

IMPORTANT DATES 2023/2024

Title	Date	Extra Information
Online Ice-breaking Event	August 22, 2023	9:00-10:00 am or 4:00-5:00 pm (EST)
Date to Complete Promissory Note	August 22, 2023	Required each term; details to come in August
Online Ice-breaking Event	August 24, 2023	9:00-10:00 am or 4:00-5:00 pm (EST)
Students arrive in Waterloo	September 1-3, 2023	UW residence move in
Labour Day Holiday	September 4, 2023	Many businesses and banks closed
Orientation begins	September 5, 2023	
Class Enrolment start date	September 5, 2023	Registration in Quest; details to come in August
Block 1 Core Courses begin	September 6, 2023	Classical Physics and Quantum Theory
Class Enrolment end date	September 19, 2023	Registration through Quest ends
Study Day	September 29, 2023	
Truth and Reconciliation Day	September 30, 2023	Recognizes legacy of Canadian residential school system
Block 1 Core Courses end	October 3, 2023	Classical Physics and Quantum Theory
Study Day	October 4, 2023	
Block 1 Interviews	October 5-6, 2023	Classical Physics and Quantum Theory
Thanksgiving Day holiday	October 9, 2023	Many businesses and banks closed
Block 2 Core Courses begin	October 10, 2023	Quantum Field Theory I and Relativity
Study Day	November 3, 2023	
Block 2 Core Courses end	November 7, 2023	Quantum Field Theory I and Relativity
Study Day	November 8, 2023	
Block 2 Interviews	November 9-10, 2023	Quantum Field Theory I and Relativity
PSI Long Weekend	November 11-13, 2023	No classes or activities scheduled
Block 3 Core Courses begin	November 14, 2023	Quantum Field Theory II and Statistical Physics
Study Day		
Essay Supervisor Agreement Forms due	December 8, 2023	
Block 3 Core Courses end	December 12, 2023	Quantum Field Theory II and Statistical Physics
Study Day	December 13, 2023	
Block 3 Interviews	December 14-15, 2023	Quantum Field Theory II and Statistical Physics
Date to Complete Promissory Note	December 14, 2023	Required each term; details to come in November
Complete homework assignments	December 18-22, 2022	No other scheduled activities this week. Homework assignments can be completed from any location.
Winter Break starts	December 23, 2023	Residence remains open; Perimeter is closed
Winter Break ends	January 7, 2024	Perimeter re-opens on Monday January 8
Block 4 Core and Elective Courses begin	January 8, 2024	Numerical Methods and Mathematical Physics (core courses); Standard Model, Gravitational Physics and Quantum Foundations
Block 4 Core and Elective Courses end	February 8, 2024	Numerical Methods, Mathematical Physics, Standard Model, Gravitational Physics and Quantum Foundations
Block 4 Interviews	February 9, 2024	Numerical Methods and Mathematical Physics only
Winter School	February 12-16, 2024	Held on-site
Family Day holiday	February 19, 2024	Many businesses and banks closed

Winter School	February 20-21, 2024	Optional days to continue research
Winter School Conference	February 22-23, 2024	Presentation of Winter School results
Block 5 Elective Courses begin	February 26, 2024	Particle Physics, Quantum Fields and Strings, Quantum Matter, Quantum Information, Cosmology (some block 5 and block 6 courses may switch blocks)
Study Day	March 11, 2024	
Class Enrolment Start Date	Late March 2024	Registration in Quest; details to come in March
Block 5 Elective Courses end	March 28, 2024	Particle Physics, QFT III, Strong Gravity, Quantum Information, Machine Learning (some block 5 and block 6 courses may switch blocks)
Good Friday Easter holiday	March 29, 2024	Many businesses and banks closed
Study Day	April 1, 2024	
Block 6 Elective Courses begin	April 2, 2024	Quantum Gravity, Strong Gravity, Mathematical Physics elective, Machine Learning, + String Theory (some block 5 and block 6 courses may switch blocks)
Solar Eclipse Afternoon	April 8, 2024	
Date to Complete Promissory Note	April 24, 2024	Required each term; details to come in April
Block 6 Elective Courses end	May 2, 2024	Quantum Gravity, Strong Gravity, Mathematical Physics elective, Machine Learning, + String Theory (some block 5 and block 6 courses may switch blocks)
Study Day	May 3, 2024	
Research period for Essay	May 6 - June 3, 2024	
Class Enrolment End Date	May 17, 2024	Registration through Quest ends
Victoria Day holiday	May 20, 2024	Many businesses and banks closed
Essay Submission Date	June 3, 2024	
Essay Defences	June 10-17, 2024	
PSI Graduation Ceremony	June 21, 2024	
Students vacate UW residences	June 28, 2024	

PSI Timetable - 2023/2024

September 4, 2023

Courses		Courses		Courses	
Classical Physics - Core Sept 5 - Oct 6, 2023 Riello		Quantum Theory - Core Sept 5 - Oct 6, 2023 Wohns/Arora			
Oct 5 - 6, 2023: Classical Physics Interviews		Oct 5 - 6, 2023: Quantum Theory Interviews			
Relativity - Core Oct 10 - Nov 7, 2023 Kubiznak/Geshnizjani		Quantum Field Theory I - Core Oct 10 - Nov 7, 2023 Xu			
Nov 9-10, 2023: Relativity Interviews		Nov 9-10, 2023: QFT I Interviews			
Statistical Physics - Core Nov 14 - Dec 12, 2023 Huffman (Giuseppe)		Quantum Field Theory II - Core Nov 14 - Dec 12, 2023 David (Dan)			
Dec 14-15, 2023: Statistical Physics Interviews		Dec 14-15, 2023: QFT II Interviews			
Dec 18-22, 2023: Complete Homework Assignments					
Dec 25, 2023 - Jan 5, 2024: Winter Break					
Numerical Methods - Core Jan 8 - Feb 8, 2024 Schnetter/Lang (Mohamed)		Mathematical Physics - Core Jan 8 - Feb 8, 2024 Sellaroli			
Feb 9-10, 2024: Interview		Feb 9-10, 2024: Interview			
Standard Model - Elective Jan 8 - Feb 8, 2024 Trott (Gang)		Gravitational Physics - Elective Jan 8 - Feb 8, 2024 Gregory (Aldo)		Quantum Foundations - Elective Jan 8 - Feb 8, 2024 Hardy (Bindiya)	
Winter School - Feb 12-16, 2024					
Particle Physics - Elective Feb 26 - Mar 28, 2024 Arvanitaki/Huang (Gang)		Quantum Fields & Strings - Elective Feb 26 - Mar 28, 2024 J. Gomis, Wohns		Quantum Matter - Elective Feb 26 - Mar 28, 2024 Hsieh/He (Mohamed)	
Quantum Information - Elective Feb 26 - Mar 28, 2024 Martin-Martinez (Bindiya)		Cosmology - Elective Feb 26 - Mar 28, 2024 K. Smith (Ghazal)			
Strong Gravity - Elective Apr 2 - May 2, 2024 East (Ghazal)		Quantum Gravity - Elective Apr 2 - May 2, 2024 Riello		String Theory - Elective Apr 2 - May 2, 2024 Gaiotto (Gang)	
Mathematical Physics - Elective Apr 2 - May 2, 2024 Costello (Giuseppe)		Machine Learning - Elective Apr 2 - May 2, 2024 Hibat Allah			

