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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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.

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 Last day for course changes (Faculty of Law only)  
15 Monday Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in summer
22 Monday Victoria Day
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 Day
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
28, 31 Thursday, Friday Supplemental and deferred examinations for Winter Session 2016-2017 (except for Engineering courses)

August 2017
2 Wednesday May-August courses end for Faculty of Law
7 Monday British Columbia Day
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
Last day of classes in first term except Faculty of Law and Faculty of Human and Social Development
National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Classes and exams cancelled from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.
4 Monday First-term examinations begin, except Faculty of Human and Social Development
15 Friday Undergraduate deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation
18 Monday First term examinations end for all faculties
25 Monday Christmas Day
26 Tuesday Boxing Day
December 2017
25-1 Monday-Monday University closed

Winter Session - Second Term

January 2018
1 Monday New Year’s Day
3 Wednesday 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
Last day of classes in first term except Faculty of Law and Faculty of Human and Social Development
9 Examinations begin for all faculties, except Faculty of Human and Social Development
24 Tuesday Examinations end for all faculties
End of Winter Session

2018-2019 Official Academic Year Begins

Summer Session - 2018

May 2018
4 Friday Senate meets

June 2018

July 2018
1 Sunday Canada Day
2-3 Monday-Tuesday Reading Break May-August sections only
4 Wednesday July and July-August courses begin
15 Sunday Deadline to apply to graduate for Fall Convocation (all faculties)
26 Thursday July courses end
27 Friday August courses begin
27, 28, 29 Friday and Supplemental and deferred examinations for Winter Session
30, 31 Monday, Tuesday 2017-2018 (except for Business courses)

August 2018
3 Friday May-August classes end for all faculties
6 Monday British Columbia Day
7 Tuesday May-August examinations begin for all faculties
17 Friday May-August examinations end for all faculties
20 Monday July-August and August courses end

Winter Session - First Term

September 2018
3 Monday Labour Day
4 Tuesday First year registration and opening assembly for Faculty of Law
5 Wednesday First term classes begin for all faculties
13 Thursday Last day for course changes in Faculty of Law
18 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
21 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 Sunday Last day for paying first term fees without penalty
October 2018

5 Friday Senate meets
8 Monday Thanksgiving Day\(^1\)
9 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\(^4\).
17 Wednesday Senate Committee on Academic Standards meets to approve Convocation lists
31 Wednesday Last day for withdrawing from first term courses without penalty of failure

November 2018

2 Friday Senate meets
11 Sunday Remembrance Day\(^1\)
12-14 Monday- Wednesday Reading Break (except Faculty of Law)
13&14 Tuesday & Wednesday Fall Convocation
15 Thursday Faculty of Graduate Studies deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation (students completing in the Fall term only)

December 2018

5 Wednesday Last day of classes in first term except Faculty of Law and Faculty of Human and Social Development\(^2\) National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Classes and exams cancelled from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.
6 Thursday Last day of classes in the first term for Faculty of Law
7 Friday Senate meets
8 Saturday First-term examinations begin, except Faculty of Human and Social Development and Faculty of Law\(^2\)
10 Monday First term examinations begin in the Faculty of Law
15 Saturday Undergraduate deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation
22 Saturday First term examinations end for all faculties
25 Tuesday Christmas Day\(^1\)
26 Wednesday Boxing Day\(^1\)
25-1 Tuesday-Tuesday University closed

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 Summers 2017 and 2018, and Summers 2017 and 2018 Important Dates for law courses.
4. For non-standard courses see <www.uvic.ca/current-students/home/course-registration/look-up-courses/index.php>.
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