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*There are currently no new admissions to this program*

### Faculty Admissions

#### General and Academic Requirements and Procedures for All Graduate Students

The minimum general and academic requirements for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies include:

1. A four-year baccalaureate degree (or equivalent degree from another country) from a recognized institution*
2. A grade point average of 5.0 (B) in the work of the last two years (30 units) leading to the bachelor’s degree.**
3. Satisfactory assessment reports
4. The availability of an appropriate supervisor within the academic unit concerned
5. The availability of adequate space and facilities within the academic unit concerned.
6. Proof of English Language Proficiency (see “English Language Proficiency” on page 26).***  

*Admission to a doctoral degree program normally requires a master’s degree (or equivalent) from a recognized institution.

** Individual academic units often set higher entrance standards.

*** Individual academic units may set higher minimum acceptable scores for English proficiency.

In exceptional cases a student may be admitted with lower formal qualifications when there is significant experience relevant to the proposed area of scholarship (see “Other Admissions” on page 27).

#### Entry Points

Students may enter the Faculty in September, January, or May; however, some programs have restricted entry points. Academic unit’s calendar entries and websites should be consulted for details.

#### Application for Admission

The application fee (see “Other Graduate Fees”, page 55) is determined based on whether all post-secondary transcripts come from institutions within Canada or from institutions outside of Canada. It is non-refundable and cannot be credited towards tuition fees. Applications will only be processed after the application fee has been received.

Application materials are kept on file for one year. This documentation may be reactivated on request within that year and by submission of a new application and application fee.

Individual academic units may have different deadlines which are posted on the program academic unit entry in this calendar. All new applicants will be considered for University of Victoria fellowships or Graduate Awards by the academic unit they are applying to. Funds are limited so applicants wishing to be considered for Fellowships and Awards are encouraged to have all application materials submitted to the Graduate Admissions and Records Office as soon as possible, and no later than the application deadline for the academic unit.

#### Important Application Information

**Requirement to Disclose Information**

Applicants are required to provide the information necessary for the University record. This includes disclosing all post-secondary institutions where any course registrations were made. Applicants who fail to meet these requirements may not receive transfer credit and/or have their admission and registration cancelled.

**University’s Right to Refuse Applicants**

The University reserves the right to refuse applicants for admission on the basis of their overall academic record, even if they technically meet the published admission requirements.

**University’s Right to Limit Enrolment**

The University does not guarantee that students who meet the minimum published requirements will be admitted to any faculty, program or course. In cases where the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number that can be accommodated, the University reserves the right to set enrolment limits in a Faculty or program and to establish admission criteria beyond the minimum published requirements set out in this section.

#### Submission of Transcripts and other supporting documents

The documents required to start the evaluation of your application must be uploaded at the time of application. These include unofficial transcripts and grading scale from all institutions you have attended (including UVic), a copy of your CV/Resumé, and any other individual program requirements.

If you are applying to more than one graduate program, you will need a separate application, uploaded documentation and application fee for each.

After completing the online application, you can review your My UVic application checklist to see if any additional documentation is required. Please ensure that all outstanding documents are submitted by the appropriate deadline by uploading these via the online application system (www.uvic.ca/application). If you are offered provisional or conditional admission, transcripts and other official documents must be submitted as indicated in your offer letter before you are fully admitted.

Final official documents are needed to confirm a final offer which allows registration. An official document bears an original university seal or
stamp. It must be received in an envelope that has been clearly sealed and endorsed by the issuing institution. Unless the documents are only available in English, the official original language document accompanied by a certified literal English translation is also required. Submission of official University of Victoria transcripts are not required. Official documents will not be returned. They become the property of the University of Victoria. If a student’s originals are irreplaceable, the student should submit copies for review purposes.

Applicants must submit evidence of their ability to undertake advanced work in the area of interest in the form of two assessment reports or letters of reference. These are submitted as part of the online application for admission. Some programs may substitute employee or other professional references as an academic assessment.

Application materials are verified on a routine basis. If the Graduate Admissions and Records Office receives evidence that any documentation submitted as part of the application has been forged or falsified in any way, the applicant will be permanently banned from the university and a warning will also be circulated to all other Canadian universities.

English Language Proficiency

As English is the primary language of instruction through which the University of Victoria will communicate with students, all applicants, regardless of country of origin, citizenship status, or program of study, will be required to demonstrate competence in the English language in the following ways:

- Have resided in Canada or any exempted country (listed below) for at least three consecutive years immediately prior to the beginning of the applied for academic session
- Hold a recognized degree from an accredited institution in an exempted country (listed below)
- Complete a recognized degree program from an accredited institution in which the language of instruction is solely English
- Complete the University Admission Preparation Course offered by the University of Victoria English Language Centre with a minimum score of 80%
- Achieve a minimum score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)* of 575 on the paper-based test or 90 on the Internet Based TOEFL (IBT), with the following minimum section requirements: Listening 20; Speaking 20; Reading 20; Writing 20
- Achieve an overall score on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)* of at least Band 6.5 with no score of less than 6.0 on each academic component
- Achieve a score of 90 on the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)*

*Tests taken more than two years prior to application will not be considered

Exempted countries include: Anguilla, Antigua, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Cayman Island, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Grenada, Guam, Guyana, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Malta, Mauritius, Montserrat; Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pacific Islands (American Samoa, Baker Island, Chatham Islands, Cook Islands, Line Islands, Marianas Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Pitcairn Islands, Solomon Islands), Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rico (case by case), Republic of Ireland, Ryukyu Islands, Scotland, Seychelles, Singapore, South Africa (case by case), St. Helena, St.Kitts & Nevis, St.Lucia, St.Vincent, Tanzania, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos Islands, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (which includes England, Scotland and Wales), United States of America, U.S. Virgin Islands, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Please note that individual academic units may set higher minimum acceptable scores for English proficiency.

GMAT and GRE Requirements for Graduate Studies

The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) is prepared and scored by the Graduate Management Admission Council. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is prepared and scored by Education Testing Services (ETS). GMAT and GRE requirements are prescribed by individual academic units. In some instances, completion of the examination is mandatory. Applicants are advised to check academic unit entries for detailed information. However, the Faculty of Graduate Studies reserves the right to require a GRE score (on Advanced and Aptitude Tests), for any applicant.

ADMISSION TO REGULAR DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

Admission to a doctoral program requires evidence that the applicant is capable of undertaking substantial original research. Such capability will be judged from two assessment reports or letters of reference sent directly to the Graduate Admissions and Records Office from qualified referees and the completion of a master’s thesis or other scholarly work.

Candidate Status

All doctoral students are admitted as provisional candidates until they have passed their candidacy examinations, at which time they are automatically classified as candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Admission Without a Master’s Degree

Applicants without a master’s degree must have either:
- a baccalaureate degree as defined above from a recognized institution with a cumulative grade point average of 7.0 (A-) on the final two years of the bachelor’s degree (see “Minimum Degree Requirements” on page 31), or
- completed at least two terms in a master’s program at UVic.

Transfer from a Master’s to a Doctoral Program

A transfer from a master’s to a doctoral program may be recommended to the Dean of Graduate Studies by the academic unit. Requests for transfer will normally be considered at any time after two terms in a Master’s program. Fee installments paid towards the minimum program fee for the master’s program will be applied towards the minimum fee requirement for the PhD program. Completion is required within seven years from the date of the first registration in the master’s program and the deadline for candidacy is similarly set at three years from the date of the first registration in the master’s program. Some programs have established shorter candidacy deadlines; these will be applied unless otherwise specified by the graduate advisor. Students who are recommended for transfer to the doctoral program within the same academic unit are not normally required to submit additional assessment reports or letters of reference.

ADMISSION TO REGULAR MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Please refer to the section “General and Academic Requirements and Procedures for All Graduate Students” on page 25.

The minimum academic standing required is:
- a four-year baccalaureate degree (or equivalent degree from another country) from a recognized institution
- a grade point average of 5.0 (B or equivalent) in the work of the last two years (30 units) leading to the bachelor’s degree.

In exceptional cases a student may be admitted with lower formal qualifications when there is significant experience relevant to the proposed area of scholarship (see “Other Admissions” on page 27).

Please note that individual academic units often set higher entrance standards.
Non-graded (pass/fail) courses, credit granted on the basis of life experience, or credit earned at institutions not recognized by the University will not be used in determining an applicant’s admission grade point average or units completed. Any courses used in the calculation of the entering average cannot be used as credit toward a graduate degree program.

**Transfer between Master’s Degree Programs**

Students who wish to change programs at the master’s level will be required to meet all of the admission requirements for the new program. Students changing degree programs to one with a higher fee structure are required to pay all the required program and degree fees for the new program. Any outstanding fees as a result of the transfer come into effect at the end of the first month after the student has been officially transferred to the new program.

**ADMISSION TO GRADUATE DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

Students admitted to graduate diploma and certificate programs that include credit courses must satisfy all regular admissions requirements of the Faculty of Graduate Studies as well as the specific requirements of the program.

**UPGRADING FOR ADMISSION TO GRADUATE STUDIES**

**Applicants Who Do Not Meet the Minimum Faculty Admission Requirements**

1. **Pre-Entry Program**

Applicants who have completed a four-year baccalaureate degree or equivalent as defined above but whose academic record is such that they do not meet the Faculty of Graduate Studies’ standards for admission to a Master’s program may be considered for a Pre-Entry program. Upon the recommendation of the academic unit concerned, the Dean of Graduate Studies may approve a pre-entry program consisting of a minimum of 6 units of undergraduate course work numbered at the 300 or 400 level to be taken as an undergraduate student prior to entry in the Faculty of Graduate Studies. This course work must be relevant to the intended field of study, and must be completed within the time frame specified by the academic unit (usually one term). An average of not less than 6.0 (B+) must be achieved in the course work, and no course may be completed at a level below 4.0 (B-).

Students approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies for this pre-entry option are guaranteed admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies upon successful completion of the recommended courses. None of the courses in the pre-entry program may be considered for transfer credit towards the graduate program.

2. **Independent Upgrading To Meet Admission Minimum Requirements**

Applicants with a four-year undergraduate degree whose grade point average is below the Faculty of Graduate Studies’ minimum may complete additional senior undergraduate course work to strengthen their application. A student proposing to undertake independent upgrading should consult the academic unit concerned, as admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies is not guaranteed.

None of the courses taken for credit for the purpose of independent upgrading may be considered for credit toward the graduate program.

**Applicants Who Meet the Faculty Admission Requirements But Are Lacking Course Background**

1. **Enhanced Program**

Upon the recommendation of the academic unit concerned, the Dean of Graduate Studies may approve the inclusion of missing background or prerequisites as part of the requirements for the Master’s or doctoral degree. Missing background or prerequisite courses normally consist of not more than 6.0 units to be completed in addition to the graduate degree program requirements within a timeframe specified by the academic unit.

None of the course work taken as part of the enhanced program may be considered for credit toward the graduate program.

2. **Independent Upgrading if Lacking Course Background**

Applicants who lack prerequisite or background courses may complete additional undergraduate course work to strengthen their application. This requires submission of an application for undergraduate admission. If admitted, upon the recommendation of the student’s supervisory committee, those courses may be eligible for transfer credit towards the graduate program, subject to the limitations stated under “Transfer of Academic Credit” on page 45. Upon the recommendation of the academic unit, a provisional offer of admission may be given, subject to satisfactory completion of recommended courses.

**OTHER ADMISSIONS**

**Admission with a three-year undergraduate degree**

The Faculty of Graduate Studies at the University of Victoria recognizes that some educational systems prepare their students for graduate-level study through a three-year degree program. Students whose domestic or international baccalaureate degrees would qualify them for entry to a UVic equivalent Master’s program in their educational system may apply directly for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Applicants who have completed a three-year undergraduate degree that would not qualify them for graduate studies in their educational system but who meet all other admission requirements may be considered for entry to a Master’s program with the support of the academic unit and the Dean of Graduate Studies after a prescribed Qualifying Year or equivalent:

1. **Qualifying Year**

Upon the recommendation of the academic unit, the Dean of Graduate Studies may approve provisional entry to the Faculty of Graduate Studies for students with a three-year baccalaureate degree that would not qualify them for entry to a UVic equivalent Master’s program in their educational system who have achieved an overall grade point average of 5.0 (B or equivalent) in the last year (15 units) of study. Admission is provisional to the completion as a non-degree undergraduate student of an additional 15 units of course work numbered at the 300, 400, or graduate level prescribed by the academic unit and relevant to the intended field of study. The course work must be completed within the time frame specified by the academic unit (normally not less than 2 terms or more than 6 terms) with an average of not less than 5.0 (B), although the academic unit may require higher minimum grades for the program or for specific courses.

Further, also upon the recommendation of the academic unit, eligible course work (see Independent Upgrading, below) completed with an average of not less than 5.0 (or equivalent) may be counted for credit toward the qualifying year.

None of the courses taken for credit toward the qualifying year may be considered for credit toward the graduate program.

2. **Independent Upgrading following a three-year Baccalaureate degree**

Applicants with a three-year baccalaureate degree that would not qualify them for entry to a UVic equivalent Master’s program in their educational system may independently complete an additional year (15 units) of senior level undergraduate or graduate level course work relevant to the intended field of study with an average of not less than 5.0 (B) or equivalent in the last two years (30 units).

A student proposing to undertake independent upgrading should consult the academic unit concerned, as admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies is not guaranteed. Such recommendations must be approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies.
None of the courses taken for credit for the purpose of independent upgrading may be considered for credit toward the graduate program.

Admission as a Mature Student

Four years after completion of a baccalaureate degree as defined above, applicants whose grade point average is below 5.0 (B) but have four years relevant professional experience since completion of their degree may be admitted to a certificate, diploma, or Master’s program as mature students provided they are recommended by the academic unit. Submission of a complete résumé is required to determine eligibility as a mature student. Such recommendations must be approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Admission without a Baccalaureate

In exceptional cases, applicants without a baccalaureate degree or equivalent but who can demonstrate significant (normally at least 15 years) relevant expertise, professional experience, or formal training, that would prepare them for successful study in a specific certificate, diploma, or Master's program may be admitted provided they are recommended by the academic unit. Submission of a complete résumé is required, along with a detailed justification from the unit of the relevance of the applicant's experience to the proposed area of study, and a plan from the unit listing additional formal course work designed to mitigate any academic deficit.

Direct admission to doctoral programs is not permitted, but mature students in a Master's program may be eligible for transfer to the doctoral program after a minimum of two terms (see “Transfer from a Master’s to a Doctoral Program” on page 26).

Such recommendations must be approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies, who will set a quota on the number of such students permitted in any academic unit.

Admission to Non-Degree Course Work

Applicants wanting to take courses in the Faculty of Graduate Studies that are not for credit toward a degree at the University of Victoria may be admitted as non-degree students. Such students may be admitted under the following three categories:

1) Visiting Students

Visiting students are admitted on the basis of a Letter of Permission which specifies courses allowed for credit toward a graduate degree at another recognized institution. Applicants in this category must complete an application for admission and provide a Letter of Permission or equivalent from the home institution. International students will be required to provide transcripts and evidence of English Language Proficiency.

2) Exchange Students

Exchange students may be admitted under the provisions of the Western Deans’ Agreement or other formal exchange agreements. If a student is admitted as an exchange student, all tuition fees will be waived. In some cases, course surcharges may apply.

Applicants under this category must submit documentation from their home institution certifying the applicant as an exchange student under the provisions of an approved exchange agreement. Courses to be taken toward their degree must be specified in the documentation. International students will be required to provide transcripts as evidence that their home academic program is at the graduate level. Evidence of English competency adequate for the successful participation in the program must be provided. The level of proficiency and the manner in which it must be demonstrated will be stated in the exchange agreement approved by the university.

The International Office, <www.uvic.ca/international>, provides pre-arrival support, orientation on arrival and ongoing assistance for international students after they have been accepted to study at UVic.

3) Non-Degree Students

Students who wish to improve their academic background may be admitted as non-degree students. Applicants must meet the same entrance requirements and follow the same application procedure as degree-seeking applicants.

Fees for Non-Degree Course Work

None of the fees paid as a non-degree student may be applied to the graduate degree. Fees for courses taken as a non-degree student will be charged on a per unit basis as outlined under "Tuition for Non-degree Students" on page 68.

Visiting Research Students

Graduate Students currently registered at a recognized institution who wish to participate in research under the supervision of Faculty members at the University of Victoria may be considered for admission to UVic as visiting research students.

Visiting research students will be registered in either GS 503, Canadian Visiting Research Student (3.0 Units), or in GS 504, International Visiting Research Student (3.0 Units). There are no tuition fees charged for these registrations. Visiting research students will have access to basic research services (e.g. library, e-mail access, computing). Basic student services (e.g. recreation facilities and transit passes) can be arranged provided that the applicable fees are paid by the student.

A completed ‘Letter of Agreement Graduate Visiting Research Student’ form is submitted to the Graduate Admissions and Records Office and approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies before the student is able to attend UVic. This form must be signed by the visiting research student, the home supervisor/s, and the UVic supervisor/s to address issues such as intellectual property, stipend and benefits, travel costs, access to research equipment and supplies, research ethics, and space etc.

Visiting research students who wish to take additional courses for credit aside from their research course must apply as Non-Degree student and must pay appropriate fees.

Admission to a Second Master’s or Second Doctoral Degree

A student who has a master’s or doctoral degree from the University of Victoria or the equivalent degree from a recognized institution may be allowed to pursue graduate studies leading to a second master’s or doctoral degree if the following requirements are met:

- The student must meet the requirements for admission to the program.
- The principal academic emphasis of the second degree must be distinct from that of the first degree.
- At least 15 (for the master’s degree) or 30 (for the doctoral degree) units of credit must be completed beyond those units required in the previous degree.
- The student must meet all program and graduation requirements for the second degree beyond those required for the first degree.
- None of the research done for the first degree may be used for the second degree; as well, the supervisor for the first degree cannot be nominated to supervise the second degree.

Admission Appeals

Appeals related to the admission of new students are reviewed by the Faculty of Graduate Studies on the recommendation of the appropriate academic unit, and are not subject to further appeal.

Confirmation of Admission Offer

Students who are offered admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies should confirm in writing or by email within one month that they intend to accept the offered place. If this is not done, the offer may be cancelled.
International students should not make travel plans until they have been granted a full official offer of admission granting access to registration for courses (not provisional admission) and have satisfied all student authorization requirements through the Canadian Consulate in their home country.

**INDIVIDUAL GRADUATE PROGRAMS BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT (SPARR)**

**General Information**

Programs by special arrangement are available only in cases where an academic unit does not offer an established graduate degree. Such an offering is called an Individual Degree by Special Arrangement. Since these degree programs are created on an individual basis, the Faculty of Graduate Studies requires that applicants and academic units satisfy a stringent approval process.

In order to be considered for approval to offer a doctoral degree by special arrangement, the academic unit must have a regular master’s program and have graduated students from that program during each of the last three years.

In order to be considered for approval to offer a master’s degree by special arrangement, the academic unit must have an active Major or Honours undergraduate program and have graduated students from that program in each of the last three years.

It is the applicant’s responsibility to arrange the details of the program. The Faculty of Graduate Studies and academic units are under no obligation to arrange or approve special arrangement programs.

The Dean of Graduate Studies will set a quota for the number of individual special arrangement degrees permitted in any academic unit.

**Admission**

Applicants for degrees by special arrangement must follow the admission procedures and meet the entrance criteria for the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Potential applicants must develop the degree program and assemble the supervisory committee before making formal application.

**Proposal Approval**

Admission will be approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies once the proposal has been reviewed and approved by the academic unit. This proposal is jointly developed by the applicant and the proposed primary supervisor and consists of a completed Individual Special Arrangement Program for Approval form (including signatures of proposed supervisory committee) and a rationale for the program.

