediate Fieldwork 1 would occur in Summer Term. Basic Fieldwork is typically 4 weeks; we are proposing that it be compressed into 3 weeks. Intermediate Fieldwork 1 is typically 8 weeks; we are proposing that it be compressed into 5 weeks. The weeks lost in fieldwork will be made up in Year 2 of the MOT program and will have implications for the 2022-23 academic schedule that will be presented in a separate request.

Offering Year 1 students two placements in the 2022 Summer Term (May-June) will provide students with two different clinical experiences prior to commencing Year 2 academics in 2022 Fall Term. Students would typically enter Year 2 with two fieldwork experiences. Having experience in the field adds to the students' understanding and integration of the Year 2 academic courses. Typically, MOT 1 students have July and August off to work and earn money for the subsequent academic year. Year 1 students have asked that their summer break be maintained. We also have Year 2 students in the field in July and August and cannot support having both Year 1 and Year 2 students in fieldwork at the same time. Offering Year 1 students two placements in the 2022 Summer Term (May-June) will also avoid students completing two fieldwork placements at the end of their final year which would further delay their convocation.

Changes for students currently enrolled in Year 2 (2022 Grads):

Due to the strike, MOT2 students will complete their Fall Term on January 14, 2022 and start the Winter Term in Intermediate Fieldwork 2 on January 17th until March 4, 2022 (7 weeks). This fieldwork placement is typically 8 weeks. This placement will now extend into the MOT Winter Term Break (February 28 to March 4), resulting in the loss of the 2022 Winter Term Break. We have consulted with MOT2 students regarding the loss of the break, and they agreed with this plan. In addition, they will lose 1 week of fieldwork that will be added to Advanced Fieldwork in 2022 Summer Term.

Typically, Advanced Fieldwork is 6 weeks, but a week was added due to time lost during Basic Fieldwork in the 2020 Fall Term during the pandemic. Advanced Fieldwork will now be 8 weeks for this cohort and will be offered between June 27 and September 30, 2022. We have added two weeks to the Summer Term, but we are hoping this will not delay graduation for this cohort which is planned for October 27, 2022. However, the program will be delayed in finalizing the 2022 graduate list for Senate approval on October 6, 2022. We can report the final status of the 2022 graduate list for the MOT program by October 3, 2022.

Please let us know if you require any additional information.

Yours truly,
Reg

Master of Occupational Therapy Program

2021-2022 Academic Schedule – Proposed Changes

2021-2022	Current	Proposed Changes
Year 1 (2023 Grads):		
Mandatory Orientation Dates	August 23-24/21	no change
Fall Term Classes	August 25-November 19/21	August 25- December 15/21
Basic Fieldwork	November 22-December 17/21	May 9-May 27/22
Winter Term Classes	January 5-May 6/22	no change
Intermediate Fieldwork 1	May 9-June 30/22	May 30-July 1/22
Year 2 (2022 Grads):		
Mandatory Orientation Dates	August 23/21	no change
Fall Term Classes	August 24-December 17/21	August 24/21- January 14/22
Intermediate Fieldwork 2	January 3-February 25/22	January 17-March 4/22
Winter Term Classes	March 7-June 24/22	no change
Advanced Fieldwork	June 27-September 16/22	Flexible start and ends dates between June 27- September 30/22
Fall Term Break	October 12-15/21	no change
Winter Term Break (Year 1 only)	February 28-March 4/22	no change
Convocation Date	November 10, 2021	no change

Change in fieldwork course duration highlighted below

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Year 1 (2023 Grads):				
Mandatory Orientation Dates	August 23-24/21		no change	
Fall Term Classes	August 25-November 19/21		August 25- December 15/21	
Basic Fieldwork	November 22-December 17/21	4 weeks	May 9-May 27/22	3 weeks
Winter Term Classes	January 5-May 6/22		no change	
Intermediate Fieldwork 1	May 9-June 30/22	8 weeks	May 30-July 1/22	5 weeks
Year 2 (2022 Grads):				
Mandatory Orientation Dates	August 23/21		no change	
Fall Term Classes	August 24-December 17/21		August 24/21- January 14/22	
Intermediate Fieldwork 2	January 3-February 25/22	8 weeks	January 17-March 4/22	7 weeks
Winter Term Classes	March 7-June 24/22		no change	
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