The University of Victoria operates under the authority of the University Act (RSBC 1996 c. 468) which provides for a Convocation, Board of Governors, Senate and Faculties. The University Act describes the powers and responsibilities of those bodies, as well as the duties of the officers of the University. Copies of this Act are held in the University Library.

The official academic year begins on May 1. Changes in Calendar regulations take effect May 1, September 1, and January 1 of each academic year unless otherwise approved by the Senate. Nevertheless, the University reserves the right to revise or cancel at any time any rule or regulation published in this Calendar or its supplements. The Calendar is published three times per year in the spring (effective May 1), summer (effective September 1) and winter (effective January 1) by the Office of the Registrar, Student Affairs, under authority granted by the Senate of the University.
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### Academic Year Important Dates

In recognition of the fact that the University of Victoria is a diverse community, the Office of Equity and Human Rights has compiled a list of high holy days available at their website [www.uvic.ca/equity/education/religious/index.php](http://www.uvic.ca/equity/education/religious/index.php). Faculty and staff may wish to refer to this list in responding to requests from members of religious groups for variations in examination schedules due to religious observances.

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#### Summer Session - 2019

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

### May 2019

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<td>May-August courses begin for all faculties</td>
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<td>Last day for Faculty of Law course changes (for more details regarding Summer 2019 and Summer 2019 Important Dates see <a href="http://www.uvic.ca/law/jd/courseregistration/index.php">www.uvic.ca/law/jd/courseregistration/index.php</a>)</td>
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<td>Victoria Day¹</td>
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<td>Senate Committee on Academic Standards meets to approve Convocation lists</td>
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<td>31 Fri</td>
<td>Fees deadlines for summer (see <a href="http://www.uvic.ca/current-students/home/course-registration/add-drop">https://www.uvic.ca/current-students/home/course-registration/add-drop</a>)</td>
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<td>June courses begin</td>
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<td>10-14 Mon-Fri</td>
<td>Spring Convocation</td>
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<td>Canada Day¹</td>
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<td>Reading Break May-August sections only</td>
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<td>July and July-August courses begin</td>
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<td>Deadline to apply to graduate for Fall Convocation (all faculties)</td>
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<td>July courses end</td>
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<td>26 Fri</td>
<td>August courses begin</td>
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<td>29-31 Mon-Wed</td>
<td>Supplemental and deferred examinations for Winter Session 2018-2019 (except for Business and Law courses)</td>
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<td>May-August classes end for all faculties</td>
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<td>5 Mon</td>
<td>British Columbia Day¹</td>
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<td>6 Tue</td>
<td>May-August examinations begin for all faculties</td>
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<td>16 Fri</td>
<td>May-August examinations end for all faculties</td>
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### Winter Session - First Term

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<td>2 Mon</td>
<td>Labour Day¹</td>
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<td>3 Tue</td>
<td>First year registration and opening assembly for Faculty of Law</td>
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<td>4 Wed</td>
<td>First term classes begin for all faculties</td>
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<td>12 Thu</td>
<td>Last day for course changes in Faculty of Law</td>
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<td>17 Tue</td>
<td>Last day for 100% reduction of tuition fees for standard first term and full year courses. 50% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date. For non-standard courses see <a href="http://www.uvic.ca/course-registration/add-drop">www.uvic.ca/course-registration/add-drop</a></td>
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<td>Last day for adding courses that begin in the first term</td>
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<td>Senate meets</td>
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<td>8 Tue</td>
<td>Last day for 50% reduction of tuition fees for standard courses. 100% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date. For non-standard courses see <a href="http://www.uvic.ca/course-registration/add-drop">www.uvic.ca/course-registration/add-drop</a></td>
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<td>14 Mon</td>
<td>Thanksgiving Day¹</td>
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<td>23 Wed</td>
<td>Senate Committee on Academic Standards meets to approve Convocation lists</td>
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<td>31 Thu</td>
<td>Last day for withdrawing from first term courses without penalty of failure</td>
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#### November 2019

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<td>Remembrance Day¹</td>
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<td>11-13 Mon-Wed</td>
<td>Reading Break (except Faculty of Law)</td>
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<td>12 &amp; 13 Tue &amp; Wed</td>
<td>Fall Convocation</td>
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<td>Faculty of Graduate Studies deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation (students completing in the Fall term only)</td>
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<td>Last day of classes in first term for all faculties except the Faculty of Law National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Classes and exams cancelled from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.</td>
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<td>6 Fri</td>
<td>Senate meets</td>
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<td>7 Sat</td>
<td>First-term examinations begin in the Faculty of Law</td>
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<tr>
<td>15 Sun</td>
<td>Undergraduate deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation</td>
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<tr>
<td>20 Fri</td>
<td>First term examinations end for Faculty of Law</td>
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December 2019
21 Saturday First term examinations end for all faculties except Faculty of Law
25 Wednesday Christmas Day¹
26 Thursday Boxing Day¹
25-1 Wednesday- Thursday University closed

