



The end of the winter 1 term is coming, and we hope everyone has had a great experience. We are very thankful to all who participated in the GAA events this term. It has been so exciting to see you back, virtually and in-person, and we look forward to what the new year will bring for our community. We hope this winter break proves replenishing and an opportunity to slow down. Please reach out to your peers, supervisors, and GAA team if you seek support and companionship. Also, don't hesitate to contact us if you have any ideas for events you would like to see and collaborate with us on for next term. Lastly, we encourage you to complete the Teaching Evaluation Surveys to provide important feedback to instructors.



Happy December everyone!

- Announcements -

Reach out to your GAAs

The GAA team is here for you! Thank you for all your replies on the GAA Events Survey that circulated October and November, we got some great insights into what people want to see. We also hosted a Town Hall in November, and we appreciate that people shared and opened up with each other. Coming together keeps us connected and strengthens our community. We hope to invite you to more Town Halls this coming term. They are a great space to speak about your experience, get support from the GAAs and your peers, ask questions, make suggestions, share your favorite series at the moment, and more. We want to emphasize that we are here to listen, advocate, and support you through your learning experience. Send us an email to edst.gaa@ubc.ca.

Summer 2022 and Winter 2022-23 Draft Course Schedules are now live!

Provisional schedules for Summer 2022 and Winter 2022-23 (Term 1 and 2) course offerings are now available online. Subject to revision, these lists can help you map out your course planning for the year ahead. We encourage you to reach out to your supervisor for advice in your degree planning and course selection!

Follow this link: <https://edst.educ.ubc.ca/courses/>

Thank you to Deirdre Kelly, Carl Luk, and Shermila Salgadoe for their hard work in assembling these draft schedules.

- Events -

PhD Journey – From Comps to Candidacy

Description: This session is intended for PhD students to help them understand two important milestones in their PhD journey - Comps and Candidacy. You will learn why students write Comps, at what stage of their PhD journey, how to prepare, how to successfully complete and defend them, and how to move from Comps to Candidacy (what does the process entail in terms of timeframe and requirements). The session will begin with input by Professor Metcalfe, which will be followed by a panel discussion by PhD candidates that Yotam Ronen will facilitate. The session will provide a great opportunity to understand these processes from a faculty as well as students' perspectives.

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 7th at 12pm

Location: 1306A and on Zoom (hybrid)

Session facilitators: Professor Amy S. Metcalfe & Yotam Ronen

Student panelists: Itamar Manoff & Addyson Frattura (PhD Candidates)

RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/yckzuk2e>



Chat and unwind: a virtual gathering for MEd students



This is an invitation for all MEd students to join a virtual meetup with peers and talk about how things have been going, how you experienced this term, and share plans for the winter break and the coming year. It's a great opportunity to meet other people in your program!

Date and time: Wednesday, December 22 at 5:00 pm PT

Location: Virtual (on Zoom)

RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/yckzuk2e>

Co-working sessions this month

What are co-working sessions?

Co-working sessions are casual drop-in work sessions hosted on Zoom where you can remotely work alongside your peers and meet your goals. Sessions begin with a check-in to share our goals for the day, followed by focused working blocks and short breaks to check-in with each other. Whether you need a bit of motivation to get some work done, or just want to say hello to EDST classmates, co-working is for you!

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Join here: <https://ubc.zoom.us/j/608580548>

Day	Time (PST)	Host
Monday, December 6th	4pm – 8pm	Yotam
Thursday, December 9th	11am – 3pm	Julia
Tuesday, December 14th	10am – 2pm	Julia

You can also view the schedule at this Google doc, which will be updated throughout the year (tip - bookmark this page!):

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GgOaxJYpIDMvlmjVRFYFoeNr3PTUBAh46AjswVxec/edit?usp=sharing>

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