

Dear UTM summer students,

Welcome to the summer term at the University of Toronto Mississauga. As we embark on a new academic semester, we are all learning to adapt day-by-day to the changing realities caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these challenging times, U of T remains committed to providing you with the best possible student experience while keeping your health and safety foremost in our minds.

As you know, as a result of the pandemic, all first-term summer courses for May and June will be offered online only. This is necessary to ensure we abide by physical distancing measures required by the provincial State of Emergency. All campus buildings as well as fields and outdoor recreation areas will remain closed. (We will make a decision on program delivery for second-term July and August summer courses in the coming weeks.)

Our faculty, librarians and staff are working hard to ensure that you have access to resources, services and programs to make your term a success.

The [Office of the Registrar](#) is available to support you during office hours over the telephone and online. On their website, you will find the [summer registration guide](#), and information on how to book an [academic or financial advising appointment](#), among other services.

While the [Library](#) remains closed to in-person visits, our [liaison librarians](#) will assist you with online resources. On the [Learn Anywhere](#) site, you'll find tips, tools and strategies to help with online learning. The [UTM Bookstore](#), while physically closed, is able to provide digital and print course materials through its website.

In addition, a broad range of student service programs extend well beyond the online classroom. Student service [virtual programs](#) include Career Centre programming, health and counselling services, drop-in workshops, fitness classes and many other extracurricular sessions.

Learning remotely can present unique challenges for any student, so please keep in touch with your course instructors through Quercus or in any other method outlined in your syllabus. And our instructional technology staff will help you with [computing and connectivity](#) issues.

Finally, please bookmark [U of T's FAQ page](#) and [UTM's COVID information page](#) for updates related to U of T's response to the pandemic. Plans for the fall semester are already under way, and you will be hearing more about these developments in the coming weeks.

Let me close by wishing you a safe and successful summer term at U of T Mississauga. Thank you for your patience, forbearance and hard work during these challenging times. I look forward to joining you back on campus when circumstances permit.

Best wishes,

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