Wintersession is a two-week experience for Princeton University community members to experiment and explore through unexpected, active and intriguing non-graded learning and growth opportunities.

We seek to use the skills and talents of our whole community: undergraduate students, graduate students, staff and faculty can participate as teachers, learners or both.

Wintersession 2022 will take place in-person with some virtual workshops and events.
• Support students’ mental health, wellbeing, and resilience
• Provide space for intellectual experimentation
• Encourage imperfection and risk-taking
• Provide range of offerings across five themes
  • Arts, careers, diversity, public service, wellness
• Encourage cross-disciplinary and cross-role collaboration
• Provide opportunity to develop variety of life skills
• Create opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to meet new people and interact outside of usual social and academic circles
• Enable students, staff and faculty throughout University to connect in new and different ways
OFFICE STRUCTURE

• Part of the Campus Life division

• Office of Wintersession and Campus Engagement staffed by a Director, a Program Coordinator, a Project Coordinator, and a Campus Engagement Specialist student team

• Wintersession Advisory Committee to support Wintersession planning and implementation

• Office also works on other campus engagement projects throughout year, including co-leading First-Year Families Weekend and supporting Princeton Research Day
• Like a conference: undergraduates students, graduate students, staff, and faculty can submit proposals to lead a session

• Like a festival: there will be keynote and evening offerings that anyone in the University community can attend, which will be put on by the central Wintersession office in partnership with key programming partners

• All housing and dining halls will be open and FREE throughout the two weeks
OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE

● 292 day-time workshops and 24 evening events were offered
  ○ 3,118 unique participants registered, including 2,264 students
  ○ 2,467 attendees across the 24 evening events

NEW SKILLS

● 92% of participants agreed or strongly agreed what their Wintersession daytime workshop(s) allowed them to try out new experiences or skills
  ○ 88% reported that they were likely or very likely to continue to pursue the topic or skill they learned during WS

NEW CONNECTIONS

● Participants shared that Wintersession provided an opportunity to interact with other students, staff and faculty they normally do not interact with in their daily routine.
FROM PARTICIPANTS:
● “Fun to see everyone bring their talents to the forefront. There were so many interesting sessions”
● “My Wintersession workshop was also a chance to engage socially with some peers, so I enjoyed feeling connected to the other students in the training course.”
● “As a staff member, I enjoyed the opportunity to be with current students (and also learn from stellar faculty). I also was happy to discover that there are no prerequisites or qualifications for doing this work.”

FROM FACILITATORS
● “It made me feel great to share my knowledge with others who seemed quite engaged.”
● “During the semester, we teach to a certain standard of academic rigor. The rigor is important, but I wanted to do something looser. I wanted to combine history, art, and stories into my subject area.”
● “I wanted to bring my personal passion to share with the university community, even though my session was completely unrelated to my job duties. My manager and department leadership were not only supportive of this but also encouraged me to submit a proposal.”
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June 1 - September 28, 2021:
Proposal portal open for workshop and evening event submissions

November 2021:
Registration for undergraduates, graduate students, staff and faculty

January 3-5, 2022:
Final registration

Monday January 10 to Sunday January 23, 2022:
Second University-wide Wintersession
JANUARY 10-23  2022

WINTERSESSION

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