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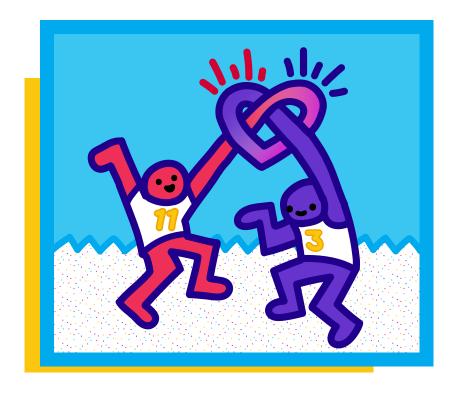
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# School of Graphic Communications Management

## Our Mission . . . . . . . . . . .

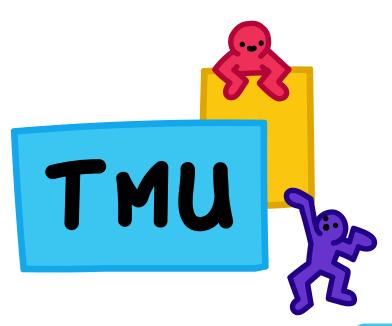
The goal of the School of Graphic Communications
Management is to graduate individuals who will become
effective professionals in the printing industries with a solid
foundation of education and technical training to enable them
to develop as professional managers.



# Toronto Metropolitan University Mission Statement

The special mission of Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU) is the advancement of applied knowledge and research to address societal needs, and the provision of programs of study that provide a balance between theory and application and that prepare students for careers in professional and quasi-professional fields.

As a leading center for applied education, TMU is recognized for the excellence of its teaching, the relevance of its curriculum, the success of its students in achieving their academic and career objectives, the quality of its scholarship, research and creative activity, and its commitment to accessibility, lifelong learning, and involvement in the broader community.



### **About The Creative School**

The Creative School attracts talented students from across the country and around the world to its programs in media, design, and fine arts. The Faculty includes the Schools of Creative Industries, Graphic Communications Management, Journalism, Fashion, Image Arts, Performance, Music, RTA School of Media, Interior Design, and Professional Communication. An intensive curriculum combines in-depth professional practice with theory and contextual studies, emphasizing experiential learning in and beyond the classroom.

Each of the Faculty's programs enjoys a strong reputation and provides much of the new talent for Canada's cultural and communications fields. Throughout your time here you'll have the opportunity to work with students from around the faculty, building a large and diverse network of friends and colleagues. The Creative School also hosts a number of Zone Learning (www.torontomu.ca/zone-learning/) opportunities, where you can gain hands-on experience building a business in media, design, tech, and fashion.

To learn more about The Creative School, head to **torontomu**. **ca/the-creative-school/** 

## Letter from the Chair of GCM



Dear Students,

On behalf of the School of Graphic Communications Management I would like to express how excited we are that you have chosen this program as part of your academic journey. GCM is a special

place, offering the only degree for management in graphic communications in Canada. More than just the excellent academics, we have an environment in which every student matters. Your aspirations, the lessons you learn, the projects you create and the many great accomplishments you will achieve during your time here are all part of GCM's decades of success — arguably the most important part.

As a graduate of the program myself, I remember how impactful my orientation was to my time at GCM. I was so nervous, and distinctly remember being overdressed (in fancy white pants after Labour Day). That day I met people who, 20 years later, continue to be my forever chosen family. At GCM you will find your people. People who care just as much as you do about stationary, beautiful packaging, magazines or the smell of a bookstore (to name a few GCM-isms). Together you will learn how to design, make and manage all things communications!

We cannot wait to see you fill the hallways of the Heidelberg Centre. Attending orientation is your first step toward an incredible four years. It really is the start of your career!

We hope you join us with an open mind and heart, ready to start becoming a future leader in our industry!

Warmly,

Natalia Lumby

Chair

# **Land Acknowledgment**



Toronto is in the 'Dish With One Spoon
Territory'. The Dish With One Spoon
is a treaty between the Anishinaabe,
Mississaugas and Haudenosaunee that
bound them to share the territory and
protect the land. Subsequent Indigenous
Nations and peoples, Europeans and all
newcomers have been invited into this
treaty in the spirit of peace,
friendship and respect.

## GCM's Statement of Inclusion

The School of Graphic Communications
Management supports a non-sexist, nontransphobic, non-homophobic, non-ableist
and non-racist environment and is committed
to upholding the values of equity, diversity
and inclusion. The School also supports
an inclusive learning environment where
diverse perspectives are recognized,
respected, and seen as a source of strength.



#### **Contact List**

For the complete list of current faculty, instructors, and contract lecturers, please visit: <a href="mailto:torontomu.ca/gcm/about/faculty-and-staff/">torontomu.ca/gcm/about/faculty-and-staff/</a>

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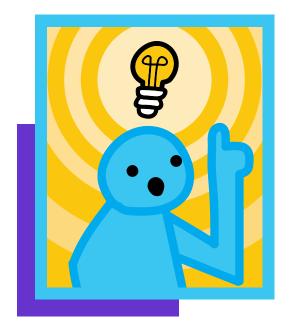
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#### **General Information**

Hello and welcome to GCM! This handbook is your guide for everything you need to know about starting the program.

The first thing you should do is check out the TMU Calendar (www.torontomu.ca/calendar/). It contains a lot of useful information, including significant dates (like when you need to pay your fees), course descriptions for when you're planning your year, and details about our various Concentrations and Minors.

To pay your tuition, enroll in courses, and view your class schedule, you'll use TMU's Administrative Management Self Service, known as MyServiceHub. You can login to MyServiceHub at <a href="my.torontomu.ca">my.torontomu.ca</a> (no "www") with your university username and password.

You can visit the TMU Current Students website for more information on academics, fees, scholarships, finances, services and supports: www.torontomu.ca/current-students/.

# A Note About Policies and Web Links

This Student Guide contains information from official TMU policies. If there is a difference between this guide and the policy available on the University's website, then the University policy supersedes this document.

Web links and other references were correct at the time of publishing. If you have any trouble with web links or references, please ask for help from the GCM office.

# Address Changes

Any changes to your personal information should be promptly communicated to the University. Use MyServiceHub to update your mailing address, telephone number and email: <a href="www.torontomu.ca/myservicehub-support/students/personal-information/">www.torontomu.ca/myservicehub-support/students/personal-information/</a>

# Email • • • • • • • • • • • •

You must set up and use a TMU email account to communicate with professors and staff. We won't answer emails from other personal accounts like Gmail or Outlook. You can easily activate your email account at <a href="www.torontomu.ca/accounts/">www.torontomu.ca/accounts/</a>. If you have any issues, see <a href="www.torontomu.ca/accounts/">www.torontomu.ca/accounts/</a>.

# Assignment Dropbox

GCM assignments submitted outside of class time should be deposited in the assignment drop box outside the GCM main office. If your instructor asks that assignments be submitted in a folder or envelope, make sure to use a **transparent one**. Assignments should not be handed to office staff or left on the office counter. All assignments should be clearly labeled with your name, student number, professor/instructor, class and section number.

