

Nov. 19, 2017

Dear Georgian students,

All of us at Georgian – support staff, administrators and faculty – look forward to completing the semester with you starting Tuesday.

Your classes will resume according to your regular weekly timetable. The length of the strike requires that Georgian, along with the other 23 Ontario public colleges, must extend the fall semester into January and delay the start of the winter semester.

The new semester dates are as follows:

- Classes continue to Dec. 22.
- The holiday break for students is Saturday, Dec. 23 to Sunday, Jan. 7.
- Fall semester classes will resume Jan. 8.
- The fall semester will conclude Jan. 12.
- There will be no classes for most programs the week of Jan. 15 to 19 so faculty can mark and provide grades.
- The winter semester begins Jan. 22.
- Instead of winter Study Week, students will get two study days that will allow for four-day weekends:
 - Tuesday, Feb. 20
 - Thursday, March 29
- The winter semester will be extended by one week, concluding on April 27. There is no impact to the summer semester.

Many students I spoke with during the work stoppage expressed their concern about achieving their learning outcomes if the semester was too compressed. Our intent is to give students the opportunity to complete the semester and academic year, without compromising quality or creating unreasonable workloads. We will work with you on an individual basis to accommodate conflicting work and family commitments.

I want to acknowledge and thank members of our Georgian College Students' Association for their leadership, calm and diplomacy on behalf of all students during the strike. Their innovative efforts to help keep students informed was deeply appreciated.

I also thank you for your respect and co-operation and know I can count on that to continue as you return to your studies. Your faculty are ready to help you meet your academic goals.

Monday, your faculty will be on campus to prepare for your first class. They need this time to get ready for your return. I ask you to hold your questions so they have enough time to be able to think through and document for you how they plan to complete the semester. When you do return to class, you will find academic completion plans vary by course and program. Faculty will share with

you detailed information regarding course content, assignments, tests, exams and work experience. Individual needs and circumstances will be taken into consideration if you require support and accommodation. [Free and confidential counselling](#) is also available if you feel overwhelmed or wish to talk to someone.

I recognize this isn't the semester you imagined or planned for. I am confident with your continued patience and understanding that together we can successfully complete the academic year.

Sincerely,

MaryLynn West-Moynes
President and CEO