**Primary Academic Supervisor**

A member of the supervisory committee from the sponsoring academic unit must be designated as the academic supervisor.

**Degree Program and Supervisory Committee**

The supervisory committee must conform to regulations concerning supervisory committees. The supervisory committee for a doctoral degree by special arrangement must include at least one member from an academic unit with an active, regular PhD program, and one member must have successful PhD supervisory experience. The supervisory committee for a master’s degree by special arrangement must include at least one member from an academic unit with an active, regular master’s program. At least one committee member must have supervised successful candidates for graduate degrees.

Any changes to a degree program or supervisory committee must be made in writing and approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies.

**Program and Course Designation**

The degree program can consist of appropriate courses from within the academic unit as well as regular courses from other academic units.

Academic units with no regular graduate courses are authorized to create the following courses for special arrangement degree students only:

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1. May be taken more than once for credit provided course content differs.
2. Grading is INF, COM, N, F.

**Graduate Studies Courses by Special Arrangement**

Academic units without approved graduate programs may be permitted to offer up to 3 units of graduate course work under the GS designation. Proposals for these courses must include approval by the funding academic unit(s) before being submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies for final approval. Proposal forms and detailed instructions are available through the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Students must seek prior approval from their supervisory committee for inclusion of these courses in their graduate programs.

For descriptions of graduate courses by special arrangement (GS 500 and 501), see the GS course listings.

**JOINTLY-SUPERVISED INDIVIDUAL PHD PROGRAM (CO-TUTELLE)**

The University of Victoria offers students the ability to enter into a co-supervised PhD arrangement with one or more other universities. Individual programs are jointly designed, supervised and examined with the partner institution(s) and lead to one PhD degree jointly awarded by each of the partner universities.

Students wishing to pursue this PhD program option should consult with academic units in the respective universities. Students must meet the admission requirements of each partner university and it is expected that students will spend significant periods of time engaged in academic work at each university.

A Memorandum of Agreement will be established between the partner institutions and must have final approval from the Deans of Graduate Studies in each university. The Memorandum of Agreement will outline the specific details of the academic program that the student will be required to complete. The academic program must satisfy all PhD requirements at each university. The Memorandum of Agreement must also specify agreement on details related to the assignment of supervision, required coursework, comprehensive examination(s), dissertation requirements including the language, length and format of the dissertation, oral defense, and submission of the final dissertation.

From the outset, it will be agreed that one of the partner universities will be designated the “home” university. The Memorandum of Agreement must also include and outline the arrangements amongst the partners on various responsibilities and regulations including the administration of student admission, registration, monitoring of progress, graduation,
funding and student support, tuition and fees guidelines and intellectual property guidelines.

For student programs for which the University of Victoria is designated the home institution, normally, the total period of registration at UVic shall not be less than six (6) full-time terms, and the student will pay a minimum of six (6) tuition installments.

For student programs for which the University of Victoria is designated the partner institution, normally, the total period of registration at UVic shall not be less than three full-time terms, and the student will pay a minimum of three (3) tuition installments.

The Memorandum of Agreement will be established as close to the students first registration as possible, and will be approved and signed no later than by the time a student has reached candidacy.

For more information regarding the Jointly-Supervised Individual PhD Program, please visit the Faculty of Graduate Studies website.

**DOCTORAL DEGREES**

Doctoral degrees are awarded for the creation and interpretation of knowledge that extends the forefront of the discipline or field of study, usually through new or original research. Holders of doctorates will be able to conceptualize, design and implement projects for the generation of significant new or original contribution to knowledge and or understanding. Holders of doctorates will have the ability to make informed judgments on complex issues in specialist fields, and innovation in tackling and solving problems. Holders of the doctorate qualification will be able to:

- make informed judgments on complex issues in specialist fields, often in the absence of complete data, and be able to communicate their ideas and conclusions clearly and effectively to specialist and non-specialist audiences; and,

- continue to undertake pure and/or applied research and development at an advanced level, contributing substantially to the development of new techniques, ideas or approaches; and will have the qualities and transferable skills requiring the exercise of personal responsibility and largely autonomous initiative in complex and unpredictable situations, in professional or equivalent environments.

Doctorates are awarded to students who have demonstrated:

- the creation and interpretation of new or original knowledge, through original research, or other advanced scholarships, of a quality to satisfy peer review, extend the forefront of the discipline or field of study, and merit publication;

- a systematic acquisition and understanding of new or original knowledge which is at the forefront of an academic discipline or field of study, or area of professional practice;

- the general ability to conceptualize, design and implement a project for the generation of new or original knowledge, applications or understanding at the forefront of the discipline or field of study, and to adjust the project design in light of unforeseen problems; and,

- a detailed understanding of applicable techniques for research and advanced academic enquiry.

**MASTER’S DEGREES**

Master’s degrees are awarded to students who have demonstrated:

- a systematic understanding of knowledge, and a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights, much of which is at, or informed by, the forefront of their academic discipline, or field of study, or area of professional practice;

- a comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to research or advanced scholarship;

- originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in the discipline;

- the ability to deal with complex issues analytically, systematically and creatively;

- the ability to engage in decision making in complex and unpredictable situations;

- the ability to communicate clearly with various audiences;

- the ability to develop new skills and continue to advance their knowledge and understanding; and

- the independent learning ability required for continuing professional development.

**Thesis-based Master’s Degrees**

In addition to the criteria for all Master’s Degrees, graduates of a master’s degree (thesis option) will demonstrate:

- conceptual understanding that enables the student to: critically evaluate current research and advanced scholarship in the discipline; and to evaluate methodologies and develop critiques of them and, where appropriate, propose new hypotheses;

- self direction and originality in tackling and solving problems, and in planning and implementing tasks at a professional or equivalent level.

**Project-based Master’s Degrees**

In addition to the criteria for all Master’s Degrees, graduates of a master’s degree (project-based option) will demonstrate:

- a high level of achievement in the application of knowledge required in the related field; and

- mastery of the skills required to complete a complex project in the related field.

**Course-only Master’s Degrees**

In addition to the criteria for all Master’s Degrees, graduates of a course-only master’s degree will demonstrate:

- the ability to be critical consumers of the kinds of research generally produced in their discipline(s);

- an in-depth understanding of the motivating concepts, problems, and insights of their degree programs.

**DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

In general, Graduate Diplomas and Certificates have a specific target audience and meet a significant and sustained educational need. The intent of these programs is to achieve specialized or advanced knowledge in a particular discipline. With the approval of both the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the academic unit offering the degree, credit courses completed in University of Victoria graduate certificate and diploma programs may be applied to concurrent or subsequent University of Victoria graduate degree programs. The academic units must certify which, if any, eligible courses completed more than ten years from the date of admission are still current (see Tuition Credit for Academic Transfer Credits for Certificates and Diplomas).

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS - DOCTORAL DEGREES**

When admitted to a graduate program, the student is expected to follow the program of study as described in the Graduate Calendar current at the time of their admission. If, in subsequent years, the program...
requirements for the same degree are altered, the student may change the requirements of their own degree to conform to the then-current calendar. A recommendation from the student’s academic supervisor and graduate adviser must be forwarded to the Dean of Graduate Studies for approval as early as possible after the change to the program.

Minimum Degree Requirements

The minimum requirement for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy is 30 units of work beyond the master’s level or 45 units beyond the bachelor’s level, and satisfactory completion of the prescribed program.

No more than 3.0 units of work at the senior Bachelor’s level may be taken for credit in a doctoral program. Any senior undergraduate courses (numbered 300-499) included in a graduate program must be pertinent to the program. Courses numbered at the 100 and 200 level may be included in the program as prerequisites but will be indicated on the student’s record as FNC (For No Credit); courses indicated on the record as FNC will not be included in sessional or cumulative grade point average calculations.

All doctoral programs require that a broad knowledge of the field or fields of study be demonstrated through the candidacy examination. The major portion of the doctoral program will be devoted to a research project culminating in a dissertation which satisfies the requirements and standards of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Doctoral Candidacy Examinations

The candidacy examination is a requirement of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and cannot be waived by any academic unit. However, the precise form, content, and administration of such examinations are determined by individual academic units.

Normally, within thirty-six months of registration as a provisional doctoral student and at least six months before the final oral examination, a student must pass a candidacy examination. However, individual academic units may impose shorter time frames. It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of and to satisfy the time limit regulations of their academic unit.

The purpose of the candidacy examination is to test the student’s understanding of material considered essential to completion of a PhD and/or the student’s competence to do research that will culminate in the PhD dissertation. The candidacy examination may be written, oral, or both at the discretion of the academic unit.

Individual academic units or supervisory committees may also require other examinations in addition to the candidacy examination. Such examinations may include those to test competence in languages other than English, in statistics, in computing, or in other basic research skills.

While there may be wide variety in the content of candidacy examinations, all such examinations must be consistent within each academic unit. Factors that must be consistent are the manner in which the examinations are conducted, conducted and evaluated. Academic units are responsible for ensuring this consistency.

Academic units are responsible for providing the student with a written statement of procedures, requirements and regulations pertaining to all such examinations. This information must be made available to doctoral students as soon as they enter the program. A copy of these procedures must be on file with the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

The Candidacy Examination course (numbered 693) can be either a pre- or a co-requisite to the Dissertation course (numbered 699) as determined by each individual academic unit. The regulations regarding the ordering of these courses are included under the course listings for each academic unit. All doctoral students must register for and pass the course numbered 693 (Candidacy Examination) in their academic unit in the terms in which they are preparing for or sitting the candidacy examination(s).

Doctoral dissertations

When research is completed, and before the dissertation is written, the student should consult the Faculty of Graduate Studies’ website and their home academic unit for information regarding the structure and formatting of the dissertation to ensure acceptability of the document to the University and Library and Archives Canada.

The doctoral dissertation must embody original work and constitute a significant contribution to knowledge in the candidate’s field of study. It should contain evidence of broad knowledge of the relevant literature, and should demonstrate a critical understanding of the works of scholars closely related to the subject of the dissertation. Material embodied in the dissertation should, in the opinion of scholars in the field, merit publication.

The general form and style of dissertations may differ from academic unit to academic unit, but all dissertations shall be presented in a form which constitutes an integrated submission. The dissertation may include materials already published by the candidate, whether alone or in conjunction with others. Previously published materials must be integrated into the dissertation while at the same time distinguishing the student’s own work from the work of other researchers. For publications with multiple authors, a description of the student’s contribution to the research and the student’s role in each publication must be provided. Permission of the copyright holder must be obtained and documented in order for published material to be included in the dissertation. At the final oral examination, the doctoral candidate is responsible for the entirety of the dissertation. This includes those portions of co-authored papers which comprise part of the dissertation.

Program Requirements - Master’s Degrees

When admitted to a graduate program, the student is expected to follow the program of study as described in the Graduate Calendar current at the time of their admission. If, in subsequent years, the program requirements for the same degree are altered, the student may change the requirements of their own degree to conform to the then-current calendar. A recommendation from the student’s academic supervisor and graduate adviser must be forwarded to the Dean of Graduate Studies for approval as early as possible after the change to the program.

Minimum Degree Requirements

The minimum requirement for a master’s degree is 15 units of work, and satisfactory completion of the prescribed program.

Course Work, Research and Thesis

Considerable variation is permitted in the balance between research and the course work required for the master’s degree.

Minimum Graduate Component of Master’s Degree

A master’s candidate must complete a minimum of 12 units of graduate credit out of the total units required for the degree. Individual academic units may require a higher number of units at the graduate level. Courses numbered at the 100 and 200 level may be included in the program as prerequisites but will be indicated on the student’s record as FNC (For No Credit); courses indicated on the record as FNC will not be included in sessional or cumulative grade point average calculations. Any senior undergraduate courses (courses numbered 300-499) included in a graduate program must be pertinent to the program and must be in addition to the minimum 12 units of graduate credits required in all master’s degree programs.

Master’s Theses

When research is completed, and before the thesis is written, the student should consult the Faculty of Graduate Studies’ website and their home academic unit for information regarding the structure and formatting of the thesis to ensure acceptability of the document to the University and Library and Archives Canada.
A master's thesis is an original lengthy essay which demonstrates the student's understanding of and capacity to, employ research methods appropriate to their discipline(s). It should normally include a general overview of relevant literature in the field of study, be well organized and academically written. The work may be based on body of original data produced by the student or it may be an original research exercise conducted using scholarly literature or data produced and made available by others.

In general, a master's candidate must demonstrate a command of the subject of the thesis. A thesis demonstrates that appropriate research methods have been used and appropriate methods of critical analysis conducted using scholarly literature or data produced and made available by others.

The general form and style of theses may differ from academic unit to academic unit, but all theses shall be presented in a form which constitutes an integrated submission. The thesis may include materials already published by the candidate, whether alone or in conjunction with others. Previously published materials must be integrated into the thesis while at the same time distinguishing the student's own work from the work of other researchers. For publications with multiple authors, a description of the student's contribution to the research and the student's role in each publication must be provided. Permission of the copyright holder must be obtained and documented in order for published material to be included in the thesis. At the final oral examination, the Master's candidate is responsible for the entire content of the thesis. This includes those portions of co-authored papers which comprise part of the thesis.

**Project-based Master's Degrees**

Not all academic units offer the option of a project-based master's degree.

1. A supervisory committee must be formed as described under "Graduate Studies Committees, Advisers, and Supervisors" below.
2. There must be evidence of independent research work which may be in the form of a project, extended paper(s), work report, etc. The credit value for this work may range from 1.5 to 4.5 units.
3. There shall be a formal evaluation of the degree. The academic unit may require a written comprehensive examination in place of, or in addition to, an oral examination. If an oral examination is conducted, it shall be done so in accordance with the regulations under "Examining Committees" on page 60, and "Results of Oral Examinations (Project-based Master's degrees)" on page 61.

**Course-only Master's Degrees**

Not all academic units offer the option of a course-only master's degree.

1. A faculty supervisor, faculty adviser or mentor will normally be appointed as described under "Graduate Studies Committees, Advisers, and Supervisors" below. Normally there will not be a supervisory committee.
2. Each program of study shall include an element designed to provide students with the skills to enable them to be critical consumers of the kinds of research normally used in their discipline.
3. Each program of study shall include elements to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the motivating concepts, problems, and insights of their degree programs. This might be accomplished in a variety of ways such as a capstone course, a comprehensive examination, or a literature review.
4. The academic unit may require a written or oral examination. If an oral examination is conducted, it will normally be done so in accordance with the regulations under "Examining Committees" on page 60, and "Results of Oral Examinations (Project-based Master's degrees)" on page 61.

**Program Requirements - Graduate Diplomas and Certificates**

When admitted to graduate certificate and diploma programs, students are expected to follow the program of study as described in the Graduate Calendar current at the time of their admission. If, in subsequent years, the program requirements for the same program are altered, a student may opt to change to the requirements of the then-current calendar. A recommendation from the student's graduate adviser must be forwarded to the Dean of Graduate Studies for approval.

**Program Requirements**

Graduate Certificate programs of study are normally between 6.0-7.5 units of coursework at the 500- and/or 600-level, some of which may be specially-developed non-credit graduate courses.

Graduate Diploma programs of study are normally between 9.0-12.0 units of coursework at the 500- and/or 600-level, some of which may be specially-developed non-credit graduate courses.

Certificate and diploma programs may be taken by students who are concurrently admitted to a regular graduate degree program or by students admitted only for the purposes of obtaining the certificate or diploma. They may be integrated with, or complementary to, regular degree programs of graduate study, or may stand alone.

Credit courses completed in select University of Victoria graduate certificate and diploma programs may be applied to concurrent or subsequent University of Victoria graduate degree programs with approval of both the faculty and the academic unit offering the degree as specified by academic units in their degree program descriptions.

Please note that once a degree, diploma or certificate has been awarded by the University Senate, no changes can be made to the programs that constitute that credential nor can the degree, diploma or certificate be rescinded at the request of the student. For instance, a student may not undertake completion of additional course requirements to qualify for a different credential, such as but not limited to changing an awarded MA in Geogrophy to an MSc degree in Geography, or changing an awarded degree program to a certificate or diploma.

**Graduate Studies Committees, Advisers, and Supervisors**

**Academic Unit Graduate Studies Committee**

The Faculty of Graduate Studies strongly recommends that each academic unit have a Graduate Studies Committee and that this committee be chaired by the academic unit’s Graduate Studies Adviser. The responsibilities of this committee may include such tasks as admission decisions, curriculum deliberations and administration of candidacy examinations. The Faculty also strongly recommends that the academic unit’s Graduate Studies Committee have a graduate student representative.

**Academic Unit Graduate Studies Advisers**

The academic unit’s Graduate Studies Adviser is the formal liaison officer between the academic unit and the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The academic unit’s Graduate Studies Adviser makes recommendations to the Faculty of Graduate Studies on the following matters: admission to graduate programs, awards administered by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, changes to the student record including degree program, supervisory committee and registration. A request for an oral examination must also be signed by the academic unit’s Graduate Studies Adviser. The academic unit’s Graduate Studies Adviser will normally chair the academic unit’s Graduate Studies Committee.

**Primary Academic Supervisors**

Students in all doctoral and master’s programs will have a member of the Faculty of Graduate Studies assigned as primary academic supervisor, faculty adviser or mentor to counsel the student in academic matters.
The primary academic supervisor must be from the academic unit offering the degree program. The primary academic supervisor is normally a Regular member of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (see Membership in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, below). However, with the support of the academic unit and permission of the Dean, an Associate or Emeritus member may be named as primary and sole academic supervisor.

In particular, the primary academic supervisor must be aware of Calendar and Faculty of Graduate Studies regulations. In consultation with the student, the primary academic supervisor is responsible for ensuring the nomination of supervisory committee members. The supervisor provides guidance to the student on the nature of research, the standards expected, the adequacy of progress and the quality of work. See the document “Graduate Supervision Policy” on the Faculty of Graduate Studies website for more information.

The primary academic supervisor should maintain contact with the student through mutually agreed upon regular meetings, and be accessible to the student to give advice and constructive criticism. Supervisors who expect to be absent from the University for an extended period of time are responsible for making suitable arrangements with the student and the academic unit’s Graduate Studies Adviser for the continued supervision of the student or for requesting the academic unit to nominate another supervisor. Such absences and the resulting arrangements must be approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Co-Supervisor

Students who have a designated primary academic supervisor may also have a maximum of one co-supervisor designated in cases where the level of supervision and/or support to be provided by the co-supervisor is greater than normally expected from regular members of a supervisory committee. The co-supervisor is not required to be nominated by the same academic unit as the student but must be a member of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Associate and Emeritus members are normally limited to co-supervisory roles (see Membership in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, below).

Supervisory Committees

Students in all doctoral programs and students in thesis and project-based Master’s programs will have a supervisory committee nominated by the academic unit and approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies. The academic supervisor will facilitate all activities of the supervisory committee. All members of a supervisory committee must be a member of the Faculty of Graduate Studies or be specifically approved by the Dean.

Within the first two terms of attendance in a graduate degree program, a primary supervisor must be nominated. Within three terms of first registration in a thesis, project or dissertation, the remainder of the supervisory committee shall be nominated and recorded on the student’s academic record.

The duties of the committee include: recommending a program of study chosen in conformity with the Faculty of Graduate Studies and academic unit’s regulations; supervision of the project, thesis or dissertation; participation in a final oral examination when the program prescribes such an examination. The committee may conduct other examinations, and will recommend to the Faculty of Graduate Studies whether or not a degree be awarded to a candidate. See the document “Graduate Supervision Policy” on the Faculty of Graduate Studies website for more information.