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Need some storage on campus? You can sign up for a free locker in the GCM office! Try to do so in the first or second week of classes, as they fill up quickly. All lockers are located in Kerr Hall, a short walk from our building.

# Strategies for Success

# Attend Class Consistently • • • • •

Attending class is essential to keeping up with the course material and staying informed about assignments. Walking into a test you didn't know about is not a good feeling! Some instructors will also grade you on class attendance and engagement. Even if they don't, it's your job to create a class schedule you can commit to and prioritize your academic progress.

### Get to Know Your Instructors • • •

Your instructors want you to succeed. They want you to engage, ask questions and challenge assumptions. All instructors hold office hours where you can meet them one on one. If you're struggling with the class, reach out to them and they will gladly help you. They're also very connected in the printing industry, and can offer career advice and mentorship.

# Confirm Your Program Requirements

When registering for courses, especially liberal electives and open electives, make sure they meet your program degree requirements. There are two ways to do this: Using your academic advisement report on MyServiceHub, or by checking in with our Academic Coordinator. Stephanie Law is GCM's Academic Coordinator. Find her contact information in the contacts list a few pages back.

## **Use Learning Support Services**

TMU has many services to help you reach your academic and personal goals. Student Life & Learning Support offers workshops, tutoring, and peer supported learning groups to help you meet your academic and personal goals. The Writing Center is available to help you improve your academic writing skills, while the Library offers research help, study spaces, technology assistance, and more. Math Support will help you to develop your math skills through their math ready summer programs, one-to-one tutoring, course-specific group tutoring, and midterm and exam review.

Visit www.torontomu.ca/contact/student/#learn for a full list of university resources.

Visit <u>www.torontomu.ca/gcm/current-students/resources</u> for a list of resources curated for GCM students by fellow students and staff.

# Plan a Manageable Course Load

First year is often a time of adjustment, so make sure you don't take on more courses than you can handle. Most first years take five courses in the fall semester and six in the winter.

## Find Time to Relax • • • • • • •

Make sure you incorporate relaxation time into your schedule. Staying healthy is crucial to success at university. Setting aside time to spend with friends or pursue a hobby will make you happier, healthier, and more successful.

### Set Realistic Goals

Many students who were used to top grades in high school are surprised by the higher academic expectations at university. Don't be discouraged or frustrated if you don't get straight A's in your first year. Instead, focus on developing new learning strategies and you'll find your grades steadily improving. Aim to thoroughly learn the material, and good grades will follow.

# Learn to Study Effectively • • • • •

Are you a morning person or night owl? Do you like to study alone or with a group? At home or at school? Find out what works for you and stick to it!

Studying wisely is better than studying longer. Speak with your instructors to clarify their learning expectations, and work on finding that balance between knowing the smaller details and understanding the "big picture." Manage your time and follow a regular study schedule instead of cramming at the last minute, and ask for help when you're stuck.



# Toronto Metropolitan University Student Resources

Staying mentally and physically healthy are key for academic success. Key resources to help your wellbeing during your time at TMU include:

## Student Affairs

TMU's Student Affairs department supports your well being, personal and professional development, and community involvement through many programs including the Career Centre, Counseling Services and, yes, puppies! Visit www.torontomu.ca/studentaffairs/ for more information.

## Student Groups

Are you an avid gamer?
Maybe a musician? Or
do you want to get to
know more people in
your program or ethnic
community? TMU has
dozens of student groups
for whatever you want to
try. And if we don't have one
that meets your needs, it's
easy to start it on your own!
We'll detail GCM-specific
groups later in this guide,

but you can also check out a master list of groups on campus at the TMU Student Union's website: yourtmsu. ca/groups/student-groups/.

# Athletics and Recreation

Your gym membership is included in your tuition. TMU has two gyms: The Mattamy Athletic Center (MAC) at the historic Maple Leaf Gardens, and the TMU Athletic Center (RAC) in the guad. The facilities come with full service gyms, a running track, squash courts, basketball courts and more. You can work out by yourself, with a trainer or in a class, book a massage, and join an intramural team if there's a sport you enjoy! Head to www.torontomu.ca/ recreation/ for more info.

# Medical Centre and Health Promotion

TMU's Medical Centre is located on campus in Kerr Hall (KHW 181). The Center provides a wide range of medical services, including illness treatment, routine check-ups and exams, and reproductive health services.

For more information, visit www.torontomu.ca/student-wellbeing/medical-centre/ or call 416-979-5070.

TMU Health Promotion's website also provides resources and helpful info about physical and mental wellbeing: www.torontomu.ca/student-wellbeing/healthpromotion/.

# Student Development and Counselling

The Center for Student Development and Counseling offers a variety of confidential counseling services. Professional counselors may work with students one-to-one or in a group setting. Visit <a href="https://www.torontomu.ca/student-well-being/counselling/">www.torontomu.ca/student-well-being/counselling/</a>.

## Good Food Centre

The Good Food Centre provides hunger relief to those struggling financially. It's located in the basement (SCC B-03A) of the Student Campus Center at 55 Gould St. Connect with them via yourtmsu.ca/services/food/.

# Health and Dental Coverage

All full-time students pay into Health and Dental coverage through the TMU Students' Union. The plan also provides travel insurance. If you're already covered for these things, you can easily opt-out and get your money back. Find out how and read an overview of the plans at yourtmsu.ca/services/health/.

# Respecting the GCM Learning Environment

GCM is a big school with a small footprint! Respecting the environment of the HEI building is a responsibility we all share. Many people, not just GCM students, use this building on a daily basis. You'll often see university staff and industry professionals, who you may work for one day! You can do your part by:

Keeping noise to a minimum. If you want to hang out and be social, head to the Student Learning Centre's 6th floor. There's lots of space there to relax!

Avoiding messy food. TMU has multiple cafeterias and eating spaces including the HUB Cafeteria, the Ram in the Rye, the Quad, Lake Devo, Gould Street or many others.

Cleaning up after yourself. Garbage, and recycling should all be deposited in the nearest waste container. If you need assistance with a spill, please contact GCM office staff or one of the technicians to obtain tools to clean up mishaps.

## Project Rooms

If you need a workspace in the building, head to our Project Rooms on the second and third floors in HEI. Space is booked on a first come first serve basis, but you can reserve a spot via the signup sheet just outside the room.

# GCM Extra-Curricular Teams and Clubs

GCM supports several extracurricular student teams and clubs. For more information, visit: <a href="https://www.torontomu.ca/gcm/current-students/teams-clubs/">www.torontomu.ca/gcm/current-students/teams-clubs/</a>.



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## GCM School Council

The School Council is the academic decision-making body that reviews and approves curricular, operational and other changes affecting GCM. Membership includes students, faculty and staff. One student representative from each year will sit on the Council. Student representatives are elected by the students in each year of the GCM program.

# GCM Course Union

The Course Union represents GCM students within TMU. The student-led executive and class reps organize social activities, trips,

intramural athletic teams and academic events. The course union is also a good liaison between you, the student union, faculty and university administration. Find them on Facebook, Instagram

@GCMCU, LinkedIn or the GCMCU website.

