

The University of Victoria Graduate Calendar 2019–2020

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

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

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Academic Year Important Dates

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

2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

Summer Session - 2019

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

Winter Session - Second Term

January 2020

1	Wednesday	New Year's Day ¹
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 > Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in second term
22	Wednesday	Last day for adding courses that begin in thesecond 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 Day ¹
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
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April 2020

3	Friday	Senate meets Last day of classes for all faculties
6	Monday	Examinations begin for all faculties
10	Friday	Good Friday ¹
13	Monday	Easter Monday ¹

April 2020

24	Friday	Examinations end for all faculties End of Winter Session
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2020/2021 OFFICIAL ACADEMIC YEAR BEGINS

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 Day ¹
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 Day ¹
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 Day ¹
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 Day ¹
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
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 ¹
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 > ¹
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 ¹
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 <i>National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Classes and exams cancelled from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.</i>
7	Monday	First term examinations begin for all faculties
15	Tuesday	Undergraduate deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation
21	Monday	First term examinations end for all faculties
25	Friday	Christmas Day ¹

December 2020

26	Saturday	Boxing Day ¹
25-3	Friday-Sunday	University closed

Winter Session - Second Term**January 2021**

1	Friday	New Year's Day ¹
4	Monday	Second term classes begin for all faculties
8	Friday	Senate meets
14	Thursday	Last day for course changes in Faculty of Law
17	Sunday	Last day for 100% reduction of second term fees for standard courses. 50% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date. For non-standard courses see < www.uvic.ca/course-registration/add-drop > Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in second term
20	Wednesday	Last day for adding courses that begin in the second term
31	Sunday	Last day for paying second term fees without penalty

February 2021

5	Friday	Senate meets
7	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	Monday	Family Day ¹ Faculty of Graduate Studies deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation (students completing in the Spring term only)
15-19	Monday-Friday	Reading Break for all faculties
28	Sunday	Last day for withdrawing from full year and second term courses without penalty of failure

March 2021

5	Friday	Senate meets
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April 2021

1	Thursday	Last day of classes for all faculties
2	Friday	Good Friday ¹
5	Monday	Easter Monday ¹
6	Tuesday	Examinations begin for all faculties
9	Friday	Senate meets
22	Thursday	Examinations end for all faculties End of Winter Session

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