Winter Session - Second Term

January 2020
1 Wednesday New Year’s Day¹
6 Monday Second term classes begin for all faculties
10 Friday Senate meets
16 Thursday Last day for course changes in Faculty of Law
19 Sunday Last day for 100% reduction of second term fees for standard courses. 50% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date. For non-standard courses see <www.uvic.ca/ course-registration/add-drop>
22 Wednesday Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in second term
31 Friday Last day for paying second term fees without penalty

February 2020
7 Friday Senate meets
9 Sunday Last day for 50% reduction of tuition fees for standard courses. 100% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date. For non-standard courses see <www.uvic.ca/course-registration/add-drop>
15 Saturday Faculty of Graduate Studies deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation (students completing in the Spring term only)
17 Monday Family Day¹
17-21 Monday- Friday Reading Break for all faculties
29 Saturday Last day for withdrawing from full year and second term courses without penalty of failure

March 2020
6 Friday Senate meets

April 2020
3 Friday Senate meets
6 Monday Examinations begin for all faculties
10 Friday Good Friday¹
13 Monday Easter Monday¹
24 Friday Examinations end for all faculties
End of Winter Session

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Summer Session - 2020
See <www.uvic.ca/calendar/undergrad/info/tuition> for Summer Session add and drop dates.

May 2020
1 Friday Senate meets
4 Monday May-August courses begin for all faculties
11 Monday May and May-June courses begin
Last day for Faculty of Law course changes (for more details regarding Summer 2019 and Summer 2019 Important Dates see www.uvic.ca/law/jd/courseregistration/index.php)
17 Sunday Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in summer
18 Monday Victoria Day¹
21 Thursday Senate Committee on Academic Standards meets to approve Convocation lists
31 Sunday Fees deadlines for summer (see https://www.uvic.ca/current-students/home/course-registration/add-drop)

June 2020
3 Wednesday May courses end
4 Thursday June courses begin
8-12 Monday-Friday Spring Convocation
26 Friday May-June and June courses end

July 2020
1 Wednesday Canada Day¹
1&2 Wednesday & Thursday Reading Break May-August sections only
6 Monday July and July-August courses begin
15 Wednesday Deadline to apply to graduate for Fall Convocation (all faculties)
28 Tuesday July courses end
29 Wednesday August courses begin
29-31 Wednesday- Friday Supplemental and deferred examinations for Winter Session 2019-2020 (except for Business and Law courses)
31 Friday May-August classes end for all faculties

August 2020
3 Monday British Columbia Day¹
4 Tuesday May-August examinations begin for all faculties
17 Monday May-August examinations end for all faculties
21 Friday July-August and August courses end

Winter Session - First Term

September 2020
7 Monday Labour Day¹
8 Tuesday First year registration and opening assembly for Faculty of Law
9 Wednesday First term classes begin for all faculties
17 Thursday Last day for course changes in Faculty of Law
September 2020

22 Tuesday Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in first term

Last day for 100% reduction of tuition fees for standard first term and full year courses. 50% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date. For non-standard courses see <www.uvic.ca/course-registration/add-drop>.

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

30 Wednesday Last day for paying first term fees without penalty

October 2020

2 Friday Senate meets

12 Monday Thanksgiving Day

13 Tuesday Last day for 50% reduction of tuition fees for standard courses. 100% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date. For non-standard courses see <www.uvic.ca/course-registration/add-drop>.

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

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

November 2020

6 Friday Senate meets

11 Wednesday Remembrance Day

9 - 11 Monday-Wednesday Reading Break (except Faculty of Law)

9 & 10 Monday and Tuesday Fall Convocation

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

December 2020

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

4 Friday Senate meets

Last day of classes in first term for all faculties except the Faculty of Law

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Classes and exams cancelled from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm.

7 Monday First term examinations begin in the Faculty of Law

15 Tuesday Undergraduate deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation

21 Monday First term examinations end for all faculties

25 Friday Christmas Day

26 Saturday Boxing Day

25-3 Friday - Sunday University closed

1. Classes are cancelled on all statutory holidays and during reading breaks. Administrative offices and academic departments are closed on statutory holidays. Holidays that fall on a weekend are observed on the next available weekday, normally on a Monday. The UVic Libraries are normally closed on holidays; exceptions are posted in advance.