# TMU Students' Union

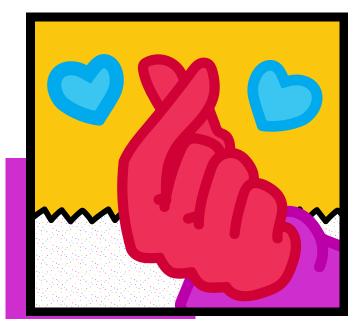
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# Society of The Creative School

Society of The Creative School is the first student-led umbrella society in a creative faculty in North America. The society represents all nine schools in The Creative School. The Society of The Creative School builds community, hosts conferences and competitions, and offers over extracurricular project funding for students in The Creative School Find them online at societyofthecreativeschool. ca



# First Year/Third Year Buddy System

You'll be assigned a third year buddy who will mentor you through the first year, helping you navigate the program and printing industry. The buddy list will be distributed in September, so don't hesitate to reach out to yours when you get their name and contact info!

# GCM Ambassador Program

The Ambassadors Program offers students the chance to become representatives of the Graphic Communications Management program at their former high schools. As ambassadors, students not only have the opportunity to earn up to 10 CC points annually for their active participation but also play a crucial role in fostering community within GCM.

Ambassadors are actively involved in supporting various events such as our Open House, the Ontario Universities Fair, and more. This program is designed not only to recognize student leadership but also to create opportunities for students to connect with each other, share experiences, and contribute to the vibrant GCM community.

Join us in building lasting connections and making a positive impact on our program and beyond!
Reach out to our Programs and Outreach Coordinator, Hirra Farooqi, at <a href="https://hirro.com/hir

#### **Events**

## Industry Trade Shows

We strongly advise that you attend local printing industry trade shows like Print World and Graphics Canada. There you'll see first hand what companies across the country are doing. Attending might be included in a class assignment, so you'll not only be building your career network, but getting credit for it!

## Colloquium

Our annual Colloquium is an event for you to get to know GCM alumni, industry reps and school partners, many of whom work where you might want to be someday. The night includes discussions on industry trends and open networking opportunities. Colloquium generally happens in the winter semester.

### Career Fair

This is exactly what it sounds like. Our Career Fair is for 3rd and 4th year students

looking for internships and full-time work. These students will get the chance to interview directly with some of the top companies in the graphic communications and printing industry in Canada.

# Volunteering at School Events

Many of our events are run and supported by student volunteers. If you're interested in helping put together amazing events like Awards Night, Grad Formal or the ones above, keep an eye open for our email call outs!

# Curriculum, Course Selection and Withdrawal

As mentioned, you enroll in, swap and drop your courses through MyServiceHub. Make sure you're planning your semesters well in advance and keep an eye on your email for course intention announcements and final selection days.

Students should connect with their Academic Coordinator, Stephanie Law, before dropping any core GCM course. Whether you're planning your schedule or thinking about dropping an elective course, it's still a good idea to speak with the Academic Coordinator. You can reach Stephanie Law, Academic Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:stephanie.law@torontomu.ca">stephanie.law@torontomu.ca</a> or 416-979-5000 ext. 544972 You can also just come into the GCM Office and book an appointment. They are here to make sure you stay on the right track.

If you're thinking of withdrawing from the program, you must meet with our Chair, Natalia Lumby beforehand. Please refer to the TMU calendar for withdrawal deadlines (www.torontomu.ca/current-students/course-enrolment/drops-withdrawals/drop-course/) and make your appointment with the Chair well in advance of that day. You can apply for a permanent withdrawal via MyServiceHub: www.torontomu.ca/current-students/course-enrolment/drops-withdrawals/permanent/

Students who do not officially withdraw from the program and do not attend classes are still financially and academically responsible to TMU.

# Timetable and Course Changes

After you enroll, you'll be able to see your class schedule on MyServiceHub. You must attend the class time and section specified on your schedule. If you want to swap your section for another time, but the section is full, you have three options: 1) Wait and hope a seat opens up on MyServiceHub or 2) Find someone to switch with you or 3) Speak with the professor/instructor to see if they would be able to accommodate an extra student.

If you're thinking of dropping a course, pay attention to TMU's Drop Dates: <a href="www.torontomu.ca/current-students/course-enrolment/drops-withdrawals/drop-course/">www.torontomu.ca/current-students/course-enrolment/drops-withdrawals/drop-course/</a>. Depending on when you drop, you might not be fully reimbursed and could be subject to academic penalty.

#### Fees

Make sure you watch the deadline to pay your tuition and fees, which is also found on TMU's Significant Dates calendar: <a href="https://www.torontomu.ca/calendar/2024-2025/dates/">https://www.torontomu.ca/calendar/2024-2025/dates/</a>. Paying fees late might cause them to rise. If you have any questions about or issues with your fees, visit the Office of the Registrar (ServiceHub) in the Podium Building at POD-150.

#### Minors

Minors are a great way to explore a field outside GCM. They're optional, and generally take six courses to complete. These courses will likely fill your elective slots each semester, but taking courses for a minor may also mean taking extra classes beyond what's needed for your Major. When pursuing a minor, it's up to you to make sure you're taking the right courses, then when you apply to graduate you'll be able to "declare" it on MyServiceHub. Please note students on academic probation will not be authorized to take extra courses to earn a minor.



TMU has over 50 minor options, in a wide range of fields, so you can choose what interests you. The most popular minors that GCM students pursue include:

- Communication and Design
- · Computer Science
- Disability Studies
- English
- Environment and Urban Sustainability Studies
- French
- Marketing
- Music
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- And many more!

For more information about minors, please refer to the minors Policy section of the TMU calendar at www.torontomu.ca/calendar/2024-2025/minors/.



### Concentrations

Concentrations within GCM are another way for you to customize your degree and learn specialized skills. Concentrations are optional, and give you a level of expertise beyond the core curriculum, setting you apart when you enter the workforce. For more information, visit the GCM Academics website:

www.torontomu.ca/gcm/current-students/academics/ We currently have 4 Concentrations to choose from:

#### **DIGITAL GRAPHIC OUTPUT:**

Get a competitive edge in the design world with deep and flexible knowledge of digital graphics, meaning you'll be ready to step into any creative role — working for an agency, client or as a freelancer.

#### **LEADERSHIP:**

Our variety of general and print-specific business courses, from managerial finance to finding market opportunities, will prepare you to lead a project team or start your own company.



#### **PACKAGING:**

Learn what it takes to make your products stand above the rest on the shelf, and gain experience with some of the cutting edge technologies in this ever-changing field.

#### **PUBLISHING:**

From print magazines to Ebooks, you'll gain a well-rounded view of today's publishing industry and gain unique skills needed to stand out as a graduate.

To view course requirements for each concentration, visit the TMU undergraduate calendar: www.torontomu.ca/calendar/2024-2025/programs/fcad/gcm/#!accordion-1595938920300-concentrations.