Membership in the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies have the privileges of teaching graduate courses, supervising and/or co-supervising graduate students, and chairing examination committees. Members must demonstrate a continuing commitment to scholarly, professional and/or artistic achievement and, where appropriate, maintain their professional credentials. As supervisors and members of supervisory committees, they play a key role in mentoring graduate students. Appointments to membership in the Faculty of Graduate Studies are made by the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies upon the recommendation of the academic unit, in one of three categories.

i. Regular membership is restricted to tenured and tenure track faculty members appointed at the University of Victoria. Membership will normally be granted for the length of the member’s academic appointment and with all supervisory privileges within their home Academic Units.

ii. Associate membership is restricted to non-tenured or non-tenure-track teaching faculty, adjunct and limited term faculty, and sessional instructors appointed at the University of Victoria who wish to serve on supervisory committees or to supervise graduate students. Membership will normally be granted for the length of the member’s academic appointment to a maximum of 5 years, renewable as appropriate, and with only those privileges that the Academic Unit recommends and the Dean of Graduate Studies approves. Any faculty members, including Regular members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, who wish to supervise students outside their home Academic Unit must apply for Associate membership through the outside unit. Regular members who have resigned their position at the University of Victoria (including Emeritus professors) who wish to continue to supervise or co-supervise graduate students must secure and maintain an Adjunct appointment to qualify for Associate membership.

iii. Affiliate membership is intended for appropriately qualified individuals who do not hold academic appointments at the University of Victoria but wish to serve as an outside member on supervisory committees. Membership will normally be granted upon request of the Academic Unit, either for the duration of study of a particular student or, in the case where the individual may be asked to serve on several student committees, for a maximum of 5 years, renewable as appropriate, and with only those privileges that the unit recommends and the Dean of Graduate Studies approves. Affiliate members may not supervise or co-supervise graduate students. Regular Members who have resigned their position at the University of Victoria (including Emeritus professors) who wish to continue to serve on supervisory committees are eligible for Affiliate status.

Procedures for applying for membership in the Faculty of Graduate Studies can be found on the Faculty of Graduate Studies website.

Composition of the Supervisory Committee: Doctoral Degrees

Listed below are the minimum requirements for doctoral supervisory committees. Additional supervisory committee members who are on the Faculty of Graduate Studies membership list may be added without the approval of the Dean. All committee members must be members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies or have had specific permission from the Dean of Graduate Studies to serve as a member.

Doctoral Degrees in Regular Doctoral Degree Programs

All members of the Doctoral supervisory committee must be on the Faculty of Graduate Studies membership list or be specifically approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies. The supervisory committee must have at least three members, one of whom is the primary supervisor, one may be a co-supervisor. At least two of the members must be from the home academic unit. One of the members must be from outside the home academic unit:

- Member #1: The primary supervisor must be from the home academic unit
- Member #2: May be a co-supervisor or a committee member from inside or outside the home academic unit
- Member #3: A committee member from inside or outside the home academic unit

Doctoral Degrees by Special Arrangement

As in Regular Doctoral Degree Programs, with the provisos that at least one member must be from an academic unit with an active PhD
program, and at least one member must have supervised a successful PhD candidate.

**Individual Interdisciplinary Doctoral Degrees**

As in Regular Doctoral Degree Programs, with the provisos that there must be co-supervisors from two relevant academic units, at least one of whom must be from an academic unit with an active PhD program and at least one member must have supervised a successful PhD candidate.

**Composition of the Supervisory Committee: Master’s Degrees**

Listed below are the minimum requirements for master’s supervisory committees. Additional supervisory committee members who are on the Faculty of Graduate Studies membership list may be added without the approval of the Dean. All committee members must be members of the Faculty of Graduate Studies or have had specific permission from the Dean of Graduate Studies to serve as a member.

**Master’s Degrees With Theses in Regular Master’s Degrees Programs**

All members of the Master’s supervisory committee must be on the Faculty of Graduate Studies membership list or be specifically approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies. The supervisory committee must have at least two members one of whom is the primary supervisor:

- **Member #1**: The primary supervisor — must be from the home academic unit
- **Member #2**: May be a co-supervisor

**Project-based Master’s Degrees in Regular Master’s Degrees Programs**

All members of the Master’s supervisory committee must be on the Faculty of Graduate Studies membership list or be specifically approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies. The supervisory committee must have at least two members one of whom is the primary supervisor:

- **Member #1**: The primary supervisor — must be from the home academic unit
- **Member #2**: May be a co-supervisor or committee member from inside or outside the home academic unit

**Course-only Master’s Degrees in Regular Master’s Degrees Programs**

The faculty supervisor, faculty adviser or mentor and members of the supervisory committee, if one is struck, must be on the Faculty of Graduate Studies membership list or be specifically approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies.

The faculty supervisor, faculty adviser or mentor will be from the student’s home academic unit. Where a supervisory committee is struck, membership will be the same as for project-based Master’s degrees.

**Master’s Degrees By Special Arrangement (With Theses)**

As in Regular Master’s Degree Programs, with the provisos that at least one member must be from an academic unit with a regular graduate degree program and at least one member must have supervised successful candidates for graduate degrees. The final oral examining committee must include at least one person from outside the home academic unit.

**Individual Interdisciplinary Master’s Degrees**

As in Regular Master’s Degree Programs, with the provisos that there must be co-supervisors from two relevant academic units, at least one of whom must be from an academic unit with a regular graduate degree program, and at least one member must have supervised successful candidates for graduate degrees.

**Registration**

**Definition of Full-Time Status**

Any student who is registered for a single term in Winter Session (September to December OR January to April) OR Summer Session (May to August) is defined as full-time if:

- enrolled in courses totaling a minimum of 3 units, or
- enrolled in a Candidacy Exam (693), dissertation (699), thesis (599), project (598 and some 596), Approved Exchange (GS 502), Jointly Supervised Doctoral Program (GS 601) or co-operative education work term (800+).

**Definition of Part-Time Status**

A part-time student is defined as any student who does not fall into any of the above categories with the exception of graduate students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning who have been granted permission by the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies to pursue 693, 699, 599, 598 on a part-time basis and to be levied part-time fee instalments.

**Residency Requirement**

The Faculty of Graduate Studies has no general minimum residency requirements however academic units may require students to be in attendance on campus for all or a portion of the time period for their degree.

**Continuity of Registration**

All students admitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies must either register for credit in every term from the time of admission until the requirements of the degree have been met, or register for a personal leave, or formally request a parental or compassionate/medical leave of absence, or formally withdraw in accordance with the regulations below. Registration instructions will be sent to all students who are authorized to register.

Students who do not:

- register for credit
- register for a personal leave of absence,
- have approval for a parental or compassionate/medical leave of absence, or
- formally withdraw from their program

are considered to have abandoned their program. That program will be terminated and they will be withdrawn from the university. The notation “Withdrawn Without Permission” will be entered on the transcript.

**Eligible to Register**

Students in good standing who were registered or on a leave of absence (see above) in the most recent session at the University will be automatically eligible for registration in the next session. Students who have withdrawn under any other circumstances and who wish to return, or students who are transferring into another degree program, are required to complete an Application to Reregister. Forms are available through the Graduate Admissions and Records Office or on the website at <www.uvic.ca/graduatestudies/admissions/registration/reregistration>.
Students who have registered at another university or college since last in attendance at the University are required to state the names of all educational institutions of post-secondary level attended and to submit an Application to Reregister and two official transcripts of their academic records at these institutions to the Graduate Admissions and Records Office at least eight weeks prior to the start of classes.

Curriculum Advising and Program Planning (CAPP)
CAPP reports provide a summary of academic requirements for a student’s declared program. Graduate students who are active, temporarily withdrawn, or withdrawn with Dean’s permission will be able to view their CAPP online in My page. Updates to the CAPP report will be forwarded to the Graduate Admissions and Records Office by the graduate adviser. When all program requirements are complete, students are expected to review and approve their final CAPP report before applying to graduate.

Late Registration
Please refer to deadlines posted in the Important Dates and Deadlines section of this calendar. Failure to meet registration deadlines will result in a late registration fee.

Registration in Distance or Off-Campus Course Sections
Students may register in distance education or off-campus course sections for thesis/dissertation courses or when undergoing field work, practicum, co-op, or an internship. Distance registration indicates that a student has left the University of Victoria campus for a term and, as a result, is not normally permitted to receive the benefits of a typical on campus student regarding lab/office space.

Registration In a Directed Studies Course
Registration in a directed studies non-standard course requires a pro-forma registration form. Typically these courses are numbered 590 or 690. With permission of the academic unit, graduate students may retain credit in more than one pro forma course if offered in different topics.

Registration in Courses Outside a Graduate Program
Students may register in courses which are not part of the formal requirements of their graduate program if:
- the courses will contribute to the research or provide background for the program, and
- the courses have been approved by the student’s supervisor.

This provision is not intended to be used to take courses for eventual transfer to a subsequent graduate program, nor to take undergraduate courses in an undergraduate degree, certificate, or diploma program. In exceptional cases and with the approval of the academic unit, the Dean of Graduate Studies may approve the concurrent registration of a graduate student in an undergraduate program. The (Faculty of Graduate Studies) Dean’s permission is required for all course work outside of the program area. For courses containing surcharges in addition to the course fee, the surcharges will apply and will be extra to the cost of the graduate degree.

Registration by Undergraduates in Graduate Courses
Students in their final year of a bachelor’s degree program at the University of Victoria who have a grade point average of at least 6.0 (B+) in the last 15 units of course work attempted may be permitted to register in a maximum of 3 units of 500-level graduate courses on the recommendation of the academic unit concerned and with the consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies. Such courses cannot be used for credit in a subsequent undergraduate or graduate program at the University of Victoria if this work is used to satisfy the requirement for another credential.

No application for admission or supporting documentation is required; the graduate adviser of the academic unit in which the courses are to be taken must send a recommendation to the Dean of Graduate Studies, specifying the courses selected. When written permission is received from the Dean, the approved graduate courses will be added to the undergraduate record.

Registration as an Auditor
Individuals who are permitted to audit graduate courses must either be a current UVic graduate student or hold a baccalaureate degree and be recommended to the Faculty of Graduate Studies by an academic unit.

A continuing graduate student must register in credit courses, thesis, project or dissertation, and must add audit course work using a Graduate Course Change Form.

Students who are also registered in credit courses may change their registration from audit to credit, or credit to audit, up to the last day to add courses for the term or session.

Graduate students will not be assessed audit fees for audited courses if:
- the courses will contribute to the student’s research or provide background for the program, and
- the courses have been approved by the student’s supervisor

Any student who wishes to audit a graduate course without contiguous registration must complete an application for admission specifying the intention to audit. Unofficial transcripts will be required to begin the review of your audit application and must be uploaded at the time of application. Audit fees are payable at the end of the month in which the auditor registers, and are refundable according to University deadlines.

An applicant whose first language is not English, and who has resided in Canada or another English-speaking country less than three consecutive years immediately prior to the beginning of the session applied for, must demonstrate English Proficiency (see “English Language Proficiency” on page 26).

Registration as an auditor is subject to the following conditions:
1. Admission to the course is dependent on the class size and other factors that the instructor and academic unit establish.
2. The degree of participation in the course is at the discretion of the academic unit.
3. Audited courses will not appear on the student’s official transcript and will not be considered as meeting admission, prerequisite or course requirements for any graduate program.

Letter of Permission for Studies Elsewhere
Students currently registered in a graduate program who wish to undertake studies at another institution for transfer credit toward their graduate degree at UVic must submit a Letter of Permission form to the Graduate Admission and Records Office, specifying the host institution, the exact courses of interest and their unit values. Students will be required to provide supporting information such as a calendar description or course syllabus. If permission is granted, the student must maintain Continuity of Registration (e.g. either take a personal leave or register concurrently in a comprehensive exam, project, thesis, dissertation or Co-op Work Term) at the University of Victoria. Students must make arrangements for an official transcript to be sent directly to the Graduate Admissions and Records Office upon completion of the course work.

Approved Exchange Programs
Students currently participating in a graduate program who wish to undertake studies for transfer credit toward their graduate degree at the University of Victoria may be eligible for “exchange” status under the
provisions of the Western Deans’ Agreement or other formal exchange agreements. Contact the Graduate Admissions and Records Office for specific details of agreements and procedures.

**Registration in Approved Double Degree Programs**

The University of Victoria offers double degree programs in selected fields of study as outlined in the Graduate calendar. Students apply to the relevant academic unit(s) for approval to enrol in double degree programs. There is no common application form or registration process. Students must apply to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and to the relevant academic unit(s) to be admitted in accordance with the existing policies of each. Once admitted, students in a double degree program must register separately in each academic unit. Students will register in both degrees concurrently and must follow the regulations of each.

The academic records of students in double degree programs will be maintained separately for each academic unit. For students in approved double degree programs which span an undergraduate and a graduate program, only those grades for courses that appear on the Faculty of Graduate Studies record will be used for the purposes of making Graduate Studies awards, determining adherence to the Faculty of Graduate Studies academic performance regulations and assessing graduate fees.

Fees for double degree programs will be assessed in accordance with existing regulations.

Separate degrees will be awarded upon completion of the requirements applicable to the particular degree.

**Registration After Oral Examination of Dissertation or Thesis or After Project-based Oral Examination or Comprehensive Examination**

After successful completion of the final oral examination for a thesis or dissertation, or the final examination for a project-based master’s degree, students are not permitted to be enrolled in courses in the Faculty of Graduate Studies except as indicated below:

- Registration in dissertation, thesis or project until required revisions are complete
- Co-op work terms as required to receive the Co-op designation for the graduate degree
- Graduate Studies Internship Program placements
- Registration in a course that may be required to complete degree requirements
- Other registration as approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies

A student registered in courses other than those listed above will automatically be dropped from all such courses upon notification to the Graduate Admissions and Records Office of successful completion of the oral or comprehensive -examination.

The Completion Postponement Fee Adjustment is not available to students in any term in which they enroll in coursework, optional co-op, or other program requirements, with the exception of the final oral/ comprehensive examination and relevant corrections. Students who are required to complete a co-op term subsequent to the completion of their thesis, dissertation or project will be permitted to complete their co-op work term (with associated fee) in addition to receiving the Completion Postponement Fee Adjustment for their thesis/dissertation/ project.

**Deadlines for Dropping Courses**

Students may use "My page" to drop first-term courses until the last day of classes in October, and second-term and full-year courses until the last day of classes in February. Students who fail to do so and do not complete the course will receive a failing grade (N).

Students should note that fee refund deadlines for the Faculty of Graduate Studies differ from the course drop deadlines and refer to the Important Dates and Deadlines section of the calendar.

Students may not take or receive credit for courses in which they are not registered.

Non-degree and auditing students may cancel their registration by submitting a Graduate Course Change Form to the Graduate Admissions and Records Office by the specified deadlines for dropping courses.

**Time Limits**

The time limits shown below are University of Victoria requirements and are in no way related to time limits established by funding agencies or loan remission programs. Contact your sponsor or student loan office for details on time limits for those purposes.

Students with permanent disabilities may apply for a time limit extension for reasons directly related to their disability. Requests for such extensions must be directed in writing to the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies and must be accompanied by a supporting letter from the Centre for Accessible Learning or from a physician. CAL advisers will certify that the request for an extension is supported by documentation supplied by the student in accordance with the Policy on Providing Accommodation for Students with a Disability.

Where a time extension due to a disability is granted the program extension fee will not apply and students will be charged the standard re-registration fee for each term until degree completion.

For more information on applying for a time extension for reasons associated with a disability, contact the Centre for Accessible Learning at 250-472-4947 or <infocal@uvic.ca>.

Students must obtain approval for a program extension prior to the time limit expiry date. Students with course work forming part of the degree requirements that is more than 10 years old at the time of the program extension may be required to demonstrate currency within their field of study before the extension is granted. If a program extension is not approved prior to the program expiry date, the student will normally not be permitted to continue in or return to that program.

Students who fail to obtain permission for an extension prior to the time limit expiry date will be considered to have abandoned their graduate program. Students who wish to have their abandoned program reactivated must have a letter of recommendation forwarded from the academic unit to the Dean of Graduate Studies. If approval is given, an application for reinstatement must be submitted and a fee must be paid to the Graduate Admissions and Records Office.

**Time Limit for Doctoral Degrees**

Normally, a student proceeding toward a doctoral degree will be required to complete all the requirements within seven years from the date of first registration in the program. If a student transfers to a doctoral program after an initial period in a master’s program, completion is required within seven years of the date of the first registration in the master’s program. A doctoral degree will not be awarded in less than twenty-four consecutive months from the time of first registration.

**Time Limit for Master’s Degrees**

Normally, a student proceeding toward a master’s degree will be required to complete all the requirements for the degree within five years from the date of the first registration in the master’s degree. In no case will a degree be awarded in less than twelve consecutive months from the time of first registration.
Academic Accommodation and Access for Students with Disabilities.
The Faculty of Graduate Studies is committed to the University's policy on
<www.uvic.ca/equity>. please contact the Equity and Human Rights Office or visit their website:
To avoid scheduling conflicts, instructors are encouraged to consider the
academic concession. rescheduled within the regular exam period, students may request an
reasonable notice to their instructors. If a final exam cannot be
the missed class through alternative assignments or in subsequent
every reasonable effort will be made to allow the student to make up for
intended absence from the class or event for reasons of religious or
spiritual observance. In consultation with the student, the instructor will
determine an appropriate means of accommodation. The instructor may
choose to reschedule classes or provide individual assistance.
Where a student’s participation in a class event is subject to grading,
every reasonable effort will be made to allow the student to make up for
the missed class through alternative assignments or in subsequent
classes. Students who require a rescheduled examination must give
reasonable notice to their instructors. If a final exam cannot be
rescheduled within the regular exam period, students may request an
academic concession.
To avoid scheduling conflicts, instructors are encouraged to consider the
timing of holy days when scheduling class events.
For further information, including a list of days of religious observances,
please contact the Equity and Human Rights Office or visit their website:
<www.uvic.ca/equity>.

ACCOMMODATION OF RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE
The University recognizes its obligation to make reasonable
accommodation for students whose observance of holy days might conflict with the academic requirements of a course or program.
Students are permitted to absent themselves from classes, seminars or
workshops for the purposes of religious or spiritual observance.
In the case of compulsory classes or course events, students will normally be required to provide reasonable notice to their instructors of their intended absence from the class or event for reasons of religious or spiritual observance. In consultation with the student, the instructor will determine an appropriate means of accommodation. The instructor may choose to reschedule classes or provide individual assistance.

ACADEMIC CONCESSIONS
The Faculty of Graduate Studies is committed to the University’s policy on
Academic Accommodation and Access for Students with Disabilities. Graduate Studies will work with students with disabilities to consider reasonable accommodation with respect to deadlines and time-limited regulations. If a graduate student elects not to disclose his or her disability, the University cannot ensure the appropriate evaluation or implementation of any necessary academic accommodation.
A student who is affected by illness, accident or family affliction should consult with a health professional. In such cases, the student may apply for a deferral of a course grade, withdrawal from the course due to extenuating circumstances, a drop of course(s) without academic and/or fee penalty after the published withdrawal deadline, or a leave of absence from the program due to illness, accident or family affliction.
Applications for leaves of absence from the program must be accompanied by supporting documentation.
Students may request, directly from the course instructor, deferral or substitution of work which is due during the term. Arrangements to complete such missed or late work must be made between the student and the instructor. If the request for deferral or substitution of term work is denied, the student may appeal as described in Appeals Procedures: Faculty of Graduate Studies, which is available at the Faculty of Graduate Studies website.

