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 Academic Year

#### Winter Session - Second Term

**January 2018**

1. **Monday** New Year’s Day
2. **Wednesday** Second term classes begin for all faculties
3. **Friday** Senate meets
4. **Thursday** Last day for course changes for Faculty of Law
5. **Tuesday** Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in second term
6. **Friday** Last day for adding courses that begin in the second term
7. **Wednesday** Last day for paying second term fees without penalty

#### February 2018

1. **Friday** Senate meets
2. **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/add-drop
3. **Monday** Family Day
4. **Monday-Friday** Reading Break for all faculties
5. **Thursday** Faculty of Graduate Studies deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation (students completing in the Spring term only)
6. **Wednesday** Last day for withdrawing from full year and second term courses without penalty of failure

#### March 2018

1. **Friday** Senate meets
2. **Friday** Good Friday

#### April 2018

1. **Monday** Easter Monday
2. **Friday** Senate meets
3. **Monday** Examinations begin for all faculties, except Faculty of Human and Social Development
4. **Monday** Examinations end for all faculties

### 2018/2019 Official Academic Year Begins

#### Summer Session - 2018

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

**May 2018**

1. **Friday** Senate meets
2. **Monday** May-August courses begin for all faculties
3. **Monday** May and May-June courses begin
4. **Monday** Last day for course changes (Faculty of Law only)
5. **Monday** Victoria Day
6. **Thursday** Senate Committee on Academic Standards meets to approve Convocation lists
7. **Thursday** Fees deadlines for summer (see “Add and Drop Dates for Standard Summer Courses” on page 73)

**June 2018**

1. **Wednesday** May courses end
2. **Thursday** June courses begin
3. **Monday-Friday** Spring Convocation
4. **Friday** May-June and June courses end

**July 2018**

1. **Sunday** Canada Day
2. **Monday-Tuesday** Reading Break May-August sections only
3. **Wednesday** July and July-August courses begin
4. **Sunday** Deadline to apply to graduate for Fall Convocation (all faculties)
5. **Thursday** July courses end
6. **Friday** August courses begin
7. **July-August and August courses end
8. **July-August classes end for all faculties
9. **Monday** British Columbia Day
10. **Tuesday** May-August examinations begin for all faculties
11. **Friday** May-August examinations end for all faculties
12. **Monday** July-August and August courses end

### Winter Session - First Term

#### September 2018

1. **Monday** Labour Day
2. **Tuesday** First year registration and opening assembly for Faculty of Law
3. **Wednesday** First term classes begin for all faculties
4. **Thursday** Last day for course changes in Faculty of Law
### September 2018

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<td>Friday</td>
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<td>Thanksgiving Day¹</td>
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<td>Last day of classes in the first term for Faculty of Law</td>
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<td>First-term examinations begin, except Faculty of Human and Social Development and Faculty of Law²</td>
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<td>Monday</td>
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<td>First term examinations end for all faculties</td>
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### Winter Session - Second Term

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<td>27</td>
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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 2018, and Summers 2018 Important Dates for law courses.
4. For non-standard courses see <www.uvic.ca/current-students/home/course-registration/add-drop>.