Examination Hardships and Clashes

This policy is applicable to all formal examinations associated with academic courses at the University.

An *examination hardship* is defined as the occurrence of an examination candidate being faced with three (3) or more formal examinations scheduled within a 24-hour period (e.g., from 8:00 a.m. to 7:59 a.m. the following day).

An examination candidate facing an examination hardship shall be given a new examination date and time for the second formal examination by the respective instructor or department/faculty.

The student must notify the instructor of the second formal examination no later than one month prior to the examination date for courses in the Winter Session (whether in December for Term 1 or April for Term 2), and no later than two weeks prior to the examination date for courses in the Summer Session. If the examination hardship concerns more than three (3) formal examinations, this process is to be repeated.

An *examination clash* is when a student has multiple formal examinations scheduled on the same day and at the same time, or where the allotted times for scheduled formal examinations overlap. In these cases, alternate arrangements should be made as soon as possible. The student should first contact his or her instructor(s) to determine if an alternate time to write the exam is available; if the instructor(s) is unable to resolve the examination clash, then the department head or dean/director is to be consulted.
If an alternate writing time is not available at the faculty level, examination candidates must contact Enrolment Services, to make alternate arrangements.