Students requesting consideration for a drop of courses without academic penalty after the published withdrawal deadline should submit a request for a backdated withdrawal and supporting documentation to Graduate Admissions and Records.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITH PERMISSION AND
WITHDRAWAL FROM GRADUATE PROGRAMS
Leaves of absence are available to students for a variety of reasons or circumstances after completion of a minimum of one term. Normally, tuition fees are not assessed during leaves. While students are on a leave, all supervisory processes are suspended as students are normally expected, and may be required, not to be involved in any academic or research work during the period of the leave. Additionally, students may not use any of the University’s facilities during the period of the leave. All leave arrangements must be discussed as early as possible with supervisors so that appropriate adjustments can be made prior to the beginning of the leave. Leaves of absence are normally granted in 4-month blocks, to coincide with the usual registration terms. Short-term leaves of less than one term should be managed with the student’s academic unit.
There are five types of leaves of absence:
1. Personal Leave
2. Parental Leave
3. Medical Leave
4. Compassionate Leave
5. Leave with Permission of the Dean

Students granted parental, medical or compassionate leave, or leave with permission of the Dean will retain the full value of a University of Victoria Graduate Fellowship or other award whose terms and conditions are established by the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Such awards will be suspended at the onset of the leave and reinstated when the student reregisters. Other awards will be paid according to the conditions established by the donor or granting agency.

A Graduate Academic Concession form is required to request Parental, Medical or Compassionate leave is available online at: <www.uvic.ca/graduatetudies/assets/docs/forms/Leave_of_Absence_with_Permission.pdf>.

Personal Leave
Students who are not on approved program extensions may take leaves for personal reasons. Students planning to take personal leave must inform their supervisor in writing in advance of the planned absences, and make appropriate arrangements for care of ongoing research projects if necessary before initiating personal leaves through the UVic portal. The deadline for students to register in a personal leave is the 100% fee reduction date for registration each term. Procedures for taking a personal leave are available at www.uvic.ca/graduatetudies/assets/docs/docs/PersonalLeaveTutorial.pdf: The time taken for personal leave will be counted toward the maximum time allotted to degree completion. All program requirements, academic unit expectations and deadlines will remain the same.
- Students in Doctoral degree programs may take a maximum of 6 terms within the maximum 7-year period allowed.
- Students in regular Master’s degree programs may take a maximum of three terms within the maximum 5-year period allowed.
- Students in approved one-year master’s programs may take only one term of personal leave unless a second term of leave has been approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies.
- Students enrolled in Diploma programs may take a maximum of two terms of personal leave.
- Students enrolled in Diploma and Certificate programs are entitled to one term of personal leave but may take further terms of personal leave with the approval of the program. Students must be mindful of the overall time limits for completion (see "Time Limits", page 36).

Parental Leave
A graduate student who is bearing a child, and/or who has primary responsibility for the care of a child immediately prior to or following birth or an adoption is entitled to request parental leave. Parental leaves may be granted for a minimum of one term (four months) to a maximum period of three terms (12 months). Requests should be submitted to Graduate Admissions and Records via a completed Graduate Academic Concession form. This type of leave period is not included in the time period for completion of the degree, and deadlines will be adjusted accordingly. All other program requirements and academic unit expectations will remain the same.

For information on applying for a leave of absence for reasons associated with a disability, contact the Centre for Accessible Learning at 250-472-4947 or <info@uvic.ca>.

Medical Leave
Graduate students are entitled to request medical leave. Students should submit their request via a completed Graduate Academic Concession form to Graduate Admissions and Records. This type of leave period is not included in the time period for completion of the degree, and deadlines will be adjusted accordingly. All other program requirements and academic unit expectations will remain the same.

For information on applying for a leave of absence for compassionate reasons. Such leaves may normally be granted up to a maximum of three terms. Students requiring additional time after three terms may wish to withdraw officially or request a personal leave (see Personal Leave) from the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Students should forward their requests and appropriate documentation (see below) to the Graduate Admissions and Records Office. This type of leave period is not included in the time period for completion of the degree, and deadlines will be adjusted accordingly. All other program requirements and academic unit expectations will remain the same.

Documentation required: a completed ’Leave of Absence with Permission Request’ form stating the required duration of the leave, a letter from the student outlining the circumstances and written acknowledgement from the student’s supervisor and the graduate advisor (usually through signature on the Leave of Absence request form). Students are advised not to include any documents containing sensitive personal information.

Leave with Permission of the Dean
Leave with Permission of the Dean is granted at the sole discretion of the Dean of Graduate Studies in cases where the Dean has been notified by a supervisor, graduate advisor, chair, director or other University, health or civil authority that a student is required to suspend their studies but is not able to apply personally for a leave due to illness, affliction or some other circumstance. This type of leave period is not included in the time period for the completion of the degree and deadlines will be adjusted accordingly. All other program requirements and academic unit requirements will remain the same. Documentation may be required by the Dean of Graduate Studies depending on the attendant circumstances.

Withdrawals
There are three types of withdrawals:
1. Official Withdrawal
2. Withdrawal Without Permission
3. Withdrawal for Failing to Meet Academic Standards

Official Withdrawal
After completion of a minimum of one term, students who wish to withdraw indefinitely from their program in the Faculty of Graduate Studies must submit a written request to the Dean and send the request to the Graduate Admissions and Records Office. A supporting memo from their supervisor (or graduate adviser if there is no supervisor) should accompany the request. The notation “Officially Withdrawn” will be placed on their permanent record. Should a student return to the program, the time spent “Officially Withdrawn” is not counted as part of the normal time allowed for completion of their program (see “Time Limits” on page 36). Students who have outstanding fees cannot be officially withdrawn.

Readmission is not guaranteed and requires the approval of both the academic unit concerned and the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Readmission does not guarantee that any courses or fee installments from the terminated program will be transferred to the reactivated program. Upon readmission, any courses from the abandoned program will be reviewed and may be transferred to the new or reactivated program on the recommendation of the academic unit and approval from the Dean of Graduate Studies.

The first step in re-establishing a program of study is to examine the work that has been done previously in order to determine whether it still provides a foundation for the research in the field at the time of re-admission and to establish what is needed to ensure currency and comprehensiveness of knowledge. Completed courses which are more than 10 years old are considered to be out of date.

Withdrawal Without Permission
Students who withdraw without permission prior to reaching the maximum time limit for their graduate degree program are considered to have abandoned their program. Students who wish to have their abandoned program reactivated must complete an application for reinstatement through the online My UVic Application System. A reinstatement application fee will be assessed.

Readmission is not guaranteed and requires the approval of both the academic unit concerned and the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Readmission does not guarantee that any courses or fee installments from the terminated program will be transferred to the reactivated program. Upon readmission, any courses from the abandoned program will be reviewed and may be transferred to the new or reactivated program on the recommendation of the academic unit and approval from the Dean of Graduate Studies.

The first step in re-establishing a program of study is to examine the work that has been done previously in order to determine whether it still provides a foundation for the research in the field at the time of re-admission and to establish what is needed to ensure currency and comprehensiveness of knowledge. Completed courses which are more than 10 years old are considered to be out of date. In all cases the time spent “Withdrawn Without Permission” will be counted as part of the total allowable time to degree completion.

Withdrawal for Failing to Meet Academic Standards
A student whose dissertation, thesis or project is not progressing satisfactorily, or who otherwise fails to meet academic standards, will be withdrawn from the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Normally, such students will not be eligible for re-admission to any graduate program in the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Such withdrawals require approval by the Dean of Graduate Studies, and departments may consult with an Associate Dean of Graduate Studies where a withdrawal for failure to meet academic standards is being considered. Withdrawals may not be initiated by a department while a student is on an approved leave of absence.
Vacation for Graduate Students

Graduate students are entitled to a minimum of 10 working days of vacation per year (i.e. 10 days that do not include weekends, statutory holidays or the December university closure). Students may combine these days with weekends to take two consecutive weeks of vacation or, with permission of their supervisor, take vacation days in smaller increments or combine their vacation days with statutory holidays or the December university closure for an extended absence. Students planning to take vacations must consult with their supervisor in writing in advance of the planned absences, and make appropriate arrangements for care of ongoing research projects if necessary. The time taken for vacation leave will be counted toward the maximum time allotted to degree completion. All program requirements, academic unit expectations and deadlines will remain the same.

Faculty Academic Regulations

Students’ Responsibilities

See the document “Graduate Supervision Policy” on the Faculty of Graduate Studies website for more information.

Students are responsible for:

• making themselves familiar with the general Calendar regulations of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. If unsure about any aspect of the Faculty regulations, students should contact the Graduate Admissions and Records Office.

• making themselves familiar with the academic unit’s requirements and deadlines. If unsure about any aspect of the academic unit’s regulations, students should contact the Graduate Adviser in their academic unit.

• ensuring that their courses have been chosen in conformity with the general Calendar regulations. Students are also responsible for ensuring the completeness and accuracy of their registration. Any discrepancy between the program they are following and the Calendar regulations, or discrepancy between the program they are following and that recorded in the Graduate Admissions and Records Office must be reported promptly to the Graduate Admissions and Records Office. Students should also inform their academic supervisor, supervisory committee and academic unit’s graduate studies adviser that they have reported the matter. Discrepancies can often be detected by examining the Curriculum Advising and Program Planning (CAPP) form. If unsure about any aspect of their records, students should contact the Graduate Admissions and Records Office.

• making themselves familiar with their fee obligations as outlined in the fee regulations section (see “Tuition and Other Fees” on page 64). If unsure about any aspect of the fee regulations, students should contact the Graduate Admissions and Records Office.

• maintaining open communication with their academic supervisor, supervisory committee, and academic unit’s graduate studies adviser through mutually agreed upon regular meetings. Any problems, real or potential, should be brought to the attention of the academic supervisor, supervisory committee and academic unit’s graduate studies adviser promptly. Students should be aware that formal routes of appeal exist (see “Appeals” on page 63).

• promptly reporting changes in address and telephone number to Graduate Admissions and Records or updating their records on <www.uvic.ca/mypage>. A letter mailed to a student’s address as it appears on record in the Graduate Admissions and Records Office will be deemed adequate notification to the student for all matters concerning the student’s record.

• submitting to a medical examination at any time during attendance at the University, if required by the University. This measure exists to safeguard the medical welfare of the student body as a whole. Students are required to maintain appropriate sickness and hospital insurance (see “Health Services” on page 17).

• making themselves familiar with the regulations under “Research Approval Requirement” on page 42.

Policy on Academic Integrity

Principles of Academic Integrity

Academic integrity requires commitment to the values of honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. It is expected that students, faculty members and staff at the University of Victoria, as members of an intellectual community, will adhere to these ethical values in all activities related to learning, teaching, research and service. Any action that contravenes this standard, including misrepresentation, falsification or deception, undermines the intention and worth of scholarly work and violates the fundamental academic rights of members of our community. This policy is designed to ensure that the university’s standards are upheld in a fair and transparent fashion.

Students are responsible for the entire content and form of their work. Nothing in this policy is intended to prohibit students from developing their academic skills through the exchange of ideas and the utilization of resources available at the university to support learning (e.g., Centre for Academic Communication). Students who are in doubt as to what constitutes a violation of academic integrity in a particular instance should consult their course instructor.

Definitions

In this policy:

• “work” is defined as including the following: written material, laboratory work, computer work, computer code, assignments, research materials, research results, musical or art works, oral reports, audiovisual or recorded presentations, lesson plans, and material in any medium submitted to an instructor for grading purposes.

• “Dean” is defined as the Dean of a student’s faculty and, in the case of graduate students, is defined as the Dean of Graduate Studies.

• “Chair” is defined as including the Chair or Director of a unit or, in the case of non-departmentalized faculties, the Dean.

• “Instructor” is defined to include instructors and graduate supervisors.

Academic Integrity Violations

Academic integrity violations covered by this policy can take a number of forms, including the following:

Plagiarism

A student commits plagiarism when he or she:

• submits the work of another person in whole or in part as original work

• gives inadequate attribution to an author or creator whose work is incorporated into the student’s work, including failing to indicate clearly (through accepted practices within the discipline, such as footnotes, internal references and the crediting of all verbatim passages through indentations of longer passages or the use of quotation marks) the inclusion of another individual’s work

• paraphrases material from a source without sufficient acknowledgement as described above

The university reserves the right to use plagiarism detection software programs to detect plagiarism in essays, term papers and other work.

Unauthorized Use of an Editor

An editor is an individual or service, other than the instructor or supervisory committee, who manipulates, revises, corrects or alters a student’s written or non-written work.
The use of an editor, whether paid or unpaid, is prohibited unless the instructor grants explicit written authorization. The instructor should specify the extent of editing that is being authorized.

Review by fellow students and tutoring that do not include editing are normally permitted. In addition to consulting with their instructors, students are encouraged to seek review of and feedback on their work that prompts them to evaluate the work and make changes themselves.

**Multiple Submission**

Multiple submission is the resubmission of work by a student that has been used in identical or similar form to fulfill any academic requirement at UVic or another institution. Students who do so without prior permission from their instructor are subject to penalty.

**Falsifying Materials Subject to Academic Evaluation**

Falsifying materials subject to academic evaluation includes, but is not limited to:

- fraudulently manipulating laboratory processes, electronic data or research data in order to achieve desired results
- using work prepared in whole or in part by someone else (e.g., commercially prepared essays) and submitting it as one’s own
- citing a source from which material was not obtained
- using a quoted reference from a non-original source while implying reference to the original source
- submitting false records, information or data, in writing or orally
- submitting an unauthorized thesis or dissertation revision to UVicSpace

**Cheating on Work, Tests and Examinations**

Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

- copying the answers or other work of another person
- sharing information or answers when doing take-home assignments, tests or examinations except where the instructor has authorized collaborative work
- having in an examination or test any materials or equipment other than those authorized by the examiners
- accessing unauthorized information when doing take-home assignments, tests or examinations
- impersonating a student on an examination or test, or being assigned the results of such impersonation
- accessing or attempting to access examinations or tests before it is permitted to do so

Students found communicating with one another in any way or having unauthorized books, papers, notes or electronic devices in their possession during a test or examination will be considered to be in violation of this policy.

**Aiding Others to Cheat**

It is a violation to help others or attempt to help others to engage in any of the conduct described above.

**Procedures for Dealing with Violations of Academic Integrity**

Procedures for determining the nature of alleged violations involve primarily the course instructor and the Chair. Procedures for determining an appropriate penalty also involve Deans, the Vice-President Academic and Provost and, in the most serious cases, the President.

**Allegations**

Alleged violations must be documented by the instructor, who must inform the Chair. The Chair shall then inform the student in writing of the nature of the allegation and give the student a reasonable opportunity to respond to the allegation. Normally, this shall involve a meeting between the instructor, the Chair, the student and, if the student requests in advance, another party chosen by the student to act as the student’s adviser. If the student refuses to provide a response to the allegation or to participate in the process, the Chair may proceed to make a determination.

**Determining the Nature of the Violation**

The Chair shall make a determination as to whether compelling information exists to support the allegation.

**Determining Appropriate Penalties**

If there is compelling information to support the allegation, the Chair shall contact the Office of the Registrar to determine if the student’s record contains any other confirmed academic integrity violations.

If there is no record of prior violations, the Chair shall make a determination with respect to the appropriate penalty, in accordance with this policy.

**Referral to the Dean**

Where there have been one or more prior violations and the Chair has determined that compelling information exists to support the allegation, the Chair shall forward the case to the Dean (or the Dean’s designate). The Chair may submit a recommendation to the Dean with respect to a proposed penalty.

**Letters of Reprimand**

Any penalty will be accompanied by a letter of reprimand which will be written by the authority (Chair, Dean, President) responsible for imposing the penalty. The letter of reprimand will be sent to the student and a copy shall be included in the record maintained by the Office of the Registrar.

**Rights of Appeal**

Students must be given the right to be heard at each stage, and have the right to appeal decisions in accordance with university policy, procedures and regulations. A student may:

- appeal a decision made by the Chair to the Dean of the faculty in which the student is registered within 21 business days of the date of the Chair’s decision.
- appeal a decision made by the President under the provisions of section 61 of the University Act to the Senate Committee on Appeals in accordance with the Senate Committee on Appeals’ Terms of Reference and Procedural Guidelines.

Deans who receive an appeal of the decision of a Chair should attempt to make a finding with respect to the appeal within 21 business days. In the case of a successful appeal, any penalty will be rescinded.

**Penalties**

**Penalties for First Academic Integrity Violation**

In situations where a determination is made that a student has committed a first academic integrity violation, the following penalties will normally be imposed. The penalties for violations relating to graduate dissertations, theses or final projects are different than those for other violations.

**Plagiarism**

Single or multiple instances of inadequate attribution of sources should result in a failing grade for the work. A largely or fully plagiarized piece of work should result in a grade of F for the course.

**Unauthorized Use of an Editor**

Unauthorized use of an editor should result in a failing grade for the work. In situations where unauthorized use of an editor to extensively edit work results in a student submitting work that could be considered that of another person, penalties for plagiarism may apply.
Multiple Submission Without Prior Permission
If a substantial part of a piece of work submitted for one course is essentially the same as part or all of a piece of work submitted for another course, this should result in a failing grade for the assignment in one of the courses. If the same piece of work is submitted for two courses, this should result in a grade of F for one of the courses. The penalty normally will be imposed in the second (i.e., later) course in which the work was submitted.

Falsifying Materials
If a substantial part of a piece of work is based on false materials, this should result in a failing grade for the work. If an entire piece of work is based on false materials (e.g., submitting a commercially prepared essay as one’s own work), this should result in a grade of F for the course.

Cheating on Exams
Any instance of impersonation of a student during an exam should result in a grade of F for the course for the student being impersonated, and disciplinary probation for the impersonator (if he or she is a student). Isolated instances of copying the work of another student during an exam should result in a grade of zero for the exam. Systematic copying of the work of another student (or any other person with access to the exam questions) should result in a grade of F for the course. Any instance of bringing unauthorized equipment or material into an exam should result in a grade of zero for the exam. Sharing information or answers for take-home assignments and tests when this is clearly prohibited in written instructions should result in a grade of zero for the assignment when such sharing covers a minor part of the work, and a grade of F for the course when such sharing covers a substantial part of the work.

Collaborative Work
In cases in which an instructor has provided clear written instructions prohibiting certain kinds of collaboration on group projects (e.g., students may share research but must write up the results individually), instances of prohibited collaboration on a substantial part of the work should result in a failing grade for the work, while instances of prohibited collaboration on the bulk of the work should result in a grade of F for the course.

In situations where collaborative work is allowed, only the student or students who commit the violation are subject to penalty.

Violations Relating to Graduate Dissertations, Theses or Final Projects
Instances of plagiarism, falsification of materials or unauthorized use of an editor that affect a major part of the student’s dissertation, thesis or final project should result in a student being placed on disciplinary probation with a notation on the student’s transcript that is removed upon graduation, and being required to rewrite the affected section of the dissertation, thesis or final project. While the determination of the nature of the offence will be made by the Chair, this penalty can only be imposed by the Dean.

Instances of plagiarism, falsification of materials or unauthorized use of an editor that affect a major part of the student’s dissertation, thesis or final project should result in the student being placed on disciplinary probation with a notation on the student’s transcript that is removed upon graduation, and rejection of the dissertation, thesis or final project, and the student being required to rewrite the work in its entirety. While the determination of the nature of the offence will be made by the Chair, this penalty can only be imposed by the Dean.

The penalties for violations relating to graduate dissertations, theses or final projects may apply where a violation occurs in submitted drafts, as well as in the final version of a dissertation, thesis or final project.

Particularly Unusual or Serious Violations
In the case of a first-time violation that is particularly unusual or serious (e.g., falsification of research results), the Chair may refer the case to the Dean, with a recommendation for a penalty more severe than those normally imposed for a first violation.

Penalties for Second or Subsequent Academic Integrity Violation
Repeat Violations
Any instance of any of the violations described above committed by a student who has already committed one violation, especially if either of the violations merited a grade of F for the course, should result in the student being placed on disciplinary probation. Disciplinary probation will be recorded on the student’s transcript. The decision to place a student on disciplinary probation with a notation on the student’s transcript that is removed upon graduation can only be made by the Dean.