GRAPHIC OUTPUT	LEADERSHIP	PACKAGING	PUBLISHING	
Required (3): GCM 754 GCM 802 GCM 854	Required (3): ACC 406 ENT 601 FIN 300	Required (2): GCM 800 GCM 808	Required (2): GCM 720 GCM 722 GCM 802	
Plus three (3) of: GCM 765 GCM 804 GCM 806 GCM 810 GCM 840 GCM 850 GCM 852 GCM 858 GCM 860 GCM 871	Plus three (3) of: FIN 401 FIN 510 GCM 746 GCM 810 GCM 816 GCM 830 GCM 850 GCM 852 GCM 860 GCM 871	Plus three (4) of: GCM 740 GCM 746 GCM 750 GCM 804 GCM 810 GCM 822 GCM 824 GCM 826 GCM 854 GCM 856 GCM 871	Plus three (3) of: GCM 712 GCM 730 GCM 740 GCM 746 GCM 806 GCM 810 GCM 812 GCM 871	

#### **Labs and Lab Policies**

#### Labs

GCM has the following labs available for work and research:

- Packaging Lab (HEI 004)
- Press Lab (HEI 010)
- Binding and Finishing Lab (HEI 005)
- Multi Use Lab (HEI 304)
- Input and Output Labs (HEI 301 A/B)
- Premedia Mac Labs (HEI 302 & HEI 306)
- Instrumentation Lab (HEI 206)

The first four of these labs are regulated by instructors for special projects. The Premedia Computer Labs are independent and have their own set of guidelines.

### GCM Computer Labs

Our Computer Labs are located on the third floor, and can be used for independent work when a class isn't taking place. A lab schedule will be posted on the door and our website under "Student Resources"

at the beginning of each semester. Lab space is first come, first serve.

#### Lab Access

You must have your TMU
OneCard to enter these
labs. If you don't have
your OneCard yet, apply
online at <a href="https://www.torontomu.ca/university-business-services/onecard/">www.torontomu.ca/university-business-services/onecard/</a> and pick
it up in the OneCard Office
(JOR 02). Your first OneCard
is free, but replacing it will
come with a price.

#### Lab Rules

- 1. Entry by OneCard only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If your lab takes place outside these hours, your instructor will open the door for you. There are limited supervised open hours during and outside these times. When open hours occur after 6 p.m. or on weekends, the Lab Monitor will open the lab door for you.
- **2.** No food or drink in the labs. Spilled beverages

or crumbs could damage equipment, making it unavailable to other students and accumulating repair expenses. Please leave food and beverages in the shelves next to the door and pick them up when leaving.

- 3. Professionalism in the lab. The labs are intended for completion of assignments. Students are expected to work and interact quietly and avoid loud noises that may interfere with the work of others.
- 4. Entertainment software. Students are not to use lab computers for entertainment software including YouTube, Facebook, Netflix, TikTok, video games, and personal email. Not only is this distracting to others, but it unnecessarily ties up a computer that could be used for project work.
- 5. Monitoring and Privacy. Since the computers, software, and student home folders are property of TMU, computers and their usage may be

- subject to monitoring. Consequently, students are not guaranteed privacy when using these systems.
- 6. Toronto Metropolitan University's harassment policies require that you do not load any files that could be taken as being offensive to others. Keep this in mind if you are browsing or working on projects in the lab. This policy also covers desktop pictures. These issues are explained in the Student Code of Non-Academic Conduct (www.torontomu.ca/ calendar/2024-2025/ policies-and-procedures/ rights-conduct/codes-ofconduct/).

### Lab Etiquette

- Respect the rights of others in the lab.
- Do not knock, walk in, or otherwise disturb a lab that is in session.
- Do not customize the hardware or software in any lab.
- Use only the fonts and software supported by GCM.

- It is illegal to copy, load and remove any software without permission.
- Do not play games on lab computers.
- Use headphones when listening to music.
- Do not use lab computers for personal email.

### Quick Start Guide for Computers

All computers located in the Heidelberg building (HEI 008, 010, 100, 302, 304, 306) which are designated for student use have a system redesign, please note the changes below.

In order to use these computers in the Heidelberg building you must create and activate your TMU Online Identity

### New Login Process Using RUAD System

 Use my.torontomu. ca USERNAME & PASSWORD to gain access to GCM computers.

- Note that passwords are case sensitive.
- Ensure no extra spaces before or after your USERNAME or PASSWORD
- If your my.torontomu.ca login works, so should your login for GCM computers; if you are having issues with your account please use the following to address issues:
- Report problems with account activation.
- Report general problems with your account or the my.torontomu Portal
- Report problems with the my.torontomu portal.

### ThawSpace

The ThawSpace is a public shared folder that is ONLY accessible once you have logged into a GCM computer. The ThawSpace icon can be found on the Desktop.

- The ThawSpace is a public shared folder; please be aware of the following:
- Files will be deleted from the ThawSpace NIGHTLY

- ThawSpace is designed as a working/active file storage space when using applications
- Always backup your ThawSpace files to USB or Google Drive before logging out
- Always delete your ThawSpace files from the ThawSpace before logging out

### Visitors and Guests

The labs are for the use of students registered in GCM courses only. Visitors are accepted into lab sessions only with prior permission of the lab instructor. Visitors are not permitted during open lab hours.

### Enforcement of Lab Rules

Students who break the computer lab rules may be subject to disciplinary action. The type and severity of the discipline is governed by the severity of the infraction and any relevant university policies, including but not limited to policies on academic and non-academic conduct.

#### Printing

Your ancillary lab fees cover the printing of GCM lab-related projects and assignments only. All other printing is disallowed unless prior consent is obtained. The use of GCM printing for student group projects must be approved by the faculty advisor for the group. All other requests to use the printing equipment for non-GCM work should be made to the Chair

The colour printers are to be used as proofing devices only. Please do not use the colour printers to output the documentation for other papers or projects.

### File Storage and Backup

You have file storage space on the GCM file server, but we suggest you also use an external hard drive or USB stick to make sure you don't lose anything.

#### Lost and Found

Please label all personal tools and materials that you use in the labs. If you leave

something in the lab, check the lab access schedule and arrive to collect it when the next break occurs. Any items left in the lab are usually turned into the GCM office, where they are held securely for a limited period of time. Any items not picked up in a timely manner will be turned over to the lost and found in the security office at 285 Victoria Street. Note that lost USB drives may be with your lab instructor

Reporting
Hardware,
Software and
Equipment
Issues

Issues and concerns about any equipment or systems on the third floor can be emailed to: gcmtechhelp@torontomu.ca.

Issues with any of the equipment or systems in the basement should be reported to the technical staff.

If you accidentally break a piece of equipment while using it, please report it. We

know accidents happen and reporting it lets us fix the problem right away.

If you need to find another computer lab on campus, you can view a full list here: www.torontomu.ca/ccs/services/labsandprinting/labs/.

If you need to borrow a laptop, check out TMU's Media Services: <a href="https://www.torontomu.ca/ccs/services/mediaservices/">www.torontomu.ca/ccs/services/</a>



### Print, Instrumentation and Bindery Labs

### Housekeeping

Working with ink can get messy, and it's your responsibility to keep this workspace clean. Make use of the lab coats and cleaning supplies in the room. If you spill ink on the floor or test benches, please wipe it up immediately, or else it will stain the surface.

