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.

Winter Session - Second Term

January 2019

1 Tuesday New Year’s Day¹
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 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> Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in second term
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 Day¹
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 for all faculties
8 Monday Examinations begin for all faculties
19 Friday Good Friday¹
22 Monday Easter Monday¹

April 2019

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 Faculty of Law course changes (for more details regarding Summer 2019 and Summer 2019 Important Dates see www.uvic.ca/law/jd/courseregistration/index.php) May and May-June courses begin
19 Sunday Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in summer
20 Monday Victoria Day¹
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 Day¹
1&2 Monday and Tuesday Reading Break May-August sections only
3 Wednesday July and July-August courses begin
15 Monday Deadline to apply to graduate 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 Day¹
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 Day¹
3 Tuesday First year registration and opening assembly for Faculty of Law
### September 2019
- **4 Wednesday**: First term classes begin for all faculties
- **12 Thursday**: Last day for course changes in Faculty of Law
- **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. Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in first term
- **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 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Classes and exams cancelled from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.
- **6 Friday**: Senate meets First term examinations begin in the Faculty of Law
- **7 Saturday**: First-term examinations begin for all faculties except for the 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

### Winter Session - Second Term

#### January 2020
- **1 Wednesday**: New Year's Day
- **6 Monday**: Second term classes begin for all faculties
- **10 Friday**: Senate meets
- **16 Thursday**: Last day for course changes in Faculty of Law
- **19 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. Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in second term
- **22 Wednesday**: Last day for adding courses that begin in the second term
- **31 Friday**: Last day for paying second term fees without penalty

#### February 2020
- **7 Friday**: Senate meets
- **9 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.
- **15 Saturday**: Faculty of Graduate Studies deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation (students completing in the Spring term only)
- **17 Monday**: Family Day
- **17-21 Monday-Friday**: Reading Break for all faculties
- **29 Saturday**: Last day for withdrawing from full year and second term courses without penalty of failure

#### March 2020
- **6 Friday**: Senate meets

#### April 2020
- **3 Friday**: Senate meets
- **6 Monday**: Examinations begin for all faculties
- **10 Friday**: Good Friday
- **13 Monday**: Easter Monday
- **24 Friday**: Examinations end for all faculties End of Winter Session

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.