In situations where a student commits two or more major academic integrity violations, the student may be placed on disciplinary probation with a permanent notation on the student’s transcript. The decision to place a student on disciplinary probation with a permanent notation can only be made by the Vice-President Academic and Provost (or delegate), upon recommendation of the Dean. In making this decision, the Vice-President Academic and Provost will consider factors such as the nature of the major violations, and whether there has been an interval between violations such that learning could have taken place.

If a student on disciplinary probation commits another violation, this should result in the student’s permanent suspension. This decision can only be taken by the President, on the recommendation of the Dean.

In situations where a graduate student who has been placed on disciplinary probation after a first offence commits a second offence, the student should be subject to permanent suspension. This decision can only be taken by the President, on the recommendation of the Dean.

Non Course-Based Penalties
If a student has withdrawn from a course or the university, or is not registered in a course associated with a violation, this policy must still be followed. If a determination is made that compelling information exists to support the allegation against a student, a letter of reprimand and, if appropriate, a more serious penalty in this policy should be imposed, although no course-based penalty may be imposed.

Records Management
Violations of academic integrity are most serious when repeated. Records of violations of this policy are kept to ensure that students who have committed more than one violation can be identified and appropriately sanctioned. Access to these records is restricted to protect students’ right to privacy.

Records
Records relating to academic integrity violations will be stored in the Office of the Registrar. Chairs, Directors and Deans (whichever is responsible for imposing the penalty) will report academic integrity violations and will forward all documentation relating to a violation to the Office of the Registrar once the decision regarding a violation has been made. Records will only be kept in cases where is determined that compelling information exists to support an allegation. In the case of a successful appeal, the record maintained by the Office of the Registrar will be removed.

Access to Records
Only Deans, the Registrar and the Directors of Undergraduate and Graduate Records will have access to student records regarding academic integrity violations, and normally only to check for repeat violations. Access to records will not normally be granted to instructors, Chairs, or other staff. Chairs may contact the Office of the Registrar to determine if the student’s record contains any confirmed academic integrity violations.
i. In some special circumstances, there may be reasons why Deans or faculty members need to have access to this information (e.g., character attestation for purposes of professional accreditation). If a faculty intends to request access to students' records for any such purpose, that purpose must be disclosed by the faculty to students.

ii. Deans and Chairs may request aggregate information from the Office of the Registrar on numbers of violations for purposes of analysis, but in this case the information is to be provided without revealing personal information.

Records Retention

The following retention periods apply to records relating to academic integrity violations:

i. First violations - 5 years after the final decision regarding the violation has been made.

ii. Second or subsequent violations where no permanent notation has been made on a student’s transcript - 5 years after the final decision regarding the violation has been made.

iii. Second or subsequent violations where a permanent notation has been made on a student’s transcript - permanent retention.

Notations on a student’s transcript will be removed upon graduation or maintained permanently, in accordance with the penalty imposed under this policy.

A student who has had a permanent notation imposed on his or her transcript may make an application to the Vice-President Academic and Provost to have the notation removed. This application may be made 10 years after the final decision regarding the violation has been made and must include compelling evidence to explain why the notation should be removed.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies must achieve a grade point average of at least 5.0 (B) for every session in which they are registered. Individual academic units may set sessional and course standards at a higher level than the Faculty of Graduate Studies minimum. Students with a sessional or cumulative average below 5.0 will not be allowed to register in the next session until their academic performance has been reviewed by their supervisory committee and continuation in the Faculty is approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Grades for courses designated FNC (for no credit) or used for Transfer Credit will not be used in the calculation of sessional or cumulative grade point averages.

Every grade of 4.0 (B-) or lower in a course taken for credit in the Faculty of Graduate Studies must be reviewed by the supervisory committee of the student and the academic unit graduate adviser and a recommendation made to the Dean of Graduate Studies. Such students will not be allowed to register in the next session until approved to do so by the Dean.

Conditions may be imposed by the Faculty (upon the advice of the supervisory committee) for continuation in the program; if not met within the specified time limit, the student will be withdrawn.

A student whose dissertation, thesis or project is not progressing satisfactorily, or who otherwise fails to meet academic standards, will be withdrawn from the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Normally, such students will not be eligible for re-admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

RESEARCH APPROVAL REQUIREMENT

Students are responsible for ensuring that, prior to undertaking research during their program, they receive the appropriate review and approvals from the Office of Research Services. Where applicable, research should be approved by the appropriate committee(s): The Human Research Ethics Committee, the Animal Care Committee and the Biosafety Committee. Further information about ethics approval requirements and application forms can be found at <www.uvic.ca/research/conduct/regapproval>.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The University of Victoria’s Conflict of Interest policies apply to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Copies of these policies are available in academic unit’s offices and on the University website.

EVALUATION OF STUDENT COURSE WORK

Assessment Techniques

Each academic unit will formally adopt the techniques for evaluating student performance which it considers appropriate for its courses and which allow instructors within the academic unit some options.

Assessment techniques may include but are not limited to: assignments; essays; oral or written tests, including midterms; participation in class discussions; seminar presentations; artistic performances; professional practica; laboratory examinations; “open book” or “take home” examinations; and examinations administered by the instructor or Registrar during formal examination periods. Graduate students may be asked to reflect critically on their own work or the work of other graduate students; however, in all courses, instructors are responsible for the determination of grades. Graduate students may not grade the work of other graduate students, except that the grading of individual assignments may be delegated, under close instructor supervision, to doctoral student teaching assistants who have completed all their coursework and passed their candidacy exams. Graduate students may not serve as the instructor of record for graduate courses.

Final examinations, other than language orals or laboratory examinations, will be administered during formal examination periods.

- Tests counting for more than 15% of the final grade may not be administered:
  - in any regular 13-week term, during the last two weeks of classes or in the period between the last day of classes and the first day of examinations
  - in any Summer Session course, during the three class days preceding the last day of the course.
  - Neither the academic unit nor the instructor, even with the apparent consent of the class, may set aside this regulation.

- An instructor may not schedule any test that conflicts with the students’ other courses or any examination that conflicts with the students’ other examinations in the official examination timetable.
- An instructor may not schedule any test during the last two weeks of classes in a regular 13-week term unless students in the course have been given notice at least six weeks in advance.
- An instructor may not assign a weight of more than 60% of the overall course grade to a final examination without the consent of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Correction and Return of Student Work

Instructors will normally return all student work submitted that will count toward the final grade, except final examinations.

Instructors are expected to give corrective comments on all assigned work submitted and, if requested to do so by the student, on final examinations.

Where appropriate and practical, instructors should attempt to mark students’ work without first determining the student’s identity.

Course Outline Requirement

Instructors are responsible for providing the academic unit’s Chair and the students in the course with a written course outline at the beginning of the course. The outline must state the course content and/or objectives and the following information:
• a probable schedule with the due dates for important assignments and tests
• the techniques to be used to assess students' performance in the course
• how assignments, tests and other course work will be evaluated and the weight assigned to each part of the course
• the relationship between the instructor's grading method (letter, numerical) and the official University grading system

Instructors who use electronic media to publish their course outline should ensure that students who do not have access to the electronic outline are provided with a printed version. They must file printed versions of their outlines with their academic unit.

Instructors should attach the university’s "Policy on Academic Integrity" (see page 39) to the course outline. In addition, instructors who plan to use a plagiarism detection software program to detect plagiarism in essays, term papers and other assignments should include a statement to that effect in the course outline provided to students.

**Duplicate Essays and Assignments**

A student may only submit the same essay or assignment for two courses when both instructors have been informed and have given their written permission to the student.

If a student submits an essay or assignment essentially the same in content for more than one course without prior written permission of the instructors, an instructor may withhold partial or total credit for the course work.

**English Deficiency**

Term essays and examination papers in any course will be refused a passing grade if they are deficient in English. When an instructor has reasonable grounds for believing a student lacks the necessary skills in written English, the instructor, in consultation with the English department’s Director of Writing, can require the student to write an English Deficiency Examination, administered by the English department, the results of which will be binding, regardless of any credit the student has accumulated at UVic or elsewhere.

**Laboratory Work**

In any science course which includes laboratory work, students will be required to achieve satisfactory standing in both parts of the course. Results for laboratory work will be announced by the academic unit prior to the final examinations. Students who have not obtained a grade of at least D will not be permitted to write the examination and will not receive any credit for the course. If a student obtains satisfactory standing in the laboratory work only and repeats the course, the student may be exempted from the laboratory work with the consent of the academic unit. The same rules may, at the discretion of the academic unit concerned, apply to non-science courses with laboratory work.

**Term Assignments and Debarment from Examinations**

In some courses students may be assigned a final grade of N or debarred from writing final examinations if the required term work has not been completed to the satisfaction of the academic unit concerned. Instructors in such courses must advise students of the standard required in term assignments and the circumstances under which they will be assigned a final grade of N or debarred from examinations.

**Review of an Assigned Grade**

Any student wishing clarification about, or who is dissatisfied with, an assigned grade should first discuss the matter with the instructor, who will review the work in question. This discussion must take place within 10 business days of the grade being posted and the review completed within 21 business days of the start of the discussion. If the instructor agrees to change a grade before the final course grades have been submitted, a change of grade request should be made through the Chair to the Graduate Admissions and Records Office.

If the instructor confirms the original grade, then the student should appeal to the Chair/Director of the unit concerned, stating clearly the grounds on which the grade should be raised. The Chair should initiate a review of the grade, using the procedures adopted by the faculty in which the Chair’s academic unit resides. If the Chair does not agree to review the grade, then the student has the right to formally request a review of the grade through the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies. The student normally remains a member of their home academic unit during any appeal.

The grade determined by means of a review shall be recorded as the final official grade, irrespective of whether it is identical to, or higher or lower than, the original grade.

**Grading**

The table on the following page displays the official grading system used by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

**Sessional Grade Point Average**

The sessional grade point average is based on all courses completed in a session which have a unit value. Courses bearing the grade COM, grades designated as FNC or those used for transfer credit are not included in the calculation of the grade point average.

A grade point average is found by multiplying the grade point value of each final grade by the number of units, totalling the grade points for all the grades, and dividing the total grade points by the total number of units.
### Faculty of Graduate Studies– Grading Scale

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<td>A+</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>90 – 100</td>
<td>Exceptional Work</td>
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<td>A</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>85 – 89</td>
<td>Outstanding Work</td>
<td>Demonstrates a very high level of integration of material demonstrating insight, understanding and independent application or extension of course expectations; often publishable.</td>
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<tr>
<td>A-</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>80 – 84</td>
<td>Excellent Work</td>
<td>Represents a high level of integration, comprehensiveness and complexity, as well as mastery of relevant techniques/concepts.</td>
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<tr>
<td>B+</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>77 – 79</td>
<td>Very good work</td>
<td>Represents a satisfactory level of integration, comprehensiveness, and complexity; demonstrates a sound level of analysis with no major weaknesses.</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>73 – 76</td>
<td>Acceptable work</td>
<td>Represents a satisfactory level of integration of key concepts/procedures. However, comprehensiveness or technical skills may be lacking.</td>
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<td>B-</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>70 – 72</td>
<td>Unacceptable work</td>
<td>Represents an unacceptable level of integration, comprehensiveness and complexity. Mastery of some relevant techniques or concepts lacking. Every grade of 4.0 (B-) or lower in a course taken for credit in the Faculty of Graduate Studies must be reviewed by the supervisory committee of the student and a recommendation made to the Dean of Graduate Studies. Such students will not be allowed to register in the next session until approved to do so by the Dean.</td>
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<td>C+</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>65 – 69</td>
<td>Outstanding work revealing some deficiencies in knowledge, understanding or techniques</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>60 – 64</td>
<td>Acceptable work</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>50 – 59</td>
<td>Failing grade</td>
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<tr>
<td>F</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0 – 49</td>
<td>Failing grade</td>
<td>Unsatisfactory performance. Wrote final examination and completed course requirements.</td>
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<td>COM</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Complete (Pass)</td>
<td>Used only for 0 unit courses and other graduate courses designated by the Senate. Such courses are identified in the course listings.</td>
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<td>CTN</td>
<td>Excluded Grade</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Continuing</td>
<td>Denotes the first half of a full-year course.</td>
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<td>FNC</td>
<td>Excluded Grade</td>
<td>0-100^T</td>
<td>For No Credit</td>
<td>Denotes a 100-299 level undergraduate course for no credit in the Faculty of Graduate Studies.</td>
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Students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies must achieve a grade point average of at least 5.0 (B) for every session in which they are registered. Individual departments or schools may set higher standards. Students with a sessional or cumulative average below 5.0 will not be allowed to register in the next session until their academic performance has been reviewed by their supervisory committee and continuation in the Faculty of Graduate Studies is approved by the Dean. Some academic units may employ a percentage system for evaluating student’s work.

^FNC will produce a grade on the transcript.

### Failing Grades

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<td>F</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0 – 49</td>
<td>Failing grade</td>
<td>Unsatisfactory performance. Wrote final examination and completed course requirements.</td>
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<tr>
<td>N</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0 – 49</td>
<td>Did not write examination or otherwise complete course requirements by the end of term or session. This grade is intended to be final.</td>
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<tr>
<td>F/X</td>
<td>Excluded Grade</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Unacceptable performance. Completed course requirements; no supplemental. Used only for Co-op work terms and for courses designated by Senate. Such courses are identified in the course listings. The grade is excluded from the calculation of all grade point averages.</td>
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<tr>
<td>N/X</td>
<td>Excluded Grade</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Did not complete course requirements by the end of the term; no supplemental. Used only for Co-op work terms and for courses designated by Senate. Such courses are identified in the course listings. The grade is excluded from the calculation of all grade point averages.</td>
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<td>INC</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Incomplete (requires “Request for Extension of Grade” form). Used for those graduate credit courses designated by the Senate and identified in the course listings; also used, with Dean’s permission, for those graduate credit courses with regular grading (A to F, including N) which are not complete by the end of the term or session due to exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the instructor or student. INC must be replaced by a final grade not later than the end of the next term.</td>
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<td>INP</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>In Progress. Used only for work terms; dissertations; theses; projects; comprehensive examinations and seminars offered on the same basis as dissertations or theses and designated by Senate (identified in the course listings). In the case of work terms, a final grade must replace INP within two months of the end of term. For dissertations, theses, designated seminars, projects and comprehensives, a final grade must replace INP by the end of the program. If the student does not complete the degree requirements within the time limit for the degree, the final grades will be N.</td>
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<td>CRC</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Co-op Interrupted Course. Temporary grade. See “General Regulations: Graduate Co-op” on page 46.</td>
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<td>WE</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Withdrawal under extenuating circumstances. The WE registration status will replace a course registration or grade when approved by the Dean following a request for academic concession from a student. This registration status is excluded from the calculation of all grade point averages; it will appear on the official transcript.</td>
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The grading scale for the evaluation of course achievement at the University of Victoria is a percentage scale that translates to a 9 point GPA/letter grade system. The 9 point GPA system is the sole basis for the calculation of grade point averages and academic standing. Standardized percentage ranges have been established as the basis for the assignment of letter grades. The percentage grades are displayed on the official and administrative transcripts in order to provide fine-grained course assessment which will be useful to students particularly in their application to graduate studies and for external scholarships and funding. Comparative grading information (average grade [mean] for the class), along with the number of students in the class, is displayed for each course section for which percentage grades are assigned.

**Grading Scale**

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**COURSE CREDIT**

**Course Challenge**
Graduate course challenge is not allowed in the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

**Duplicate Courses**
Duplicate courses, except where permitted in the calendar descriptions, will be recorded as zero credit. In the case where duplicate courses (DUP) are permitted in the calendar descriptions or through special permission by the student’s home department and the Faculty of Graduate Studies, both the grades and credit will be used in the calculation of the sessional and cumulative grade point average, provided they are not designated as FNC (For No Credit).

Note: When a course is repeated, the original grade remains on the student’s record during the session it was taken.

**Transfer of Academic Credit**
On the recommendation of the academic unit concerned, the Faculty of Graduate Studies may accept courses for which credit has been granted at other accredited and recognized post-secondary institutions or at the University of Victoria for inclusion in a graduate program. Transfer credits may account for no more than half of the course work within the prescribed program units earned for a graduate credential at the University of Victoria and may not include the PhD Candidacy Examination (693).

In order to qualify for transfer credit, courses must meet all of the following conditions:

1. must be a graduate or senior-level undergraduate course;
2. courses graded Pass/Fail or equivalent are not acceptable;
3. must be completed with a grade of 5.0 (B) or equivalent, as indicated on the official transcript from the issuing institution;
4. courses taken to upgrade admissions qualifications to meet the minimum admission standards of the Faculty of Graduate Studies will not be accepted for transfer credit into a graduate program;
5. must not have been used to obtain any degrees; and
6. must have been completed within the previous 10 years.

The titles and grades of courses allowed for transfer credit from another institution do not appear on the University of Victoria transcript. Grades for transferred courses will not be used in determining sessional or cumulative grade point averages. Grades for courses designated as FNC will appear on the transcript but are excluded from the grade point average calculation. Duplicate courses, except where permitted in the calendar descriptions, will be recorded as zero credit.

**Repeating Courses**
A student who fails a required course must repeat the course or complete an acceptable substitute within a period of time agreed to by the supervisor and Dean of Graduate Studies. A student who fails to do so will normally be refused permission to register again in the required course.

A student may not attempt a course a third time without the prior approval of the Dean of the Faculty and the Chair of the academic unit in which the course is offered unless the calendar course entry states that the course may be repeated for additional credit. A student who has not received this approval may be deregistered from the course at any point.

**Attendance**
Students are expected to attend all classes in which they are enrolled. An academic unit may require a student to withdraw from a course if the student is registered in another course that conflicts with it in time.

An instructor may refuse a student admission to a lecture or laboratory because of lateness, misconduct, inattention or failure to meet the responsibilities of the course. Students who neglect their academic work, including assignments, may be refused permission to write the final examination in a course.

Instructors must inform students at the beginning of term in writing of the minimum attendance required at lectures and in laboratories in order to qualify to write examinations.

Students who are absent because of illness, an accident or family affliction should report to their instructors upon their return to classes.

**Language Requirements**
Doctoral or Master’s programs may require a knowledge of one or more languages other than English. Language requirements will be prescribed for individual students by the supervisory committee according to academic unit’s regulations (see academic unit’s entries). Such requirements are considered part of the student’s program. When a language requirement is imposed, it must be met prior to taking the oral examination or, in the case of project-based master’s programs, before the completion of the comprehensive examination and/or the oral examination of the project.

**Changes to Program Requirements**

1. Students’ programs will normally be governed by the regulations of the Faculty of Graduate Studies in effect at the date of their first registration in the faculty.
2. Where the Faculty of Graduate Studies regulations change program requirements before the student has completed her or his degree, the student, with the approval of the disciplinary faculty, may elect to be governed by the new regulations.
3. Where an academic unit does not propose to provide access to courses necessary to satisfy previous program requirements for at least five years, that unit must provide a transition program for any student registered in the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the date of the program change who demonstrates that satisfying the new program requirements will extend the length of time (number of
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terms) that the student requires to complete her or his current program.

4. An academic unit has no obligation to provide access to courses necessary to satisfy previous program requirements or to provide transitional programs for more than five years after the date of the program change.

5. Where a student believes that a program requirement change has unfairly prejudiced her or him due to special circumstances, and that these regulations do not apply to the student’s situation, the student may request the Chair or Director or Associate Dean to establish a transition program. A student may appeal a negative decision to the Dean or the Dean’s designate. The decision of the Dean or designate is final. ³

1. In some faculties (particularly Education), accreditation requirements may not permit a change in regulations midway through a student’s program.

2. The change to five years reflects the number of years some faculties allow to complete their degree program.

3. Because it is impossible to foresee all situations in which unfairness may arise (for example, a student transferring in with advanced standing from a program affiliated with a UVic program), this general regulation will allow for special circumstances.

