

Reduced Course Load Policy

If you are a full-time student in 2nd or 3rd year, you may reduce your academic load by 0.5 credits below the full academic load. If you would like to reduce your course load, it is recommended that you do so by dropping a CS/HSS, natural science or technical elective.

In rare circumstances, students may be permitted to reduce their course load by dropping a core (required) course. The following conditions must be met before a full-time student with a full academic load can request to drop a core course. *Please note that these conditions do not apply to part-time students, or to students who are registered with Accessibility Services and have a Reduced Course Load Accommodation.*

- You have made use of all of the resources available to you. For example, you have met with your Academic Advisor, attended the instructors' and/or TAs' office hours and spoken to a Learning Strategist.
- You have received at least 10% of your grade for the core course that you would like to drop. Core courses can be dropped no sooner than 5 days before the drop deadline, and must be dropped by the drop deadline.
- You have created an academic plan outlining your remaining degree requirements and proposed timeline for completing the deferred core course. An example of an academic plan is provided on page 2.

If you would like to request to drop a core course, please ensure that all of the above conditions are met. Once all conditions are met, email the MIE Undergraduate Office explaining your reason for requesting to drop this course, attach the [Course Request Form](#), and include your academic plan for completing your remaining degree requirements.

Important points to consider before reducing your course load:

- Dropping a course may result in scheduling conflicts later on
- If the course that you have requested to drop is a pre-requisite for another course, you will not be able to enrol in that course until the deferred course is completed
- Reducing your academic course load to less than a full course load as defined by your year and program of study will make you ineligible for scholarships and the Dean's Honour List.
- If you are a full-time student with a reduced course load, you will still have to pay the full-time program fee, and you will not be entitled to any tuition refunds

If you are considering reducing your course load, we strongly recommended that you consult the MIE Undergraduate Office. The MIE Undergraduate Office team will provide you with advice and let you know how reducing your course load may impact the length of time it will take you to complete your degree requirements, other



concerns that you should be aware of (e.g. course overload in future sessions, full-year courses, etc.).

Academic Plan Example – IndE 2F (MIE250)

<p>2020 Fall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> MIE236 MIE242 MIE250 MIE258 MAT231 	<p>2021 Winter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> MIE237 MIE240 MIE253 MIE262 MIE263 CS/HSS 1
<p>2021 Summer</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> CS/HSS 2 	
<p>2021 Fall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> MIE250 MIE343 MIE360 TE 1 CS/HSS 3 	<p>2022 Winter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> MIE253 MIE335 MIE363 MIE364 TE 2
<p>2022 Fall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> MIE350 MIE463 MIE490 TE 3 TE 4 	<p>2023 Winter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> MIE459 MIE490 TE 5 TE 6 CS/HSS 4

*At least 2 of the 4 CS/HSS electives must be HSS courses

Academic Plan Example – IndE 3w (MIE335)

<p>2020 Fall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MIE236 2. MIE242 3. MIE250 4. MIE258 5. MAT231 	<p>2021 Winter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MIE237 2. MIE240 3. MIE253 4. MIE262 5. MIE263
<p>2021 Fall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CS/HSS 1 	
<p>2021 Fall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. MIE343 3. MIE350 4. MIE360 5. TE 1 6. CS/HSS 2 	<p>2022 Winter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FMIE335 2. MIE363 3. MIE364 4. TE 2 5. CS/HSS 3
<p>2022 Fall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MIE463 2. MIE490 3. TE 3 4. TE 4 5. CS/HSS 4 	<p>2023 Winter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MIE335 2. MIE459 3. MIE490 4. TE 5 5. TE 6

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Academic Plan Example – MEC 2F (MIE230)

<p>2020 Fall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MIE230 2. MIE231 3. MIE243 4. MIE270 5. CS/HSS 1 	<p>2021 Winter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MAT234 2. MIE210 3. MIE221 4. MIE222 5. CS/HSS 2
<p>2021 Summer</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CS/HSS 3 	
<p>2021 Fall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MIE230 2. MIE301 3. MIE312 4. MIE342 5. Natural Science 	<p>2022 Winter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MIE315 2. MIE313 3. MIE334 4. Stream 1 5. Stream 2
<p>2022 Fall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MIE258 2. MIE491 3. Stream 1 cont'd 4. Stream 2 cont'd 5. TE 1 	<p>2023 Winter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MIE491 2. TE 2 3. TE 3 4. TE 4 5. CS/HSS 4

*3rd year stream course choice, but match with 4th year stream course choice

*1 of the 4, 4th year technical electives must be marked by a *, meaning they are a design course

*At least 2 of the 4 CS/HSS electives must be HSS courses

Academic Plan Example – MEC 3F (MIE342)

<p>2020 Fall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MIE230 2. MIE231 3. MIE243 4. MIE270 5. CS/HSS 1 	<p>2021 Winter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MAT234 2. MIE210 3. MIE221 4. MIE222 5. CS/HSS 2
<p>2021 Summer</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CS/HSS 3 	
<p>2021 Fall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MIE301 2. MIE312 3. MIE342 4. MIE258 5. Natural Science 	<p>2022 Winter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MIE315 2. MIE313 3. MIE334 4. Stream 1 (cannot choose Mechatronics stream) 5. Stream 2 (cannot choose Mechatronics stream)
<p>2022 Fall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MIE342 2. MIE491 3. Stream 1 cont'd 4. Stream 2 cont'd 5. TE 1 	<p>2023 Winter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MIE491 2. TE 2 3. TE 3 4. TE 4 5. CS/HSS 4

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*At least 2 of the 4 CS/HSS electives must be HSS courses