The University of Victoria operates under the authority of the University Act (RSBC 1996 c. 468) which provides for a Convocation, Board of Governors, Senate and Faculties. The University Act describes the powers and responsibilities of those bodies, as well as the duties of the officers of the University. Copies of this Act are held in the University Library.

The official academic year begins on May 1. Changes in Calendar regulations take effect May 1, September 1, and January 1 of each academic year unless otherwise approved by the Senate. Nevertheless, the University reserves the right to revise or cancel at any time any rule or regulation published in this Calendar or its supplements. The Calendar is published three times per year in the spring (effective May 1), summer (effective September 1) and winter (effective January 1) by the Office of the Registrar, Student Affairs, under authority granted by the Senate of the University.
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2016-2017 Academic Year Important Dates

In recognition of the fact that the University of Victoria is a diverse community, the Office of Equity and Human Rights has compiled a list of high holy days available at their website. Faculty and staff may wish to refer to this list in responding to requests from members of religious groups for variations in examination schedules due to religious observances.

2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

Winter Session - Second Term

January 2017

1 Sunday New Year’s Day¹
4 Wednesday Second term classes begin for all faculties
6 Friday Senate meets
12 Thursday Last day for course changes for Faculty of Law
17 Tuesday Last day for 100% reduction of second term fees for standard courses. 50% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date. For non-standard courses see www.uvic.ca/course-registration
20 Friday Last day for adding courses that begin in the second term
31 Tuesday Last day for paying second term fees without penalty

February 2017

3 Friday Senate meets
7 Tuesday Last day for 50% reduction of tuition fees for standard courses. 100% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date. For non-standard courses see www.uvic.ca/course-registration
13 Monday Family Day¹
13-17 Monday-Friday Reading Break for all faculties
15 Wednesday Faculty of Graduate Studies deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation (students completing in the Spring term only)
28 Tuesday Last day for withdrawing from full year and second term courses without penalty of failure

March 2017

3 Friday Senate meets

April 2017

4 Tuesday Last day of classes for all faculties, except Faculty of Human and Social Development²
7 Friday Senate meets
14 Friday Good Friday¹

May 2017

2017/2018 OFFICIAL ACADEMIC YEAR BEGINS

Summer Session 2017

See Summer Studies website for complete dates www.uvic.ca/summer

May 2017

1 Monday May-August courses begin for all faculties, except Faculty of Law
5 Friday Senate meets
8 Monday May and May-June courses begin
15 Monday May-August courses begin for Faculty of Law
17 Monday Last day for course changes (Faculty of Law only)³ Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in summer
22 Monday Victoria Day¹
25 Thursday Senate Committee on Academic Standards meets to approve Convocation lists
31 Wednesday Fees deadlines for summer

June 2017

7 Wednesday May courses end
8 Thursday June courses begin
12-16 Monday-Friday Spring Convocation
30 Friday May-June and June courses end

July 2017

1 Saturday Canada Day¹
3-4 Monday-Tuesday Reading Break May-August sections only
5 Wednesday July and July-August courses begin
15 Saturday Deadline to apply to graduate for Fall Convocation (all faculties)
27 Thursday July courses end
28 Friday August courses begin
27, 28, Thursday, Friday and Monday May-August classes end for all faculties except Faculty of Law
27-31, Thursday, Friday and Monday Supplemental and deferred examinations for Winter Session 2016-2017 (except for Business courses)

August 2017

2 Wednesday May-August courses end for Faculty of Law
7 Monday British Columbia Day¹
8 Tuesday May-August examinations begin for all faculties
18 Friday May-August examinations end for all faculties
21 Monday July-August and August courses end
**Winter Session - First Term**

**September 2017**
- **4** Monday: Labour Day
- **5** Tuesday: First year registration and opening assembly for Faculty of Law
- **6** Wednesday: First term classes begin for all faculties
- **14** Thursday: Last day for course changes in Faculty of Law
- **19** Tuesday: Last day for 100% reduction of tuition fees for standard first term and full year courses. 50% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date.
- **22** Friday: Last day for adding courses that begin in the first term. Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in first term
- **30** Saturday: Last day for paying first term fees without penalty

**October 2017**
- **6** Friday: Senate meets
- **9** Monday: Thanksgiving Day
- **10** Tuesday: Last day for 50% reduction of tuition fees for standard courses. 100% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date.
- **18** Wednesday: Senate Committee on Academic Standards meets to approve Convocation lists
- **31** Tuesday: Last day for withdrawing from first term courses without penalty of failure

**November 2017**
- **3** Friday: Senate meets
- **11** Saturday: Remembrance Day
- **13-15** Monday-Wednesday: Reading Break (except Faculty of Law)
- **14&15** Tuesday & Wednesday: Fall Convocation
- **15** Wednesday: Faculty of Graduate Studies deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation (students completing in the Fall term only)
- **30** Thursday: Last day of classes in the first term for Faculty of Law

**December 2017**
- **1** Friday: Senate meets
- **3** Monday: New Year’s Day
- **4** Monday: First-term examinations begin, except Faculty of Human and Social Development
- **25** Monday: Christmas Day
- **26** Tuesday: Boxing Day

**Winter Session - Second Term**

**January 2018**
- **1** Monday: Second term classes begin for all faculties
- **5** Friday: Senate meets
- **11** Thursday: Last day for course changes for Faculty of Law
- **16** Tuesday: Last day for 100% reduction of second term fees for standard courses. 50% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date. For non-standard courses see www.uvic.ca/course-registration
- **19** Friday: Last day for adding courses that begin in the second term. Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in second term
- **31** Wednesday: Last day for paying second term fees without penalty

**February 2018**
- **2** Friday: Senate meets
- **6** Tuesday: Last day for 50% reduction of tuition fees for standard courses. 100% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date. For non-standard courses see www.uvic.ca/course-registration
- **12** Monday: Family Day
- **12-16** Monday-Friday: Reading Break for all faculties
- **15** Thursday: Faculty of Graduate Studies deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation (students completing in the Spring term only)
- **28** Wednesday: Last day for withdrawing from full year and second term courses without penalty of failure

**March 2018**
- **2** Friday: Senate meets
- **30** Friday: Good Friday

**April 2018**
- **2** Monday: Easter Monday
- **6** Friday: Senate meets
- **9** Monday: Examinations begin for all faculties, except Faculty of Human and Social Development
- **24** Tuesday: Examinations end for all faculties

1. Classes are cancelled on all statutory holidays and during reading breaks. Administrative offices and academic departments are closed on statutory holidays. Holidays that fall on a weekend are observed on the next available weekday.
normally on a Monday. The UVic Libraries are normally closed on holidays; exceptions are posted in advance.

2. Faculty of Human and Social Development dates to be announced.

3. See also Faculty of Law for more details regarding Summer 2016 and 2017, and Summer 2016 and 2017 Important Dates for law courses.

4. For non-standard courses see <www.uvic.ca/current-students/home/course-registration/look-up-courses/index.php>.