



## Important information on your courses this Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 at OISE

Greetings!

We are delighted to welcome you at OISE for the coming academic year and we are committed to make your academic journey as seamless as possible in the context of the global pandemic that affects all of us. As we prepare for the Fall and Winter semesters, we are now setting up a mix of courses that you can attend remotely through a variety of state-of-the-art teaching and learning modalities.

The University of Toronto is committed to open the possibility for all newly admitted students to start their program whether they are in Toronto or not. Therefore, there will be the possibility to enrol in courses that will be offered remotely.

At OISE, course instructors are currently making decisions on the delivering mode of their courses for the Fall-Winter 2020-2021 academic year, and information will be posted on July 2 for each course at the time of opening of the course registration system.

Some courses may be offered fully online as [Asynchronous](#) courses without a common scheduled time for all students, whereby students may complete modules or assignments individually.

We expect that most OISE courses may be offered as [Online Synchronous](#) courses requiring online attendance at a specific time as well as other class assignments which can be completed at some other times.

A small number of courses may be offered [In-Person](#). These courses will offer the possibility for a small group of students to enrol for the whole semester into in-class activities respecting social distancing, with the possibility that the majority of students will be attending the same course online.

Students who start a course online in the Fall and Winter semesters will be allowed to complete that course online even if circumstances evolve over the Fall so that in-person learning becomes more viable. Some instructors may organise some optional in-class activities for a one-time only occasion depending on the capacity or willingness of students to attend in-person, while still respecting public health rules, health safety and social distancing.

Students enrolled in a program which requires the completion of a practicum, internship or placement will find information on the modalities to complete them, either in-person or online, in the course schedule which will be published online on July 2.

We are now preparing for a progressive restart of in-person research activities when conditions become favorable. We are looking forward to be able to welcome you on campus as soon as public regulations will allow for larger gathering of students to attend academic and social activities while ensuring your health safety is secured through appropriate preventive measures.

If you are an international student admitted to a graduate program at OISE in the Fall 2020 Semester, you may have the possibility to move to Toronto if, and only if, public health regulations allow for international travel (in which case a 14-day quarantine may apply upon your arrival). However, you can begin your program through online courses outside Canada, even if your study permit, temporary resident visa or electronic travel authorization have not yet been processed. For more information regarding visas, travel recommendations, accommodation, etc., please visit the UofT

Website: <https://www.viceprovoststudents.utoronto.ca/covid-19/#International>.

*This message has been sent to all incoming students by the Office of the Registrar and Student Services on behalf of Normand Labrie, Associate Dean Programs.*

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