

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this document as official definitions of Academic Schedule and Student Status as set out at Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) for immigration purposes. This will benefit in answering any questions regarding student's academic enrollment.

### Academic Schedule

KPU has three academic semesters per year (with an option for two intersession periods in each semester):

- Fall semester: September – December
- Spring semester: January – April
- Summer semester: May – August

### Full-Time Status and Part-Time Status

- A student who is enrolled in nine or more credit hours in a semester (including undergraduate and preparatory courses) is considered to be full-time at KPU.
- A student who is registered in less than nine credit hours of study in a semester (including undergraduate and preparatory courses) is considered a part-time student at KPU.

### Authorized Leave

Under an extenuating or unforeseen circumstance that adversely affects the student's academic progress, an international student may request and be approved to take an authorized leave after a review of the request and any supplementary documentation. If the request is approved, the student will receive a Letter for Authorized Leave. The student does not become exempt from their obligations to comply with IRCC policies and requirements by receiving the Letter for Authorized Leave.

### Scheduled Breaks

- One of the Spring (January to April), Summer (May to August), or Fall (September to December) terms in a calendar year (January to December) provided the student remains enrolled full-time at KPU in the term preceding the break and in the term following the break.
- Break between academic semesters (i.e., the day after the posted full-term final exam period until the day before the start of the next semester)
- Reading break in the Spring semester

**\* During a scheduled break (Fall, Spring, or Summer), a student can take full-time studies, part-time studies, or a break from studies. If a student withdraws from a course(s) during this semester, their scheduled break status does not change.**

\* For more information on KPU's Full-Time Status and Scheduled Breaks please visit:  
(<https://www.kpu.ca/international/internationalstudents/full-time-scheduled-breaks>)

### KPU's Response to COVID-19

Effective March 17, 2020, KPU shifted the majority of in-person classes to an online modality. The change in the delivery of instruction applies to the Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, and Summer 2021 semesters. In the Fall 2021 semester, KPU offered a mix of classes: with most being available face-to-face; some being strictly remote based; and some being a combination of remote and face-to-face learning.

If you have any questions, please contact [internationalstudents@kpu.ca](mailto:internationalstudents@kpu.ca). Thank you.



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