Co-operative Education

Most academic units and schools at the University of Victoria participate in graduate Co-operative Education which integrates periods of full-time employment with the academic program. Some graduate programs include Co-op as a mandatory component of the program; others include Co-op as an optional component. Consult the academic unit’s calendar entries for more information.

Approval to participate in graduate Co-op is at the discretion of the student’s academic unit in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Executive Director of Co-operative Education. Where approval is granted, procedures must adhere to the regulations set out under the General Regulations below. For information, please contact the Co-operative Education Coordinator or the Graduate Adviser in the academic unit concerned. Co-operative Education is not open to non-degree graduate students.

In academic units where a formal graduate Co-operative Education program exists, work opportunities are negotiated through the appropriate Co-operative Education coordinator. Where no formal Co-op program exists, graduate Co-op placements are negotiated on an individual basis and may be initiated by interested employers, academic unit’s representatives or graduate students. In this case, students are directed to consult with the Office of the Director, Co-operative Education Program. The work experience must be related to the student’s area of study.

Special regulations apply to the MBA program.

ADMISSION

Admission, retention and graduation requirements for Co-operative Education Programs are determined by the individual academic units. Consult the calendar entries in these areas for further information.

Students must apply to the appropriate academic unit for admission to the Co-op Program. All students in the Co-operative Education Program are required to read, sign, and abide by the Terms and Conditions of Participation as articulated by their Co-op Program. In general, Co-op students are required to achieve an above-average academic standing, and to demonstrate the motivation and potential to pursue a professional career.

WORK TERMS

Work terms are an integral component of Co-operative Education Programs. Students are employed for a number of work terms and these work terms are arranged and evaluated by the individual academic units. Co-op program coordinators must review all potential Co-op positions and evaluate their suitability for work term credit. Coordinators may determine some positions as unsuitable.

Work terms, normally of four months’ duration, begin in January, May, and September. Normally, the expected number of weeks per work term is 15 and the expected number of hours per week is 35. The minimum number of weeks per work term is 12 and/or 420 hours. Work terms generally alternate with full-time academic terms on-campus, and provide productive and paid, full-time work experience that is related to the student’s program of studies and individual interests. In special circumstances, approval may be granted for a work term to be undertaken on a more flexible schedule, as long as it does not exceed eight months and the total time worked is equivalent to a four-month term of full-time work. Normally, students are expected to end their program on an academic term.

In limited situations, students may be admitted on a provisional basis into a co-operative education program pending formal admission into the related academic program; such students may, with special authorization by the Executive Director, Co-operative Education, on the recommendation of the academic director responsible for admission to the academic program, undertake a first Co-op work term.

In such cases, the Co-op work term will be recorded on the student’s transcript as COOP 001 and the program as COOP, and, if successfully completed, will be accepted as one of the required work terms for the student’s Co-op program.

Students registered for work terms are considered to be enrolled in a full-time course of studies.

Three units of academic credit are awarded for each approved work term successfully completed according to the requirements of the various faculties and their Co-op programs. These credits may only be applied to completion of the work term requirement of an approved Co-op program. These work term credits may not be applied towards requirements for any degree or program except in fulfillment of the Co-op work term requirement as noted above, except where the co-op work terms are included in the Senate-approved graduate program requirements.

Introduction to Professional Practice

Co-op and work experience students are expected to complete successfully a Professional Practice course, consisting of seminars and workshops (typically one hour per week), prior to undertaking their first work term. This course is designed to prepare students for the work term by exploring learning outcomes related to experiential and work-integrated learning. The following topics will be covered: Co-op program objectives and expectations, job seeking skills, competencies self-assessment, transferring skills to the workplace, learning objectives, job performance progress, competencies development and evaluation, and career management and development. Additional topics will be determined by the individual Co-op programs. Students should consult with their Co-op program area for additional course information. This course is a corequisite for students participating in the placement process prior to their first work term.

GENERAL REGULATIONS: GRADUATE CO-OP

1. Approval to participate in graduate Co-op is at the discretion of the student’s academic unit in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Executive Director, Co-operative Education Programs. Co-operative Education is not open to non-degree graduate students.

2. Normally, some graduate course work precedes the first graduate work term; exceptions must be approved by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Executive Director, Co-operative Education Programs. The first work term must precede completion of
program’s academic requirements, and all work terms must be completed prior to completion of degree requirements. Normally, a graduate program should not end with a Co-op term unless the student is concurrently registered in 596, 598, 599, or 699.

3. Master’s students must register for each work term at the 800 level, and doctoral students must register for each work term at the 811 level. Normally, work terms are of four month duration. Back-to-back work terms may be undertaken, but students must complete requirements for each work term in order to receive credit for two work terms. Students who wish to register for course work while on a work term must have prior written approval from their academic supervisor and Co-op coordinator. Students may register for a work term as required to receive the Co-op designation for their graduate degree after oral examination of dissertation or thesis, or after project-based oral examination or comprehensive examination. (See “Registration After Oral Examination of Dissertation or Thesis or After Project-based Oral Examination or Comprehensive Examination”, page 43.)

4. Once the work term has been registered, students are not permitted to withdraw without penalty of failure unless specific written permission has been granted by the Executive Director, Co-operative Education Programs. Co-op students must either be registered in a work term or an academic term and are subject to “Continuity of Registration” regulations as outlined on page 41.

5. Each work term is evaluated on the basis of the student’s performance of assigned work term tasks and a final work term submission as defined by the individual department. The work term period and evaluation (grading: INP, COM, F/X, or N/X) are recorded on the student’s official academic record. A failing grade (F/X or N/X) will be assigned if the student fails to complete satisfactorily the requirements for the work term. The requirements for a passing grade (COM) in a work term normally include the completion of all of the following:
   • the Co-op program’s satisfactory assessment of the work term,
   • the employer’s satisfactory evaluation of the student,
   • the satisfactory completion of the final work term submission (such as report, performance review, log book, journal) according to the deadlines established by the individual department.

   Students who are assigned a grade of F/X or N/X for a work term that carries 3.0 units will have a zero grade point assigned for that work term. The written submission may constitute a thesis proposal or report of progress on the thesis. If not thesis-related, the submission will focus on the program-related work and will be required to be of suitable quality for graduate level work as determined by the academic unit. In academic units where a formal Co-operative Education program exists, the Co-op coordinator will be responsible for ensuring the assessment of the work term and the submission of the grade; where no formal Co-op program exists, the graduate adviser will ensure the assessment of the work term and the submission of the grade.

6. A Co-op program fee is charged for each term of work term registration. This fee is in addition to any tuition fees and student fees. It is due in the first month of each work term and subject to the normal University fee regulations (see “Regulations Concerning Tuition Fees for Graduate Programs” on page 65).

7. To qualify for the Co-op designation upon graduation, a Master’s degree requires a minimum of two work terms (6 units), normally of four month’s duration each, and a doctoral degree requires the completion of a minimum of three work terms (9 units). Specific program areas may require more work terms and some programs may, after formal assessment, provide partial exemptions for prior experience. Note that the total number of work terms that international co-op students are permitted to complete is calculated based on the Senate-approved graduate program units as defined in the Graduate Calendar. International graduate co-op students are advised to consult with their co-op program to determine the maximum number of work terms allowed.

8. Normally, a site visit will be undertaken by the student’s thesis supervisor, academic unit’s Co-op coordinator, graduate adviser or other appropriate faculty member.

**GRADUATE STUDIES WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM**

The Graduate Studies Work Experience Program is intended for students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies who are enrolled in full-time studies, leading to master’s or doctoral degrees. Students participating in the Graduate Studies Work Experience Program will complete one work experience term, that is, four months of full-time, discipline-related work under the supervision of the appropriate graduate Co-op Program. Approval to participate in the graduate work experience program is at the discretion of the student’s academic unit, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Executive Director of Co-operative Education. Where approval is granted, procedures must adhere to the regulations set out under the General Regulations for Graduate Co-op programs in the University Calendar.

In academic units where a formal graduate Co-operative Education program exists, work opportunities are negotiated through the appropriate Co-operative Education coordinator. Where no formal Co-op program exists, graduate Co-op placements are negotiated on an individual basis and may be initiated by interested employers, academic unit’s representatives or graduate students. In this case, students are directed to consult with the Office of the Director, Co-operative Education Program.

For information, please contact the Co-operative Education Coordinator or the Graduate Adviser in the academic unit concerned.

**GRADUATE STUDIES POST-STUDY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

The Graduate Studies Post-Study Internship Program is intended for students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies who are enrolled in full-time studies, leading to master’s or doctoral degrees. Students participating in the Graduate Studies Post-Study Internship Program will complete internship placements, that is, full-time, discipline-related work under the supervision of the appropriate graduate Co-op Program. Internships are only available after all academic coursework has been completed, including successful completion of a dissertation or thesis final oral defense, or the final comprehensive examination (or equivalent) for a project-based master’s degree, and prior to graduation. Internships are normally of four months duration. In the graduate programs, students are required to complete satisfactorily at least one internship placement, but no more than three consecutive internship placements. Not all Co-op programs participate in the Graduate Studies Post-Study Internship Program; where it is permitted, regulations are determined by the individual Co-operative Education Programs. Approval to participate in the Graduate Studies Post-Study Internship Program is at the discretion of the student’s academic unit, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Executive Director of Co-operative Education. Where approval is granted, procedures must adhere to the regulations set out under the General Regulations for Graduate Co-op programs in the University Calendar where appropriate.

In academic units where a formal Graduate Studies Post-Study Internship Program exists, internship opportunities are negotiated through the appropriate Co-operative Education coordinator. Where no formal Graduate Studies Post-Study Internship Program exists, graduate internship placements are negotiated on an individual basis and may be initiated by interested employers, academic unit’s representatives or graduate students. In this case, students are directed to consult with the Office of the Director, Co-operative Education Program. For information, please contact the Co-operative Education Coordinator or the Graduate Adviser in the academic unit concerned.
**STUDENT CONDUCT AND COMPETENCE ON WORK TERMS**

While on a work term, students are responsible for acting in an ethical and professional manner, and should adhere to the Policy on Academic Integrity as outlined on page 28. Academic integrity violations covered by this policy can take a number of forms, including the following: plagiarism, multiple submission, falsifying materials subject to academic evaluation, cheating on work, tests, and examinations, and aiding others to cheat.

Where there are reasonable grounds to believe that the conduct or lack of competence of a student enrolled in the Co-operative Education Program has adversely affected or may adversely affect the interests of an employer, the Program, or the University, a student may be requested to withdraw temporarily from a work term or from the Program pending the receipt of a report on the conduct or lack of competence of the student.

Upon receipt and review of the report, the student may be reinstated or, if the student's conduct or lack of competence has adversely affected or may adversely affect the interests of an employer, the Program, or the University, the student may be requested to withdraw permanently from a work term or from the Program.

Where a student has been requested to withdraw temporarily from the Program and has not been reinstated within a reasonable period of time, the student may be granted an opportunity to be heard.

Where a student has been requested to withdraw permanently from the Program, and is not satisfied with the decision, the student should refer to the Student Appeal Procedures.

Where a student is requested to withdraw from a work term, a grade of F/X or N/X shall be entered on the student's academic record and transcript.

**STUDENT APPEAL PROCEDURES**

1. Students who are not satisfied with the decision of the Co-op coordinator should attempt to resolve their concerns at the Co-op program level.
2. If a student is not satisfied with a decision at the program level, the student may appeal the decision in writing to the Dean of Graduate Studies and the Executive Director of Co-operative Education, with a copy to the Co-op coordinator who made the decision or ruling being appealed. The Co-op coordinator may file a written response to the appeal to the Dean and the Executive Director, with a copy to the appellant. The Dean and the Executive Director will consider the appeal.

The Dean and the Executive Director may request additional written submissions from the student and the coordinator and may invite the student and the coordinator to make oral submissions. The Dean and the Executive Director shall communicate their decision in writing to the student and the coordinator in a reasonable time.

3. If the student is not satisfied with this decision, the student may appeal to the Senate Committee on Appeals. This appeal process is governed by the regulations on "Appeals", page 61. Decisions of the Senate Committee on Appeals are final and may not be appealed to the Senate. In cases that do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Senate Committee on Appeals, the decision of the Dean and the Executive Director of Co-operative Education is final.

**CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK**

UVic students employed in co-operative work terms, placed in practica, placed in community service learning voluntary work or enrolled as student members in their professional organizations may be required to undergo criminal records reviews by legislation (e.g., BC Criminal Records Review Act), or because of the risk management policies of the organization with which the student will be associated. Students are responsible for providing authorization for the review to the employer, practice agency or professional organization upon request and cooperating in the conduct of the review as needed. Without this authorization or cooperation, an organization may revoke its offer of employment or placement. Usually, the student must pay for the review, although some employers will absorb the costs. Some units on campus, where students are frequently placed in situations requiring a review, may have standard information or practices regarding the procedure. However, the University has no responsibility to involve itself in this process. Students should check the administrative office in their own unit for any discipline-specific information.

**Examinations**

**FINAL ORAL EXAMINATIONS**

**General Regulations**

In all doctoral programs and all master's degrees with thesis that require a final oral examination, students must be registered in dissertation (699) or thesis (599) at the time of the oral defense. For project-based master’s degrees, academic units may require a written comprehensive examination, or an oral examination, or both. Students must be registered in project (598) at the time of oral defense.

Students may proceed to an oral examination when the supervisory committee is satisfied that the dissertation, thesis or project represents an examinable document for the degree requirements. The supervisory committee for 599 and 699 confirms this by signing the Request for Oral Examination form. This form must be submitted to the Dean of Graduate Studies 30 working days for PhD students and 20 working days for thesis master’s students prior to the date of the oral examination. Instructions concerning the appropriate procedures to follow for oral examinations can be found on the web site of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Before proceeding to the oral examination, students should normally have a cumulative grade point average of not less than 5.0 on all courses taken for credit in the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Any language requirement must be met before the student proceeds to the oral examination.

The Dean of Graduate Studies will appoint a Chair from outside the academic unit for the 599 and 699 final oral examination. Regular and Emeritus members are eligible to serve. Oral examinations are open to the public. Notice of examination will be communicated to all faculty members involved and to each academic unit at least 5 working days prior to the date of the examination.

It is expected that all oral examinations will take place on the UVic campus. Any deviation from this policy requires permission from the Dean of Graduate Studies. The student and all supervisory committee members are normally expected to be present at the oral examination either in person, or virtually. The committee members’ signature on the “Request for Oral Examination” form or “Checklist for Non-Thesis Examinations” constitutes an agreement to attend the examination at the scheduled time. In the event that a faculty member is unable to attend in person or virtually, the member is expected to provide questions for the examination, and is responsible for finding a proxy to attend the examination and ask the questions of the candidate. The proxy must be a member of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. It is advisable that the proxy have some substantive knowledge of the area or be knowledgeable in the research methodology. The proxy is expected to assess the student’s responses; however, the proxy does not vote on the outcome of the examination. The proxy does not replace the absent member of the committee, but merely represents the absent member at the oral examination. Therefore, the faculty member on the committee is still expected to sign the Dissertation/Thesis Approval Form.
Examining Committees

For doctoral programs and for master’s with thesis, the role of the examining committee is to assess the dissertation or thesis and to conduct an oral examination based on that dissertation or thesis. For project-based master’s, the role of the examining committee is to assess the independent work and to conduct an oral examination based on that work. The examining committee may also evaluate and examine other aspects of the degree such as specified course work or an understanding of any required reading list.

Composition of Final Oral Examining Committees

Doctoral degrees

The supervisory committee plus a Chair and at least one other examiner from outside the University. Such external examiners are appointed by the Dean of Graduate Studies in consultation with the academic unit(s), and must be arm’s-length authorities in the field of research being examined. Once the external examiner has been selected, there may be no communication about the student or their dissertation between the Examining Committee and the supervisor, committee members, or student prior to the oral defense. If communication is necessary, it must be made through the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Master’s degrees with theses

The supervisory committee plus a Chair appointed by the Faculty of Graduate Studies plus an external examiner who has had no previous involvement with graduate supervision of the candidate. The external examiner may be from within the home academic unit, provided that there is at least one non-unit member on the supervisory committee. Once the external examiner has been selected, there may be no communication about the student or their thesis between the External Examiner and the supervisor, committee members, or student prior to the oral defense. If communication is necessary, it must be made through the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Project-based Master’s degree

The supervisory committee plus an examination Chair.

Results of Oral Examinations (Dissertations and Theses)

Decision

The decision of the examining committee shall be based on the content of the dissertation or thesis as well as the candidate’s ability to defend it. After the examination, the committee shall recommend one of the following results:

1. That the dissertation or thesis is acceptable as presented and the oral defense is acceptable.

   The Chair of the academic unit and the student’s primary supervisor shall sign the academic unit’s Letter of Recommendation. In addition, all members of the examining committee shall sign the Dissertation/Thesis Approval Form.

2. That the dissertation or thesis is acceptable subject to minor revision and the oral defense is acceptable

   In this case, all members of the examining committee except the primary supervisor shall sign the Letter of Recommendation and at the end of the examination work together to draw up a list of revisions. The primary supervisor will approve the dissertation or thesis when it has been amended in accordance with the committee’s list of revisions. In addition, all members of the examining committee shall sign the Thesis/Dissertation Approval Form.

3. That the dissertation or thesis is acceptable subject to major revision and the oral defense is acceptable

   After consultation with the candidate, the maximum length of time permitted for the revision shall be set by majority vote of the committee, but shall not exceed one year from the date of the oral examination. A detailed and complete list of the necessary revisions shall be set by majority vote of the examining committee and given to the student at the conclusion of the examination. The primary supervisor shall oversee the revision of the dissertation or thesis. If the primary supervisor finds the revisions have met the requirements agreed at the examination, the primary supervisor shall distribute the thesis or dissertation to the remaining members of the examining committee. If it is acceptable to the committee, the primary supervisor shall ensure that each committee member signs the approval documents including the Dissertation/Thesis Approval Form.

4. That the examination be “adjourned”

   This result should not be confused with failure (see 5. Failure, below). Adjournment may be called for three different types of circumstances:

   a) A sudden illness or emergency that does not allow for the examination to be completed; an external environmental situation arises that forces the exam to be prematurely terminated (such as fire alarm, power failure or natural disaster); or when the technology being used breaks down and cannot be repaired in time to continue the examination.

   When an examination is adjourned for these types of circumstances, the chair shall make a written report to the Dean of Graduate Studies within three (3) working days of the date of the oral examination. After reviewing these reports the Dean will set a date for reconvening the examination. The date for reconvening shall be no later than six months from the date of the first examination.

   b) Where the external examiner casts the lone dissenting vote. When an examination is adjourned for this circumstance, each member of the examining committee shall make a written report to the Dean of Graduate Studies within 10 working days of the date of the oral examination. After reviewing these reports the Dean will set a date for reconvening the examination. The Dean shall also determine whether or not the composition of the original committee is appropriate for the reconvened examination. The date for reconvening shall be no later than six months from the date of the first examination.

   c) Where the thesis is acceptable but the student has failed the oral defense.

   When an examination is adjourned for this circumstance, each member of the examining committee shall make a written report to the Dean of Graduate Studies within 10 working days of the date of the oral examination. After reviewing these reports the Dean will set a date for reconvening the examination. The Dean shall also determine whether or not the composition of the original committee is appropriate for the reconvened examination. The date for reconvening shall be no later than six months from the date of the first examination.

5. Failure

   If two or more members of the examining committee are opposed to passing the student, the student will not be recommended for the degree. In this case, the committee shall make a written report to the Dean of Graduate Studies within 14 calendar days of the date of the oral examination outlining the reasons for this decision. A student who fails the oral examination has the right to appeal and should consult with the Dean of Graduate Studies regarding the appropriate procedures.

   A candidate who is not recommended for the degree by the examining committee is ineligible for readmission to a graduate program in the same academic unit and will receive a failing grade.

