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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### 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 <www.uvic.ca/equity/education/religious/index.php>. 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.

#### 2018/2019 Official Academic Year Begins

**Summer Session - 2018**

See [www.uvic.ca/calendar/undergrad/info/tuition for Summer Session add and drop dates](www.uvic.ca/calendar/undergrad/info/tuition).

**May 2018**

- **4 Friday** Senate meets
- **7 Monday** May–August courses begin for all faculties
- **14 Monday** May and May-June courses begin
  - Last day for course changes (Faculty of Law only)³
- **21 Monday** Victoria Day¹
  - Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in summer
- **24 Thursday** Senate Committee on Academic Standards meets to approve Convocation lists
- **31 Thursday** Fees deadlines for summer (see "Add and Drop Dates for Standard Summer Courses" on page 73)

**June 2018**

- **6 Wednesday** May courses end
- **7 Thursday** June courses begin
- **11-15 Monday–Friday** Spring Convocation
- **29 Friday** May-June and June courses end

**July 2018**

- **1 Sunday** Canada Day¹
- **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, 30, 31 Friday, Monday and Tuesday** Supplemental and deferred examinations for Winter Session 2017-2018 (except for Business courses)

**August 2018**

- **3 Friday** May-August classes end for all faculties
- **6 Monday** British Columbia Day¹
- **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

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**Winter Session - First Term**

#### September 2018

- **3 Monday** Labour Day¹
- **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 graduate students to register in a personal leave in first term
  - 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 date⁴
- **21 Friday** Last day for adding courses that begin in the first term.
- **30 Sunday** Last day for paying first term fees without penalty

#### October 2018

- **5 Friday** Senate meets
- **8 Monday** Thanksgiving Day¹
- **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 date⁴
- **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 Day¹
- **12-14 Monday–Wednesday** Reading Break (except Faculty of Law)
- **15 Thursday** Faculty of Graduate Studies deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation (students completing in the Fall term only)
- **15 Saturday** Undergraduate deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation
- **22 Saturday** First term examinations end for all faculties
- **25 Tuesday** Christmas Day¹

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**December 2018**

- **5 Wednesday** Last day of classes in first term except Faculty of Law and Faculty of Human and Social Development²
  - 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 Law²
- **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 Day¹
December 2018
26  Wednesday  Boxing Day ¹
25-1  Tuesday-Tuesday  University closed

Winter Session - Second Term

January 2019
1  Tuesday  New Year’s Day ¹
7  Monday  Second term classes begin for all faculties
11  Friday  Senate meets
17  Thursday  Last day for course changes for Faculty of Law
20  Sunday  Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in second term
    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/add-drop
23  Wednesday  Last day for adding courses that begin in the second term
31  Thursday  Last day for paying second term fees without penalty

February 2019
1  Friday  Senate meets
10  Sunday  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
15  Friday  Faculty of Graduate Studies deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation (students completing in the Spring term only)
18  Monday  Family Day ¹
18-22  Monday-Friday  Reading Break for all faculties
28  Thursday  Last day for withdrawing from full year and second term courses without penalty of failure

March 2019
1  Friday  Senate meets

April 2019
5  Friday  Senate meets
    Last day of classes in second term except Faculty of Human and Social Development ²
8  Monday  Examinations begin for all faculties, except Faculty of Human and Social Development ²
19  Friday  Good Friday ¹
22  Monday  Easter Monday ¹
27  Saturday  Examinations end for all faculties
    End of Winter Session

2019/2020 Official Academic Year Begins
Summer Session - 2019

May 2019
3  Friday  Senate meets
6  Monday  May-August courses begin for all faculties
13  Monday  Last day for course changes (Faculty of Law only) ³
    Last day for May and May-June courses begin
19  Sunday  Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in summer
20  Monday  Victoria Day ¹
23  Thursday  Senate Committee on Academic Standards meets to approve Convocation lists
31  Friday  Fees deadlines for summer (see “Add and Drop Dates for Standard Summer Courses” on page 73)

June 2019
5  Wednesday  May courses end
6  Thursday  June courses begin
10-14  Monday-Friday  Spring Convocation
28  Friday  May-June and June courses end

July 2019
1  Monday  Canada Day ¹
1&2  Monday and Tuesday  Reading Break May-August sections only
3  Wednesday  July and July-August courses begin
15  Monday  Deadline to apply for Fall Convocation (all faculties)
25  Thursday  July courses end
26  Friday  August courses begin
29-31  Monday-Wednesday  Supplemental and deferred examinations for Winter Session 2018-2019 (except for Business and Law courses)

August 2019
2  Friday  May-August classes end for all faculties
5  Monday  British Columbia Day ¹
6  Tuesday  May-August examinations begin for all faculties
16  Friday  May-August examinations end for all faculties
19  Monday  July-August and August courses end

Winter Session - First Term

September 2019
2  Monday  Labour Day ¹
3  Tuesday  First year registration and opening assembly for Faculty of Law
4  Wednesday  First term classes begin for all faculties
12  Thursday  Last day for course changes in Faculty of Law
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