If you require additional instruction on how to maintain a clean and safe working environment, contact the Printing Processes Technician (HEI 02). If you observe any unsafe conditions in the printing processes or bindery and finishing lab,

immediately report them to the technician or your instructor.

#### Lab Access

Students may use the instrumentation & press, and binding & finishing labs if they are registered in a course which uses these labs. Outside of scheduled lab time and open hours, the lab doors will be locked. Open hours in labs are supervised by lab staff.

#### Lab access is available:

- During your own lab section's scheduled period
- During posted, supervised open hours

### **Emergency Situations**

In the event of a fire alarm or other evacuation notice, students are required to leave the building until it is safe to return. If you are working in the lab during Open Lab hours, do not wait for printouts, scans, etc. Remove yourself and your belongings until it is safe to return. The fire wardens for GCM are Scott Millward and M. Khaled Ahmed.

### **Completion of Assigned Work**

At the beginning of the semester, you'll be given a course outline, which will tell you everything you need to know about the class — assignment and test dates, required readings, weekly topics, etc. The outlines will be posted on D2L, TMU's learning management system, which you will find through my.torontomu.ca.

Assignments may have different submission guidelines based on the type of work (essay, digital project, etc). It's your responsibility to ensure your assignment is submitted properly on or before the due date. Many of your assignments will be submitted through D2L, in class, or through our Assignment Drop Box outside the GCM office.

Once you submit your assignment to the dropbox, it cannot be retrieved, so ensure that your assignment is complete when you hand it in. If work is not submitted on time, it will be dated and time stamped as late. Late assignments are subject to penalties as described on your course outline.

Some instructors may require a copy of written reports to be submitted to <u>Turnitin.com</u>, a plagiarism-prevention service. Refer to <u>www.torontomu.ca/academicintegrity/</u> for details.

For on-screen computer grading of lab assignments, the student must have their project completed, saved on removable media (e.g. USB) and available for loading and checking during their lab session in the week specified by the instructor. It is the responsibility of each student to retain back-up copies of all submitted material. When submitting a USB drive for marking, please ensure that the only files on the key are those to be marked.

### Attendance and Class Participation

Students are expected to attend all class lectures and assigned labs. The lectures are intended to provide instruction and the labs are where you get to practice what you've learned and work on assignments. Failure to attend class may not only result in missed information and opportunities to engage with classmates and instructors, but it may also result in lost marks. In some of your classes and labs, you may receive marks for attendance and participation. It's up to your instructor to decide how many marks, if any, are attributed to each, but this information will be included in your course outline.

### Group Work and Academic Integrity

### Group Work

Though some of your courses at GCM will incorporate some form of group work, no more than 30% of your final grade will result from work where you don't receive an individual assessment. It is up to your instructor to determine the total amount of group work in the course and the course syllabus will provide details about the amount of group work that's expected. Group work is an essential part of your educational experience, because many of your jobs will include it. However, it can present some unique issues. Instructors may require you to identify your individual contribution to these submissions or even rank your group members. It's your job to work out the problems within the group, but if it becomes too challenging, contact your instructor promptly for assistance.

By putting your name on a group project, you're accepting responsibility for the entire work. This means you know the content is original and meets academic integrity standards.

### Academic Misconduct

All students must thoroughly understand Academic Integrity, Misconduct and TMU's involved policy and how it can affect you. You can learn more at: <a href="https://www.torontomu.ca/academicintegrity/students/">www.torontomu.ca/academicintegrity/students/</a>

Academic misconduct, including plagiarism, is not tolerated. Professors, instructors, academic assistants, and staff in the department are required to report each incident of plagiarism and/or academic misconduct.

Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, copying, reproducing or paraphrasing from the work of a current or former student, from published or unpublished sources, including the internet, books, and periodicals, without proper credit. It also includes failure to cite sources in a report or other work. Knowingly aiding academic misconduct is in itself academic misconduct. This includes lending or offering for sale reports or other assignments with the intention that these works be copied and submitted for assessment. Further examples are described in the policy.

### Penalties • • • • • • • • • • • • •

Penalties for Academic Misconduct are described in the Undergraduate Course Calendar and on the Senate website. Pay close attention to Policy 60: Academic Integrity: <a href="www.torontomu.ca/senate/policies/academic-integrity-policy-60/">www.torontomu.ca/senate/policies/academic-integrity-policy-60/</a> and Policy 61: Student Code of Non-Academic Conduct: <a href="www.torontomu.ca/senate/policies/student-code-of-non-academic-conduct-policy-61/">www.torontomu.ca/senate/policies/student-code-of-non-academic-conduct-policy-61/</a>.

### Tips for Preventing Academic Misconduct in Group Work

The following suggestions are provided to help you avoid situations of academic misconduct when participating in group work.

- 1. Know your group members well. Expect high standards of them and yourself.
- 2. Accept responsibility and ownership for the content and quality of the entire work. Take pride in your work.
- 3. Begin the work early. Avoid procrastinating.
- 4. Participate fully in all planning, research, and rough work. Never copy directly from other sources, including other students' work, publications, books or websites, unless you properly cite the source.
- Insist that all group members keep all rough work, notes and lists of sources consulted. Do not throw out rough notes.
- 6. Avoid splitting and delegating large tasks without thorough follow-up as to the source of research, statements, diagrams, figures and quotations.
- 7. All members of the group should check or proofread the work of all other members. If the work of another member is questionable in source or quality, ask the person about it and ensure it is corrected.
- 8. Use the correct APA (or other approved) format for all quotations, citations, and references.
- Consult the <u>TMU Writing Center</u> or the instructor if you need help with correctly citing sources. There are also writing and style manuals in the library and the bookstore.
- 10. Complete and assemble the final work as a group.
- (I) Check the report, assignment, project, or work, in its final form before it is submitted. Ensure it is complete with footnotes or endnotes and references. Every member of the group should do this.

- 12. If you have concerns about the academic integrity of the work produced by any of your group members, discuss them with the person. If your concerns are not resolved, discuss them without delay with the instructor. This is to be well in advance of the due date, before the work is submitted or presented.
- 13. It is each student's responsibility to protect the integrity of their work. Do not leave your files or hard copies where others may access them. Ensure you LOG OFF! Any student providing their work to others may be guilty of plagiarism.



#### Non Academic Conduct



Please refer to Appendix A (page 60) in this document for the TMU Exam Policy and Procedures.

### Religious, Aboriginal, and Spiritual Observances

If you'll have religious, aboriginal, or spiritual observance obligations that will make you miss school, consult your instructor at the start of the semester, ideally within the first two weeks.

You can find additional details about doing this at <a href="www.torontomu.ca/senate/policies/accommodation-of-student-religious-aboriginal-and-spiritual-observance-policy-150/">www.torontomu.ca/senate/policies/accommodation-of-student-religious-aboriginal-and-spiritual-observance-policy-150/</a>.

### Academic Consideration: Medical Documentation

If you have justifiable medical grounds for missing an assignment, test or exam, you must notify your instructor in advance or as soon as reasonably possible, preferably by email. This will enable you and the instructor to make alternate arrangements for you to complete the required course work. Medical circumstances do not exempt students from completing course work.

