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.

May 2018

4 Friday Senate meets
7 Monday May-August courses begin for all faculties
14 Monday May and May-June courses begin
21 Monday Victoria Day
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 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, 30, 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 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 graduate students to register in a personal leave in first term
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 Day
9 Tuesday Last day for 50% reduction of tuition fees for standard courses.
10 Wednesday Senate Committee on Academic Standards meets to approve Convocation lists
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
12-14 Monday-Wednesday Reading Break (except Faculty of Law)
13&14 Tuesday and 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
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
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
December 2018
26 Wednesday Boxing Day
25-1 Tuesday-Tuesday University closed

Winter Session - Second Term
January 2019
1 Tuesday New Year’s Day
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
21 Sunday 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
18-22 Monday-Friday Reading Break for all faculties
23 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
5 Friday Last day of classes in second term except Faculty of Human and Social Development
8 Monday Examinations begin for all faculties, except Faculty of Human and Social Development
19 Friday Good Friday
22 Monday Easter Monday
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)
19 Sunday Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in summer
20 Monday Victoria Day
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&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
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
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
### September 2019

17 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.

20 Friday  
Last day for adding courses that begin in the first term.

30 Monday  
Last day for paying first term fees without penalty

### October 2019

4 Friday  
Senate meets

8 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.

14 Monday  
Thanksgiving Day

23 Wednesday  
Senate Committee on Academic Standards meets to approve Convocation lists

31 Thursday  
Last day for withdrawing from first term courses without penalty of failure

### November 2019

1 Friday  
Senate meets

11 Monday  
Remembrance Day

11-13 Monday-Wednesday  
Reading Break (except Faculty of Law)

12&13 Tuesday and Wednesday  
Fall Convocation

15 Friday  
Faculty of Graduate Studies deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation (students completing in the Fall term only)

### December 2019

3 Tuesday  
Last day of classes in the first term for Faculty of Law

4 Wednesday  
Last day of classes in first term except Faculty of Law and Faculty of Human and Social Development

6 Friday  
Senate meets

First term examinations begin in the Faculty of Law

7 Saturday  
First-term examinations begin, except Faculty of Human and Social Development and Faculty of Law

15 Sunday  
Undergraduate deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation

20 Friday  
First term examinations end for Faculty of Law

21 Saturday  
First term examinations end for all faculties except Faculty of Law

25 Wednesday  
Christmas Day

26 Thursday  
Boxing Day

25-1 Wednesday-Wednesday  
University closed

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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 2019, and Summers 2018 and 2019 Important Dates for law courses.

4. For non-standard courses see <www.uvic.ca/course-registration/add-drop>.