

A message from Carol Altilia

Provost and Vice President, Academic



Key updates for Spring/Summer 2021 delivery and Convocation

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Dear colleagues,

Thank you for your dedication and hard work over the past several weeks to launch our winter 2021 semester. By modelling perseverance, ingenuity and empathy, you are helping our learners feel supported and engaged in their studies.

I'm writing today with several important updates about our plans for the spring/summer 2021 semester, and spring Convocation.

Spring/summer 2021 dates and program delivery

To allow adequate time to plan an engaging and innovative learning experience in the face of our changing environment, the spring/summer semester will **begin on May 17, 2021**. It will run for 13 weeks, ending on **August 20, 2021**. Reading Week will remain as June 28 to July 2, 2021. Please visit the full [Academic Calendar](#) for more important dates.

Earlier this month, we notified our community that we anticipate that most of our programs will continue to be offered remotely during the spring/summer 2021 semester. **Tomorrow, we will be notifying all current students of their confirmed program delivery mode for the upcoming term.** Applicants will be notified later in the week. This information will be posted to [myOTR](#).

These decisions reflect careful consideration by Sheridan's academic planning teams and respond to provincial and regional public health guidelines to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Spring 2021 Convocation

In keeping with the provincial restrictions in place for large gatherings, and anticipating that these regulations will extend over the next several months as mass vaccination efforts begin later this year, we are planning for a virtual Convocation on **June 29**. Our dedicated cross-departmental Convocation team will no doubt once again deliver an engaging and meaningful virtual ceremony for our graduands and help them celebrate this extraordinary milestone with pride. We will communicate this decision to students who are eligible to graduate later this week and continue to post information for students to the [graduation page on myOTR](#).

Thank you for all that you do to uphold Sheridan's commitment to excellent academic quality and for supporting our students through continued uncertainty and change.

Sincerely,

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