Students are required to submit the TMU Health Certificate via the Senate online portal for Academic Consideration Requests (ACR) within 3 business days of the missed assignment, test, or final exam. Learn more at: <a href="www.torontomu.ca/senate/policies/academic-consideration-policy-167/">www.torontomu.ca/senate/policies/academic-consideration-policy-167/</a>.

The approved TMU Standard Health Certificate is available online here: **Student Health Certificate.pdf** 

### Academic Consideration: Compassionate Grounds

Compassionate grounds normally refers to unexpected or tragic circumstances beyond a student's control which affect their ability to complete academic work.

Similar to medical consideration, consult your instructor by email as soon as reasonably possible.

You may be required to submit documentation to your instructor via the Senate online portal for Academic Consideration Request. The documentation must be submitted within 3 working days of the missed deadline, test, or exam. Learn more at: <a href="https://www.torontomu.ca/senate/resources/#!accordion-1559663200011-online-academic-consideration-requests">www.torontomu.ca/senate/resources/#!accordion-1559663200011-online-academic-consideration-requests</a>.

### Accommodation of Students with Disabilities

GCM is committed to accommodating students with disabilities. The Academic Accommodation Support (AAS) department works with students who have temporary or permanent disabilities that can impact their academic life. These issues can include physical mobility issues to sensory impairments and ADHD and mental health. Don't hesitate to contact AAS or your instructor if you require accommodation. The office is located in the Student Learning Centre on the 4th floor.

Learn more here: www.torontomu.ca/accommodations/.

You may also refer Policy 159: Academic Accommodation of Students with Disabilities at <a href="https://www.torontomu.ca/senate/policies/academic-accommodation-of-students-with-disabilities-policy-159/">www.torontomu.ca/senate/policies/academic-accommodation-of-students-with-disabilities-policy-159/</a>.

#### **Grades**

While some instructors will use numeric percentages (example, 80%) to grade an assignment, your final course mark is recorded as a letter grade. Each instructor uses their own system to arrive at final grades and will communicate this in the course outline. Your final grades will automatically be added together to calculate your overall CGPA, which you can find on MyServiceHub.

#### Learn more here:

www.torontomu.ca/current-students/grades-standings/gpa-calculation/

Note that failing a required course three times can result in being permanently withdrawn from the program.

If you have a hold on your account due to owed fees, outstanding library books, or other issues, you will not be able to see your final grades until the issue is cleared.

### Return of Graded Assignments, Tests and Exams

Graded assignments are normally available for pick-up in the GCM office. You may pick up only your own individual or group assignment, and not the assignments of other students. Do not leave your graded work in the GCM office for an extended period of time. It's important that you receive and act on feedback from your instructors.

Feedback on tests is provided by your instructors. If you wish to review your test with your instructor individually, please make an appointment to do so promptly after the test is graded.

Final exams are not returned to students, but are kept by the School for a period of time. If you wish to see your graded final exam, you must make an appointment with your instructor.

### Grade Point Averages and Academic Standing

Your academic standing is established at the end of each semester using your cumulative GPA (CGPA), which considers every class you've completed at TMU.

In order to maintain a "clear" academic standing, you need a CGPA of 1.67 or higher (approximately a 61% or C-). A clear standing is required in order to graduate. Students whose CGPA is lower may be placed on Probation or be Required to Withdraw. A low GPA can also hurt your eligibility chances for awards and could cause you to lose current scholarships.

Students with a "Probationary" academic standing are required to sign a probationary contract at the start of each term, and are limited in the number of courses they take. The choice of courses must be specified in the contract and is subject to approval by the School of GCM. **Students on probation may not add or drop courses without permission.** 

Please carefully note the pattern of prerequisites (courses you must take before advancing) within our program. This pattern may prevent some students with a "Probationary" standing from proceeding with a normal course load.

More info on Academic Standing is available in Appendix C (page 61) in this document.

### Academic Appeals • • • • • •

Please refer to Appendix D (page 66) in this document for information regarding the Appeals Policy and Process.

### **Study Abroad**

### International Opportunities • • •

Through GCM and Creative School, you have the opportunity to study abroad at one of our partner schools in Australia, South Korea, Germany, Sweden, Denmark or Belgium and London, England! Selected students may go abroad in the Fall or Winter semester of 3rd year. If you're considering an international exchange, you should advise the Academic Coordinator early in your second year. Participation in exchange is not guaranteed, and is a competitive process. Outbound exchange students must meet the faculty's required minimum GPA of 2.5 and should be on pace or ahead in their studies. Information sessions for interested students are usually held in the Fall each year.

You can also learn more about studying abroad and other international opportunities such as courses and shorter intensives through The Creative School and GCM websites: www.torontomu.ca/gcm/current-students/exchange/.



### **Awards and Scholarships**

You're eligible for a variety of awards and scholarships within GCM and around TMU, many of which are attainable after your first year. We'll send out deadlines and application information in the Fall semester.

For more information on TMU-wide scholarships, awards, bursaries or other financial assistance (OSAP),contact or visit the ServiceHub (first floor of the Podium building, POD-150) and ask forStudent Financial Assistance <a href="https://www.torontomu.ca/student-financial-assistance/">www.torontomu.ca/student-financial-assistance/</a>.

It is highly recommended that students create a profile for TMU's AwardSpring, which is a database with more than 1,400 awards, scholarships and bursaries. To be matched with awards, you will need to start by submitting your general application:

www.torontomu.ca/current-students/scholarships-awards/

This year, GCM is thrilled to offer over 20 awards, scholarships, and bursaries to deserving students. We are proud to announce that we will be awarding over \$70,000 in scholarships to students who meet the criteria.

At GCM, we consider it a privilege to support our students in achieving their academic and career goals. These awards not only recognize excellence but also encourage and empower students to excel in their chosen fields. We are dedicated to fostering talent and are fortunate to play a role in our students' educational journey.

For a complete list of available scholarships, visit <a href="https://www.torontomu.ca/gcm/current-students/awards-scholarships/">www.torontomu.ca/gcm/current-students/awards-scholarships/</a>.

### **Third Year Internship**

In the summer of between 3rd and 4th year, you'll complete a 300 hour internship. Internships must be paid and you're responsible for finding your own placement. However, we do help through GCM's Career Fair in the spring and an electronic job board with postings from around the industry. You must complete all prerequisite courses (GCM220, GCM370, GCM375) and have your internship approved by our Internship Coordinator before you start working. After completing your paid internship hours, you will be eligible to enroll into the internship course of WKT 608.



You'll need to make sure you can legally work through, which you can figure out with The Creative School's International Programs Coordinator (exchange@torontomu.ca).

many doors for you.

Due to differences in the semester start and end dates for our exchange partner schools, it may not be possible for you to return to Canada in time to participate in our normal internship period. Therefore, students who participate in exchange are exempt from completing the 300 paid internship hours. If you choose to complete an internship on your own, you would not have access to support from the GCM Internship Coordinator.

### Internships Outside of Canada

Even if you're not going on exchange, you can still intern abroad. From past experiences, we recommend seeking internships in regions where you have relatives or family friends.