   Under exceptional circumstances, upon the advice of one or more committee members and of the chair of the academic unit, the Dean of Graduate Studies may sign the Thesis Approval Form and the academic unit’s Letter of Recommendation on behalf of the supervisor.

Results of Oral Examinations (Project-based Master’s degrees)

After the examination, the committee shall recommend one of the following results:
1. That the independent research work is acceptable and the oral defense is acceptable

In this case the Chair of the academic unit and the student’s primary supervisor shall sign the academic unit’s Letter of Recommendation.

2. That the independent research work is acceptable subject to minor revision and the oral defense is acceptable

In this case, all members of the examining committee except the primary supervisor shall sign the Letter of Recommendation and at the end of the examination, work together to draw up a list of revisions and establish a time limit for the completion of these revisions. The primary supervisor will approve the independent research work when it has been amended to her/his satisfaction.

3. That the independent research work is acceptable subject to major revision and the oral defense is acceptable

After consultation with the candidate, the maximum length of time permitted for the revision shall be set by majority vote of the committee, but shall not exceed one year from the date of the oral examination. A detailed and complete list of the necessary revisions shall be set by majority vote of the examining committee and given to the student at the conclusion of the examination. The primary supervisor shall oversee the revision of the project. If the primary supervisor finds the revisions have met the requirements agreed at the examination, the primary supervisor shall distribute the project to the rest of examining committee. If it is acceptable to the committee, the primary supervisor shall sign the Letter of Recommendation.

4. That the examination be “adjourned”

This result should not be confused with failure (see 4. Failure, below). Adjournment may be called for three different types of circumstances:

   a) A sudden illness or emergency that does not allow for the examination to be completed; an external environmental situation arises that forces the exam to be prematurely terminated (such as fire alarm, power failure or natural disaster); or when the technology being used breaks down and cannot be repaired in time to continue the examination.

   When an examination is adjourned for these types of circumstances, the chair shall make a written report to the Dean of Graduate Studies within three (3) working days of the date of the oral examination. After reviewing these reports the Dean will set a date for reconvening the examination. The date for reconvening shall be no later than six months from the date of the first examination.

   b) Where the written work is acceptable but the student has failed the oral defense.

   When an examination is adjourned for this circumstance, each member of the examining committee shall make a written report to the Dean of Graduate Studies within 10 working days of the date of the oral examination. After reviewing these reports the Dean will set a date for reconvening the examination. The Dean shall also determine whether or not the composition of the original committee is appropriate for the reconvened examination. The date for reconvening shall be no later than six months from the date of the first examination.

5. Failure

If two members of the examining committee are opposed to passing the student, the student will not be recommended for the degree. In this case, the committee shall make a written report to the Dean of Graduate Studies outlining the reasons for this decision. A student who fails the oral examination has the right to appeal and should consult with the Dean of Graduate Studies.

A candidate who is not recommended for the degree by the examining committee is ineligible for continuation or readmission to a graduate program in the same academic unit and will receive a failing grade.

Degree Completion and Graduation

The University Senate grants degrees in October and May each year prior to the awarding of degrees at convocation ceremonies in November and June, respectively. Graduates become members of the Convocation of the University as soon as their degrees are granted by the Senate, which generally occurs several weeks before the convocation ceremony. Students who require proof of degree completion prior to convocation can obtain a letter from the Graduate Admissions and Records Office.

Each candidate for a degree, diploma or certificate must complete a formal application for graduation, available at <www.uvic.ca/current-students/home/graduating>. Students must apply for graduation to be awarded their degree. The deadlines to submit completed applications are as follows:

   • November 15 for students completing in December for spring graduation
   • February 15 for students completing in April for spring graduation
   • July 15 for students completing in August for fall graduation

The deadline for completing all requirements for the degree is 3pm of the final business day in the term in which the Oral Examination, Final Project or Capstone Course are completed. Details are available on the web site of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Students can be considered for awarding of a degree only when all of the following requirements have been satisfied:

1. For doctoral and master’s with thesis candidates, submission of the final copies of the dissertation or thesis. Regulations governing the proper submission are set out on the faculty website at <www.uvic.ca/graduatestudies/resourcesfor/students/thesis>. Only the latest version of these instructions is valid. Normally, a copy of all approved dissertations and theses will be published and held in the institutional repository. Students should note that submission to UVicSpace is final: normally no revisions will be permitted once the thesis has been submitted.

2. Submission of the Letter of Recommendation for the program from the academic unit to the Graduate Admissions and Records Office. This letter states that all academic requirements have been completed.

3. Payment of all outstanding fees. Those who have outstanding accounts will not receive a diploma or be issued any transcripts.

Students should especially be aware of the minimum program fee for graduate degrees. All students should check their fee status at the Graduate Admissions and Records Office.

 deposition of theses and dissertations in the UVic repository

The results of research conducted at the University of Victoria are required to be made available to the public in a timely fashion, and so theses and dissertations must be placed in the institutional repository, UVicSpace, immediately following submission of the thesis/dissertation approval form.

Delay of publication in UVicSpace

The University recognizes that deposition in UVicSpace has the potential to jeopardize patents or independent publications. Therefore, a delay in publishing the thesis or dissertation in the university repository for an
initial period of twelve months from the date of the oral examination will be granted upon the submission of a completed withholding form. Renewal of the delay may be requested on an annual basis upon submission of a completed withholding form accompanied by a statement outlining ongoing progress made toward patents or independent publications during the preceding twelve months. The blank withholding form and further information about withholding policy can be obtained from the Faculty of Graduate Studies website.

Authors publishing their thesis or dissertation outside the repository must disclose any contractual obligation with an independent publisher designed to extend the withholding period past the date of independent publication. The withholding form must be accompanied by a copy of the contract with the independent publisher. Under no circumstances will the Dean of Graduate Studies consent to the permanent withholding of a thesis or dissertation.

**TRANSCRIPT OF ACADEMIC RECORD**

On request of the student, a certified transcript of the student’s academic record can be sent by the Office of the Registrar directly to the institution or agency indicated in the request. Each transcript will include the student’s complete record at the University to date.

Students’ records are confidential. Transcripts are issued only at the request of students. All transcript requests must be accompanied by payment (see “Other Graduate Fees” on page 69). Transcripts will be issued within five working days after a request is received, unless a priority request is made. See <www.uvic.ca/current-students/home/academics/transcripts/> for more details.

Transcripts will not be issued until all financial obligations to the University have been cleared. Students who require proof of degree completion prior to convocation can request a letter from Graduate Admissions and Records.

**Appeals**

Students who have grounds for believing themselves unjustly treated within the University are encouraged to seek all appropriate avenues of redress or appeal open to them.

**ACADEMIC MATTERS**

Academic matters are the responsibility of course instructors, academic units, faculties and the Senate.

Depending on the nature of the academic matter of concern to the student, the order in which the student should normally try to resolve the matter is: first, the course instructor; second, the Chair of the academic unit; third, the Dean of Graduate Studies; and finally, the Senate. In addition, the student may wish to consult the Ombudsperson. A student seeking a formal review of an assigned grade should consult the regulations under “Review of an Assigned Grade” on page 52.

**APPEALS TO THE SENATE**

Once all the appropriate recourses have been exhausted, a student may have the right of final appeal to the Senate Committee on Appeals. The Senate Committee on Appeals is an impartial final appeal body for students at the University of Victoria. In accordance with the University Act, the Senate has delegated to the Senate Committee on Appeals the authority and responsibility to decide, on behalf of the Senate, all final appeals from students involving the application of academic regulations and requirements. The Senate Committee on Appeals has no jurisdiction to consider a decision where the sole question in a student’s appeal turns on a question of academic judgment. Prior to filing an appeal with the committee, a student must have pursued and exhausted all other reviews, appeals or remedies provided by the University of Victoria’s undergraduate and graduate calendars or by the policies or regulations of the student’s faculty.

The deadline for filing an appeal before the Senate Committee on Appeals is two months from the final decision, action or treatment being appealed. Students who wish to file an appeal with the Senate Committee on Appeals must complete a Notice of Appeal form available from the Office of the University Secretary or online at <www.uvic.ca/universitysecretary/ senate/appeals>.

For more information on submitting or responding to a student appeal to Senate, please refer to the Senate Committee on Appeals’ Terms of Reference and the Procedural Guidelines available at <www.uvic.ca/universitysecretary/ senate/appeals> or contact the Office of the University Secretary at this address:

Office of the University Secretary
Room A138,
Administrative Services Building
Phone: 250-721-8101
Email: usec3@uvic.ca
Website: <www.uvic.ca/universitysecretary>

**Awards for Graduate Study**

All Graduate Award holders must maintain continuous registration during the tenure of their award. Students may interrupt their award only for the reasons of maternity, child rearing, illness, or health-related family responsibilities. Requests for interruptions must be approved by both the academic unit and the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies, and may require additional documentation.

**UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA FELLOWSHIPS**

University of Victoria Fellowships of up to $17,500 (master’s) and $20,000 (PhD) may be awarded by the Faculty of Graduate Studies to students of high academic standing registered full time in the Faculty as candidates or provisional candidates for a degree.

All new applicants will be considered for University of Victoria Fellowships or Graduate Awards by the academic unit they are applying to. There is no separate application form to be completed. Applicants will be evaluated based on their admission application and its supporting documentation. The minimum average required for consideration is A-. Funds are limited so applicants wishing to be considered for Fellowships and Awards are encouraged to have all application materials submitted to the Graduate Admissions and Records Office as soon as possible, and no later than the application deadline for the academic unit.

The competition for University of Victoria Fellowships is very intense. Meeting the minimum standard for consideration does not guarantee that a student will be successful in the competition.

**SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES**

The Faculty of Graduate Studies administers a number of awards to students in graduate programs at the University of Victoria. Detailed information on these awards and application procedures is available at the Faculty of Graduate Studies’ website.

**Bursaries**

Bursaries are non-repayable awards based on financial need and reasonable academic standing. They are available both for graduate students entering UVic and those already attending the university.

**Bursary applications and eligibility information are available from the Students Awards and Financial Aid website <www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa>. Application deadlines are October 15 for the winter session (September-April), and June 1 for the summer session (May-August).
A number of bursaries are awarded on the recommendation of Student Awards and Financial Aid and/or the student’s academic unit. Students should contact their faculty or academic unit for information on nomination procedures.

**ASSISTANTSHIPS**

Graduate students may make application, through the academic unit concerned, for paid employment as a teaching assistant, research assistant, scientific assistant or laboratory instructor. Such employment is negotiated through the academic unit concerned, not through the Faculty of Graduate Studies, at rates of pay determined by the University.

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**Tuition and Other Fees**

Students, parents and sponsors are advised that the following tuition fees were approved by the Board of Governors in March 2019 for the 2019-2020 academic year. Please note, however, that ancillary fees may still change. Tuition fees for the 2020-2021 academic year will be determined by the Board of Governors in March 2020.

All new and continuing international graduate students will be subject to an inflationary increase of 4% for the 2019-20 academic year (effective May 1, 2019). This increase excludes new students in the MBA program, where the increase will be 20% for the 2019-20 academic year and new students in the MGB program, where the increase will be 10% for the 2019-20 academic year. At this time, it is anticipated that international fee increases beginning 2020-21 will be limited to inflation of approximately 4%.

**GENERAL REGULATIONS**

Students should note that the University reserves the right to change fees without notice.

**Student Responsibilities**

- Students become responsible for their course or program fees upon registration. These fees may be adjusted only if a student officially drops courses, withdraws, cancels registration or changes status within specified time limits.
- Students are responsible for knowing in which courses they are registered. Students are required to formally drop courses, most often by using “My page”, rather than rely upon instructors to drop them due to non-attendance.
- Students waitlisted for courses are responsible for monitoring their registration status with both instructors and “My page”. The courses listed on the system are those for which the student will be assessed fees.
- Students are also responsible for knowing their fee obligations, either from the Calendar or through the UVic website. Graduate students are advised to consult the Graduate Admission and Records Office about their initial assessments and the effect of subsequent changes in registration.

**Fee Accounts**

The fees for a term may be made up of:

1. one full tuition installment if you are taking 3.0 or more units of courses, or project or thesis
2. one half tuition installment if you are taking less than 3.0 units and
3. any other fees assessed for that term.

Overpayments and other credits in excess of term fees are applied to unpaid accounts or to the next term if a student is registered in the following term. Any remaining credit balance for a term will be refunded upon request.

Tuition fees for credit courses are exempt from the Goods and Services Tax (GST), but GST may be required on other fees.

**Payment Due Dates:**

Fees are due by the following dates:

- **Summer Term**
  - May 31 if registered prior to May 31 or last day of the month in which you register

- **Fall term**
  - September 30

- **Spring term**
  - January 31

Any additional fees owing as a result of changes in a student’s registration are due by the end of the month in which the changes are made.

Payments must be received by the Accounting Services office by 4:00 pm on the due date (or on the preceding work day if the due date falls on a holiday or weekend). Students should note that web banking payments will be accepted until midnight on due dates.

Students are responsible for making their payment by the due date whether or not they received a statement of account.

Students who have not paid their full fees by October 31 in the fall term and February 28 in the spring term may have their course registrations cancelled and be denied other services.

**Making Payments**

Students are asked to make their payments by Internet, telephone banking, or debit card. Due to commission rates, tuition fee payments cannot be made by credit card.

Students paying through Internet or telephone banking should allow at least 48 hours for funds to be transferred to Tuition fees.

Students may also send their payment by mail, with a cheque or money order (do not mail cash) made payable to the University of Victoria to:

- **University of Victoria**
  - **Tuition Fees**
  - **Box 1700**
  - **Victoria BC V8W 2Y2**

Students may pay in person at the Tuition Fees counter, first Floor, University Centre, but are reminded that queues will be long just before due dates.

Students should ensure that their student number is written on the face of their cheque.

**International Students:** please visit [www.uvic.ca/tuition for payment options](http://www.uvic.ca/tuition)

Payments made by wire transfer – DO NOT SEND more than the tuition you are charged. Any overpayment will be credited to future tuition and will not be refunded to the student.

**Overdue Accounts**

A service charge of 1.5%, annualized at 19.56%, is added at each month end to accounts not paid by their due date.

Students with overdue tuition or other accounts will only be contacted by UVic at their preferred email address and preferred mailing address as shown on [www.uvic.ca/mypage](http://www.uvic.ca/mypage). Students are responsible for keeping their information on My page up to date at all times.

Students with overdue tuition or other accounts may be denied services, including: registration; the addition of courses through web registration; access to classes and examinations; and receipt of loans, awards, grades,
transcripts, degrees and documents certifying enrolment or registered status.

Students who have their registration cancelled for failing to pay their fees by a due date, or who withdraw or otherwise leave the University, remain liable for unpaid accounts. The University may take legal action or use collection agencies to recover unpaid accounts. Legal and collection costs incurred by the University in this process are added to a student’s account.

Tuition Receipts
Tuition receipts (T2202As) for income tax purposes are issued in February for the preceding calendar year. These forms are available online through <www.uvic.ca/t2202a>.

Fee Reductions
To obtain fee reductions, students must drop courses through “My page” or submit written notice of changes in registration, on the Graduate Course Change Form, to the Graduate Admission and Records Office.

When fee reductions are granted, they will be based on either the date recorded in the web registration log, or the date on which written notice is received.

Students should not rely upon instructors to drop them from courses. Students are strongly urged to recheck their course registration status on “My page” before the full-fee-reduction deadlines, particularly if they have made course changes or have been waitlisted.

Please note that deadlines for obtaining fee reductions are different from course drop deadlines for academic purposes.

Other Fee Reductions
Please note that Ancillary Fees are not reversed when courses are dropped after the 100% drop period.

Graduate Tuition Fee Reductions
The following fee reductions apply to graduate students and auditors enrolled in graduate courses:

Fall term assessments
On or before:
September 17  100%
October 8  50%

Spring term assessments
On or before:
January 19  100%
February 9  50%

Fee Reduction Appeals
Students who believe a course drop has not been properly entered into their student record should contact the Graduate Admission and Records Office. Students who believe a fee reduction has not been correctly entered into their fee account should contact Accounting Services. If, following such action, a fee reduction issue remains unresolved, the student may submit an appeal in writing to the Graduate Fee Reduction Appeals Committee, c/o Manager, Tuition Fees, 1st Floor, University Center.

REGULATIONS CONCERNING TUITION FEES FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Standard Tuition Fees for Certificate and Diploma Programs
Tuition charged for Certificate and Diploma programs is paid by course on a per-unit basis at the Non-degree rate (some exceptions may apply).

Standard Tuition Fees for Degree Programs
Tuition charged for graduate programs is based on a minimum total program fee (see details below). This minimum total program fee must be paid regardless of the duration of your study. If your program takes longer to complete than the standards set out below you will be required to pay additional fees beyond the minimum total program fee. Tuition charged for graduate programs is based on the time taken to complete the program and not on the completion of individual courses. Fees consist of regular tuition installments, reregistration fees and, if applicable, program extension fees (see details below). Students are charged a full tuition installment for every term during which they are registered full time in a degree program and a half tuition installment for every term in which they are registered half time or less in a degree program. Registration in Thesi(s) (599), Dissertation (699) and project (598) courses result in full time assessment.

Tuition installments and ancillary fees are assessed for each of the three terms of the academic year (fall, spring, and summer). Payment each term is either a full (1.0) or half (0.5) tuition installment depending on whether registration is full or part time. See “Definition of Full-Time Status” and “Definition of Part-Time Status” (page 41).

Tuition for International Students
International students (those not holding Canadian citizenship or permanent residency at the beginning of the term) are required to pay international tuition for graduate programs and courses. Tuition will be adjusted to regular rates for students who show a permanent residency card before the last day of the term.

Standard Tuition Fees for Master’s Degrees
The minimum regular program fee for a master’s degree is 5.0 tuition installments which can consist of a combination of regular full and regular half tuition installments. For exceptions, see the list of non-standard tuition below. One (1.0) additional regular tuition installment will be assessed if a student remains registered after having paid 5.0 regular full tuition installments (for a total regular tuition of 6.0).

Non-Standard Tuition for Selected Master’s Programs
- The minimum regular program fee for the Health Informatics distributed stream (web-based) is 6.0 tuition installments.
- The minimum regular program fee for the MACD program is 6.0 fee installments.
- The total minimum regular program fee for the MBA degree is 6.0 tuition installments for Daytime + Weekend program students and 9.0 tuition installments for Evening program students, which can consist of a combination of regular full and regular half tuition installments.
- The total minimum regular program fee for the MBA within the MBA-JD combined degree is 6.0 tuition installments in addition to the tuition for the Undergraduate JD degree.
- The minimum regular program fee for the MGB program is 3.0 fee installments.
- The minimum regular program fee for the MPH program is 6.0 fee installments.
- The minimum regular program fee for the NUHI program is 9.0 fee installments.
- The minimum regular program fee for the double degree MBA+MEng and MBA+MSc programs is 7.0 fee installments.
The minimum regular program fee for the MEng in Telecommunications and Information Security is 3.0 fee installments. If a student remains enrolled in a master’s degree after having paid the minimum regular program fee, reregistration fees will apply as described below. If a student remains enrolled beyond the five year time limit for a master’s degree, a program extension fee will apply as described below.

For students registered in a one-year master’s program (completed within 12 months), the minimum regular program fee is 3.0 tuition installments. Current programs include English, French, History, Indigenous Governance, Applied Linguistics, Philosophy and Political Science. Up to 3.0 additional regular tuition installments will be assessed if a student remains registered after having paid 3.0 tuition installments (for a total regular tuition of 6.0). Terms of personal leave will not be counted as academic terms and therefore graduate tuition installments normally will not be assessed.

The minimum regular program fee for the LLM completed within 12 months is 3.0 tuition installments, which can consist of a combination of regular full and regular half tuition installments. Up to 2.0 additional regular tuition installments will be assessed if a student remains registered after having paid the minimum regular program fee (for a total regular tuition of 5.0).