If you want to intern outside of Canada, consult the GCM Internship Coordinator (gcminternship@torontomu.ca) as early as September of third year, so you have time to figure out passport, visa and work permit requirements.

For more information about GCM's Internship program, please refer to the Official GCM Internship Handbook:

www.torontomu.ca/content/dam/gcm/images/ CurrentStudents/Curriculum/InternshipHandbook-June24.pdf

## GCM Connect & Collect

The GCM Connect & Collect program incentivizes you to build connections with industry and immediately collect credit towards your internship hours.

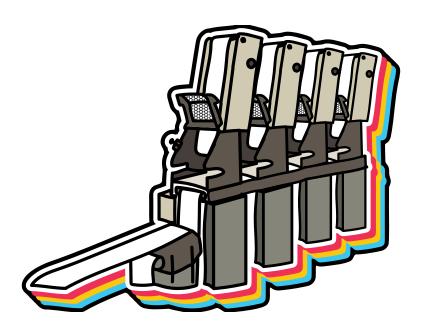
The GCM Connect & Collect program incentivizes you to build connections with industry and immediately collect credit towards your internship hours. Think of it like earning points on a credit card that you can trade in for great stuff later on. Connect and collect at <a href="https://www.torontomu.ca/gcm/current-students/connect-and-collect/">www.torontomu.ca/gcm/current-students/connect-and-collect/</a> today!

Opportunities where you **interact directly with industry** (whether for course credit or in an extracurricular capacity) will qualify for CC points. There is no minimum or maximum amount of points that you can earn. Your CC points can be redeemed for a maximum of 60 internship hours, with each point having a value of one hour.

You can quickly and easily submit information about the events you attend. All you need to do is log into <a href="www.torontomu.ca/gcm/current-students/connect-and-collect/">www.torontomu.ca/gcm/current-students/connect-and-collect/</a>, enter basic information about the event, and include a "selfie" from it. If the information provided is accurate, complete, and valid, their submission will be approved and you'll see your points value increase on their GCMCC app dashboard upon next login.

### Opportunities that Qualify • • • •

Students can collect points on approved GCM industry-related events. At the beginning of each semester, check this website for the official, up-to-date list of events that qualify. In addition, students may qualify for points on events not listed, providing they obtain pre-approval. These events may be part of a course (course credit), or extracurricular events (activities outside of class time).



### **Graduation Information**

- You must successfully complete all program requirements as prescribed by TMU's Senate in order to graduate with a degree, diploma, or certificate.
- You must submit an Application to Graduate via MyServiceHub in order to determine if you are eligible to graduate; www.torontomu.ca/curriculum-advising/ graduating/apply-to-graduate/

If you are eligible to graduate, you will be invited to attend Convocation. These graduation ceremonies are held in the Spring and Fall of each year. More information regarding Convocation can be found online at <a href="https://www.torontomu.ca/convocation/">www.torontomu.ca/convocation/</a>.



#### Social Media and Newsletter

Be sure to follow GCM on social media! This is a great way to stay informed about GCM news, events and other important information. All our social media channels are updated regularly, and the content shared is relevant and carefully selected. When should I register for courses next semester? When can I apply for international exchange? When is the next industry trade show I can attend? All these questions will be answered on these channels!



#### INSTAGRAM: **@gcmtmu**

A fun, visual way to keep up with GCM news and events, and to see awesome examples of student work and success stories. Our Instagram Story is updated regularly with important academic dates and opportunities around campus.



#### LINKEDIN: linkedin.com/groups/gcmtmu

Over 1,300 students, alumni, and industry members have joined the GCM group on LinkedIn. LinkedIn is the leading social media platform to connect professionals and it's highly recommended to join for networking and internship/career opportunities.

It can be difficult to stay on top of all the email communication you'll receive as a student. To assist, we've created the <a href="In the Loupe">In the Loupe</a> newsletter. This carefully curated resource is your monthly guide to making the most out of your GCM experience.

Included in each issue: GCM news and important academic dates; a listing of GCM and TMU events; scholarship and employment/internship opportunities; Connect & Collect opportunities; and fun photos of recent GCM events. As a GCM student, you are automatically signed up to receive the newsletter. Keep an eye out for each issue in your TMU inbox and be sure to read through each one!

# Appendix A: Toronto Metropolitan University's Examination Policy

The University has ultimate responsibility for the successful completion of the examination session, the maintenance of exam integrity, and for assisting students, departments, and invigilators to carry out their respective roles. See full policy (Policy #135 – Examination Policy) at <a href="https://www.torontomu.ca/senate/policies/final-examinations-policy-135/">www.torontomu.ca/senate/policies/final-examinations-policy-135/</a>.

### Appendix B:

# Toronto Metropolitan University's Student Medical Certificate Guidelines

When a student formally requests academic consideration for medical grounds, TMU requires that a Medical Certificate or letter from a physician be submitted. A certificate must be submitted to the Senate portal for online Academic Consideration Request (ACR) within 3 working days of a missed due date, test, or exam to receive consideration. The TMU Medical Certificate is available from: Student Health Certificate.pdf

### Appendix C: Academic Standing Information

In undergraduate degree and diploma programs, each student's academic standing will be established from the student's formal course grades at the end of each academic term on the basis of the following categories and criteria for overall academic performance:

**CLEAR** – a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of at least 1.67. Students with Clear standing may continue their program studies with no restrictions except for the obligation to satisfy prerequisite requirements.

**PROBATIONARY** – a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 1.00 to <1.67. Students with Probationary standing may not continue their program studies until a Probationary Contract outlining a specific plan for studies and academic support has been authorized by their course registrations. Course intention requests will be canceled for the term in question. Students with a Probationary standing in the Winter, Spring, or Summer terms will be eligible to continue their studies as long as they achieve a term grade point average (TGPA) of 1.67 or higher. Failure to meet the terms of the Probationary Contract as set out by the School or Department will result in the student being required to withdraw from their TMU program. Students who raise their CGPA to 1.67 or higher will be placed on Clear standing.

**REQUIRED TO WITHDRAW** – Students will be required to withdraw from their program for one of the following reasons:

- i. A CGPA of less than 1.00 (except students enrolled in their first semester); or
- ii. A term GPA below 1.67 while on Probation; or
- iii. Violation of any approved Department/School Standing variation; or
- iv. Violation of a Probationary Contract (including unauthorized changes to the contract or failure to negotiate a Probationary Contract).

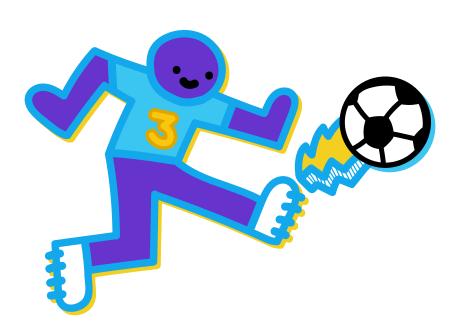
No student in their first semester at TMU will be **REQUIRED TO WITHDRAW (RTW)** in December. Students with a GPA of less than 1.00 in their first semester will be advised about their prospects for success. Such students who continue in their program for the subsequent Winter semester will do so on **PROBATION**.

Students **REQUIRED TO WITHDRAW** from their program will not be eligible for reinstatement in their program for 12 months. However, in cases where a further semester of study could result in a **CLEAR** standing by the end of the semester, students may request the permission of their Department/ School to continue to take courses on **PROBATION** in the immediately following semester (or a later semester with the permission of their Department/School). If the student fails to achieve a CGPA of 1.67 at the end of the semester, they will be **REQUIRED TO WITHDRAW**.

Students who have been **REQUIRED TO WITHDRAW** from a TMU program may not continue their program studies. Applications for reinstatement to the student's original program or transfer to another program will be considered. In such cases, a student may not return to studies until 12 months have elapsed following the **REQUIRED TO WITHDRAW** standing. No courses taken between when a student is **REQUIRED TO WITHDRAW** and reinstatement or transfer to another program will be granted TMU credit.

Applications for reinstatement will be considered by faculty and/or program admission committees based on criteria, assessments and/or procedures developed by the faculty or program in consultation with the Registrar's Office. Past academic performance and space availability will normally be considerations. Students who are reinstated to their program will be reinstated on **PROBATION**, and will be required to have a Probationary Contract.

Some programs may reinstate students with a Probationary Contract which may significantly restrict course load and require successful completion of specific program courses. Programs may also specify grades which must be achieved. Successful completion will allow the student to continue on PROBATION (or CLEAR standing if a CGPA of 1.67 or higher is achieved). Students who are unsuccessful will be permanently withdrawn from their program. Normally a student may not receive more than one Probationary Contract of this sort.



### Permanent Program Withdrawal

Students will be permanently withdrawn from their program for the following reasons:

- 1. Any academic performance that would result in "Required to Withdraw" standing for a second time.
- 2. Failure of a course required by their program for a third time.

Students who are Permanently Withdrawn from a program may not apply for reinstatement into that program. Students who are Permanently Withdrawn from a program may apply to a different program for the Fall semester of the following calendar year.

### **Disciplinary Suspension** • • • •

Students who have been placed on Disciplinary Suspension (DS) for Student Code of Conduct violations will not be permitted to register in any course at the University during their period of Disciplinary Suspension. Students who have served their period of Disciplinary Suspension must contact their program department to make arrangements for reinstatement. If your appeal is denied, you must apply for reinstatement to the program after at least one term of suspension. You should be prepared to show some "reasonable" evidence as to the prospect of successful study. You should be aware that courses taken while a student is suspended will not be credited towards GPA calculations, academic standing, or graduation requirements within the student's program.

This is only a guide to the academic standing at TMU. If you have any questions about your academic standing, you should consult the current policy available at: <a href="https://www.torontomu.ca/senate/policies/undergraduate-course-grading-academic-program-standing-and-eligibility-to-graduate-policy-170-a/">https://www.torontomu.ca/senate/policies/undergraduate-course-grading-academic-program-standing-and-eligibility-to-graduate-policy-170-a/</a> and speak with the Academic Coordinator in the GCM office.

### Grades and Grade Point Average

You will be able to see your final grades on MyServiceHub roughly two weeks after the official end of term. Most of the time, your grades will follow the conventions of the following grading scale:

PEERFORMANCE DESCRIPTION	LETTER GRADE	CONVERSION RANGE % SCALE TO LETTER GRADE	TMU GPA
EXCELLENT	Α	90-100	4.33
	A	85-89	4.00
	A-	80-84	3.67
	В	77-79	3.33
G00D	В	73-76	3.00
	B-	70-72	2.67
	С	67-69	2.33
	С	63-66	2.00
SATISFACTORY	C-	60-62	1.67
	D	57-59	1.33
MARGINAL	D	53-56	1.00
	D-	50-52	0.67
UNSATISFACTORY	F	0-49	0.00

### Appendix D: Academic Standing and Grades Appeals

This outline does not include everything you need to know! Please consult the Policy 168 Grade and Standing Appeals (www.torontomu.ca/senate/policies/grade-and-standing-appeals-policy-168/) for details. Appeals forms and instructions are available on www.torontomu.ca/senate/resources/. Please note that all appeals for GCM courses must be submitted online via the Senate Appeals portal by the date listed in the TMU Calendar.

Your academic appeal may not be accepted under some circumstances.

### **Appendix E:**Non-Academic Conduct

Students should understand the University's expectations of how they are to conduct themselves by becoming familiar with the Code of Non-Academic Conduct, Senate policy 61.

www.torontomu.ca/senate/policies/student-code-of-non-academic-conduct-policy-61/.

### **Study Spaces Around Campus**

Note that the HEI Building is designated as a quiet working space with many offices, classrooms, and labs. Your cooperation is appreciated in maintaining a quiet, professional environment for those working and studying.



### Quiet Spaces

- SLC Student Learning Centre (Floor 6, 7, 9 and 10 are designated quiet floors), 341 Yonge St.
- LIB Library (Floor 6, 7, 9 and 10 are designated quiet floors), 350 Victoria St.
- SCC Student Campus Center, 55 Gould St.
- IMA building, 122 Bond St.
- ENG building, 245 Church St.
- TMU Quad (enter through Kerr Hall)
- Pop-Up Study Spaces in smaller classrooms, especially in VIC building

- Group Study / Meeting spaces
- SLC Student Learning Centre, multiple group study rooms (book online)
- SLC Student Learning Centre, Floor 8 designated for group study
- LIB Library, multiple group study rooms (book online)
- LIB Library, Floors 4 and 8 designated for group study
- HEI Building, Project Room, second floor

### Computer Labs on Campus

- LIB Library, over 300
   computers on Floors 2, 3
   and 6. Visit the following
   link for availability:
   library.torontomu.
   ca/services/facilities/
   computer/
- LIB Library has 44 laptops (Mac and PC) for loan from the Circulation desk.
- HEI 302 and HEI 306 for GCM course-related work during scheduled open hours (GCM students only).
- Kerr Hall drop-in computer labs at KHW71, KHW 71A, KHW 71C, KHW 71F, KHW 377, KHW 379.
- Library drop-in computer labs at LIB 393, LIB 386L.



### Places for Food and Drink

- SLC Student Learning Centre, 341 Yonge St.
- SCC Student Campus Centre, 55 Gould St.
- Oakham House Café, 63 Gould St.
- The Met Campus Pub, 63 Gould St.
- The Hub Cafeteria, POD Building, 650 Victoria St.
- Balzac's Coffee Shop, IMA Building, 122 Bond St.
- POD Building, 350 Victoria St.
- VIC Victoria Building "The Exchange", main floor, 285 Victoria St.
- Eaton Centre Food Courts, 220 Yonge St.
- Tim Hortons: Victoria St. across from VIC building, College Park
- Loblaw's at Maple Leaf Gardens (seating, wifi), 60 Carlton St.
- Atrium on Bay Food Court and Public Seating, 595 Bay St.

- DSQ Dundas Square Food Court, 1 Dundas St. East
- Second Cup: Atrium on Bay; Yonge & Wood; Church & Wood
- Imperial Pub, 54 Dundas St.





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