**Standard Tuition Fees for Doctoral Degrees**

The minimum regular program fee for a PhD degree is 7.5 tuition installments which can consist of a combination of regular full and regular half tuition installments. For example, in the case of a full time student, the minimum regular program fee is assessed in seven regular full tuition installments followed by one regular half tuition installment. For exceptions, see the list of non-standard tuition below. One (1.0) additional regular full tuition installment will be assessed if a student remains registered for one additional term after 7.5 regular full tuition installments have been paid. One additional regular half (0.5) tuition installment will be assessed if a student remains registered for an additional term beyond 8.5 regular tuition installments have been paid (for a total regular tuition of 9.0).

**Non-Standard Tuition for Selected Doctoral Programs**

- The minimum regular program fee for the PhD in Health Informatics is 9.0 fee installments.
- The minimum regular program fee for the PhD in Business is 12.0 fee installments.
- The minimum regular program fee for the PhD degree in Law is 5.0 tuition installments, which can consist of a combination of regular full and regular half tuition installments. Up to 2.5 additional regular tuition installments will be assessed if a student remains registered after having paid 5.0 regular full tuition installments (for a total regular tuition of 7.5).

If a student remains enrolled in a PhD degree after having paid the minimum regular program fee, reregistration fees will apply as described below. If a student remains enrolled beyond the seven year time limit for a doctoral degree, a program extension fee will apply as described below.

**Reregistration Fees for Degree Programs**

Students who have not exceeded the time limits for degree completion and have paid the entire total regular tuition for their degree (normally 6.0 tuition installments for master’s degrees; 9.0 tuition installments for doctoral programs) but have not completed their program requirements will be charged reregistration fees for each term of attendance up to their completion date. Thereafter, program extension fees apply.

Students in the PhD in Health Informatics who have paid the entire 9.0 regular tuition installments, will be charged reregistration fees for each term of attendance for up to a maximum of 3.0 additional terms. Thereafter, the regular tuition rate per term will be assessed.

**Fees for Degree Program Extensions**

Students who are granted a program extension and remain registered after exceeding the time limit for their degree (normally five years for a master’s degree and seven years for a doctoral degree—see “Time Limits” on page 36) will be assessed a program extension fee at the regular tuition rate per term.

**Completion Postponement Fee Adjustment**

The Completion Postponement Fee Adjustment ($255.00) is available in lieu of a full tuition fee payment to allow graduate students one additional month in which to defend and correct their project, thesis or dissertation. Eligible students must have:

- Defended their project, thesis or dissertation on or before the 15th calendar day of September, January, or May
- Completed and submitted all project, thesis or dissertation corrections on or before the last calendar day of the same month
- Completed all other program requirements prior to this one month extension
- Paid their minimum total program fee prior to the term in which the oral examination takes place (see “Standard Tuition Fees for Degree Programs”, page 53)
- Registered in the term(s) in which the oral examination and corrections take place
- Submitted all documents necessary for graduation to Graduate Admissions and Records by 3:00 pm on or before the last business day of that month
- Submitted their thesis or dissertation (not project) to UVicSpace on or before the last business day of that month, after all corrections have been approved by their supervisor.

The Completion Postponement Fee Adjustment is not available to students in any term in which they enroll in coursework, optional co-op, or other program requirements, with the exception of the final oral/comprehensive examination and relevant corrections. Students who are required to complete a co-op work term subsequent to the completion of their thesis, dissertation or project will be permitted to complete their co-op work term (with associated fee) in addition to receiving the Completion Postponement Fee Adjustment for their thesis, dissertation or project.

A full term of ancillary fees (see “Other Fees”, below) will be charged in addition to the Completion Postponement Fee Adjustment.

Students making use of the CPFA will not be eligible for graduation in the term in which they defend. Students completing under the provisions of the CPFA in September or January will graduate in the spring, and students completing under the CPFA in May will graduate in the fall. For further information contact Graduate Admissions and Records.

**Standard Fees for Students Transferring from a Master’s to a Doctoral Program**

Students who transfer from a master’s to a doctoral program without completing the master’s degree will receive tuition credit toward their minimum doctoral program tuition requirement to a value no greater than the minimum tuition installments paid to the master’s program (normally 5.0 tuition installments). Tuition installments paid beyond the minimum program requirement for the master’s degree cannot be credited to the doctoral tuition requirement.

**Fees for Students Transferring to a Program with Different Fee Structure**

Students transferring to a program with a different program fee will be charged the differential of full program fees (including differential balance owing for prior terms) for the new degree effective from the time of transfer into the higher cost program. This amount comes due at the end of the month in which the student transfers programs.
Tuition Credit for Academic Transfer Credits for Certificates and Diplomas

Tuition credit may be obtained toward a subsequent degree program only for courses taken for academic credit at the University of Victoria. Allowable fee credits are one tuition installment for each term of 3.0 units of academic credit to a maximum of three tuition installments.

Students holding a University of Victoria graduate certificate may be given a maximum fee credit of two tuition installments toward a master’s or PhD degree provided that the student enrolls in the degree program within the first, second, or third immediately subsequent terms after the completion of the certificate or diploma.

Students holding a University of Victoria graduate diploma may be given a maximum fee credit of three tuition installments toward a master’s or PhD degree provided that the student enrolls in the degree program within the first, second, or third immediately subsequent terms after the completion of the certificate or diploma.

Other Fees

Graduate Students’ Society (GSS) Extended Health Care and Dental Insurance Plans

The GSS provides a mandatory extended health plan and dental insurance plan for full-time graduate students.

To opt out of the extended health or dental plans, proof of equivalent coverage must be provided to the GSS by September 30 (January 31 for students starting in January). For more information, contact the GSS.

The University of Victoria provides students’ personal information to the University of Victoria Graduate Students’ Society and its health insurance provider. The information is used solely for adjudicating claims and is not used for any other purpose. Personal information is stored securely and used in accordance with regulations contained in the federal Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act.

Students from Quebec can either opt out of their insurance plan and apply to BC MSP, or, they can pay for services up-front and seek reimbursement from their Quebec Plan.

Complete information about the costs and coverage provided by the plans is available from the GSS office, or at: <www.gss.uvic.ca>.

Mandatory Temporary Medical Insurance for International Students

The University of Victoria provides a mandatory temporary medical insurance plan (MTMI) for all new international students as a condition of registering as a student (excludes Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada). This insures emergency hospitalization and medical services (including doctor’s visits) for sickness or injury covered by the policy.

All new international students who pay international tuition fees, as well as international exchange students are automatically assessed a fee for the first term they are registered. This does not include visiting international research students (VIRS).

MTMI Fee: $265.00

It is the personal responsibility of the student to evaluate the mandatory temporary medical insurance coverage and purchase supplementary insurance as required to meet their individual needs and requirements.

Students that will become eligible for BC Medical Services Plan coverage should immediately enroll upon arrival to BC, as the process takes approximately three months.

For applications to the BC Medical Services Plan go to www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/msp. BC MSP (for physician and hospital directed care) is NOT the same as the UVSS or GSS extended medical coverage.

For more information about health insurance for international students, please visit www.uvic.ca/iss/health-insurance

Universal Bus Pass Plan (U-Pass)

The Graduate Students’ Society (GSS) provides a mandatory bus pass plan for all graduate students enrolled in on-campus courses. U-Pass was approved by student referendum in 1999. The U-Pass fee is $81.00 per term. U-Pass gives students unlimited access to all Greater Victoria BC Transit buses and HandyDart services. Graduate students wishing to apply for an exemption from U-PASS, or wishing to opt-in to the program, should contact the GSS during the first month of each term.

Only the following students can be exempted from the U-Pass plan:

• students who are registered solely in off campus or online programs
• students with a BC Bus Pass
• students with mobility disabilities that prevent them from using BC Transit or HandyDart services
• students taking both Camosun College and UVic courses
• students enrolled in an on-campus program lasting two weeks or less

More information about the plan is available at the GSS office in room 102 of the Halpern Centre, by calling 250-472-4543 or at <www.gss.uvic.ca>.

Graduation

Students who have not paid the minimum number of tuition installments for their degree by the final term before graduation must pay the outstanding installments before they are able to receive their graduation parchment (diploma) or official transcripts. Students expecting to complete their academic requirements are strongly advised to contact the Graduate Admissions and Records Office to confirm their tuition installment status.

Tuition for Non-degree Students

Students classified as non-degree students pay for courses on a per-unit basis. Course fees paid by non-degree students cannot be counted towards the tuition installments required for a degree.

Course Fees for non-degree graduate students (per course unit)

- Domestic ................................................................. $783.22
- International ........................................................... $990.34

Standard Tuition Fees for Domestic Students in Certificate and Diploma Programs

Per course unit ................................................................. $783.22

Standard Tuition Fees for Domestic Students in Degree Programs

Some of these degrees also have program fees. Please see Program Fees below.

- Full fee installment ......................................................... $1,972.00
- Half fee installment ....................................................... $986.00
- Graduate reregistration fees, per term, until maximum completion limits .............................................. $783.22
- Program extension fee ................................................. $1,972.00
- Graduate Co-op work term fee (this fee does not form part of the minimum program fee described under Program Fees, above) ...... $717.08

Standard Tuition Fees for International Students in Certificate and Diploma Programs

per course unit ................................................................. $990.34
Standard Tuition Fees for International Students in Degree Programs

Full fee installment .............................................. $2,487.24
Half fee installment ........................................... $1,243.62
Graduate reregistration fees, per term, until maximum completion limits .................................. $990.34
Program extension fee ........................................ $2,487.24
Graduate Co-op work term fee (this fee does not form part of the minimum program fee described under Program Fees, above) .................................................. $901.95

Other Fees

Athletics/Recreation, per term (on-campus and local only) ........ $88.88
Graduate Students’ Society, per term On Campus ....................... $74.58
Graduate Students’ Society, per term Off Campus ...................... $71.71
Graduate Students’ Society, per Co-op work term ....................... $35.86
Co-op work term and on campus registration ......................... $38.73
GSS Extended Health Care Plan: per year (single coverage) ......... $377.00
8 month pro-rated fee ............................................. $251.00
Dental Care Plan, per year (single coverage) ......................... $226.00
8 month pro-rated fee ............................................. $151.00
U-Pass Bus Pass ....................................................... $81.00

Fees for Auditors

Audit fees per unit under age 65
Domestic ...................................................................... $329.63
International ................................................................ $441.27
Age 65 or over ............................................................. $108.32

Note: Audit fees will not be assessed for students whose supervisor approves the course as relevant toward their master’s or doctoral program.

Other Graduate Fees

Note: All fees listed below are non-refundable unless stated otherwise

Application fee* ......................................................... $126.50
Application fee if any documents originate outside Canada* .... $162.25
An acceptance deposit may be required depending on the program. This fee is applied toward tuition owed for a student who registers but is forfeited if a student does not register.

Application to reregister* ............................................... $28.25
Late application for admission/registration ......................... $35.00
Confirmation of enrolment letter ..................................... $10.00
Reinstatement fee* ..................................................... $265.25
Application to graduate (all students) ................................. $44.00
Application to graduate late fee ..................................... $10.00

Required for Master's Thesis and PhD Dissertation:

UVic Archival fee ....................................................... $15.00
Degree completion letter ........................................... $10.00
Credit Card charge back .............................................. $15.00
Returned cheque ....................................................... $25.00
Transcripts, per copy .................................................. $10.00
Priority Service Charge .............................................. $7.00
Replacement degree (diploma) ...................................... $75.00
Certified copy of degree .............................................. $15.00
Photocopy, per page .................................................. $3.00

*These fees are effective September 1, 2019

Non-Standard Tuition and Fees for Selected Programs

Certificate and Diploma Programs

Cultural Heritage Certificate and Concurrent degree
If you are enrolled in concurrent graduate degree and the graduate certificate program, fees for three 1.5 unit certificate courses are covered by your full-time degree studies fees, regardless of the number of GPC credits that you are able to apply to your degree. You will be assessed a non-degree course fee for your first course, CH 560 as well as for your second course. If you are enrolled in the Cultural Heritage Certificate only, the standard tuition fees for students in certificate and diploma programs apply:

Domestic per unit .................................................... $783.22
International per unit ................................................ $990.34

Graduate Certificate in Digital Humanities

Domestic per unit .................................................... $1104.11
International per unit ................................................ $1404.38

Graduate Certificate in Medical Physics

Domestic per unit .................................................... $1380.11
International per unit ................................................ $1740.84

Graduate Certificate in Health Terminology Standards

Domestic per unit .................................................... $1473.93
International per unit ................................................ $1683.29

Degree Programs

Some of these degrees also have program fees. Please see Program Fees below.

MA Community Development (MACD)

Acceptance Deposit .................................................. $400.00
Travel and living expenses involved to attend the summer residencies are over and above any tuition.

Domestic, per term

Full tuition installment .............................................. $2808.48
Half tuition installment ............................................. $1404.24
Reregistration fees, per term, until maximum completion limits $936.18
Thereafter ......................................................... $2808.48

International, per term

Full tuition installment .............................................. $3483.67
Half tuition installment ............................................. $1741.84
Reregistration fees, per term, until maximum completion limits $1161.20
Thereafter ......................................................... $3483.67

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Acceptance deposit-Business ................................... $2000.00
Deferred entry (allowed once only) .............................................................................. $200.00

**MBA Daytime + Weekend Tuition, per term**

**Domestic**

Full tuition installment ............................................................................................... $4245.91
Half tuition installment .............................................................................................. $2122.96
Non-degree, per unit .................................................................................................. $1401.18
Reregistration fees, per term ..................................................................................... $1401.18
Thereafter ...................................................................................................................... $4245.91

Co-operative program fee, per work term
(this fee does not form part of the minimum program fee described under Program Fees, above) ......................................................... $717.08

**International**

Full tuition installment ............................................................................................... $6194.42
Half tuition installment .............................................................................................. $3097.21
Non-degree, per unit .................................................................................................. $2044.18
Reregistration fees, per term ..................................................................................... $2044.18
Thereafter ...................................................................................................................... $6194.42

Co-operative program fee, per work term
(this fee does not form part of the minimum program fee described under Program Fees, above) ......................................................... $901.95

**Grandparented International**

Full tuition installment ............................................................................................... $4897.56
Half tuition installment .............................................................................................. $2448.78
Reregistration fees, per term ..................................................................................... $1616.23
Thereafter ...................................................................................................................... $4897.56

Co-operative program fee, per work term
(this fee does not form part of the minimum program fee described under Program Fees, above) ......................................................... $901.95

**MBA + MEng or MBA + MSc Double Degree Tuition, per term**

**Domestic**

Full tuition installment ............................................................................................... $4519.28
Half tuition installment .............................................................................................. $2259.64

**International**

Full tuition installment ............................................................................................... $5935.03
Half tuition installment .............................................................................................. $2967.52

**Grandparented International**

Full tuition installment ............................................................................................... $5221.48
Half tuition installment .............................................................................................. $2610.74

**MBA + (MEng or MSc) reregistration fees per term**

Domestic ....................................................................................................................... $1506.42
International .............................................................................................................. $1978.37

**Grandparented International** ................................................................................ $1740.49

**MBA/JD per term MBA fees**

**Domestic Tuition**

Full tuition installment ............................................................................................... $2830.63
Half tuition installment .............................................................................................. $1415.32

**International Tuition**

Full tuition installment ............................................................................................... $4129.58
Half tuition installment .............................................................................................. $2064.79

**Grandparented International**

Full tuition installment ............................................................................................... $3265.03
Half tuition installment .............................................................................................. $1632.52

Please note that the MBA tuition will be assessed in addition to the tuition for the Undergraduate JD degree.

**MBA/JD reregistration fees per term**

**Domestic** ................................................................................................................. $1401.14
International ............................................................................................................... $2044.18

**Grandparented International** ................................................................................ $1616.23

**Master of Global Business (MGB)**

Acceptance deposit-Business ..................................................................................... $1500.00
Deferred entry (allowed once only) ............................................................................ $200.00

The MGB program also requires travel to/and accommodation in (at least) two other countries. The traveling and living expenses involved are in addition to the above fees.

**MGB Tuition, per term**

**Domestic**

Full tuition installment ............................................................................................... $7170.56
Half tuition installment .............................................................................................. $3585.28
Reregistration .............................................................................................................. $2390.18
Internship fee, per internship* .................................................................................. $358.54

**International**

Full tuition installment ............................................................................................... $11852.68
Half tuition installment .............................................................................................. $5926.34
Reregistration .............................................................................................................. $3950.87
Internship fee, per internship* .................................................................................. $450.98

**Grandparented International**

Full tuition installment ............................................................................................... $9712.03
Half tuition installment .............................................................................................. $4865.02
Reregistration .............................................................................................................. $3237.31

* this fee does not form part of the minimum program fee described under Program Tuition and Fees, above.

**Master of Public Administration**

Acceptance Deposit .................................................................................................. $400.00

**Master of Public Health (MPH)**

**Domestic Tuition**

Full tuition installment ............................................................................................... $2390.18
Half tuition installment .............................................................................................. $1195.09
Reregistration .............................................................................................................. $796.75
Thereafter ...................................................................................................................... $2390.18

**International Tuition**

Full tuition installment ............................................................................................... $3014.96
Half tuition installment .............................................................................................. $1507.48
Reregistration .............................................................................................................. $1004.97
Thereafter ...................................................................................................................... $3014.96

**MEng in Telecommunications and Information Security Tuition, per term**

**Domestic**

Full tuition installment ............................................................................................... ...
Program Fees, per Term
This fee is in addition to the minimum tuition for a Master’s/PhD degree. Program fees end when required tuition installments are completed.

Master of Business Administration (MBA): Daytime + Weekend
Domestic ................................................................. $552.05
International .............................................................. $725.86
** Grandparented International ................................ $573.89

MBA/JD
Domestic ................................................................. $368.06
International .............................................................. $483.94
** Grandparented International ................................ $382.63

Double Degrees in MEng/MBA and MSc(CompSci)/MBA
Domestic ................................................................. $473.18
International .............................................................. $622.18
** Grandparented International ................................ $491.93

Master of Global Business (MGB)
Domestic ................................................................. $1030.46
International .............................................................. $1307.42
** Grandparented International ................................ $1071.28

PhD in International Management and Organization
Domestic ................................................................. $500.00
International .............................................................. $540.80

MED/MA EPLS Counselling
Domestic ................................................................. $386.41
International .............................................................. $401.73

MA in Child and Youth Care
Domestic ................................................................. $378.85
International .............................................................. $393.84

Indigenous Education graduate program in Indigenous Revitalization
Domestic ................................................................. $386.43
International .............................................................. $401.73

Concurrent Registration Program Fee
Students who are concurrently registered in a graduate degree program and one of the graduate certificate programs listed below will be assessed the one time program fee in the first term of the certificate in addition to the appropriate standard tuition for domestic or international students. A student registered in a certificate course without concurrent full-time graduate enrollment in either their degree program or a required co-op term associated with their degree program will be assessed the appropriate standard tuition installment for domestic or international students in degree programs. A student registered in a certificate course after graduating from their degree program will be assessed the appropriate standard per unit tuition for domestic or international students in certificate programs.

LATHE (Learning/Teaching in higher Education Certificate) for concurrent Degree students only
Domestic ................................................................. $783.22
International .............................................................. $990.34

Indigenous Nationhood Certificate Program for Concurrent Degree Students only
Domestic ................................................................. $783.22
International .............................................................. $990.34
Health Terminology Standards for Concurrent Degree Students only

Domestic ......................................................... $2210.85
International ............................................... $2524.90

**Grandparented International Students**: All continuing MBA and MGB students, who began their studies prior to the 2018-19 academic year, will be subject to inflationary only increases of 4% for the 2019-20 academic year. The inflationary rate of increase will apply until the student obtains their current credential or is withdrawn from their studies and must apply for reinstatement.