IMPORTANT NOTES

Updated April 11, 2016

New to the University

1. Dance Major
The Senate approved the designation of Dance as a separate Major, still housed within the Theatre and Film Department.

2. Engineering Dual Degree Program Suspended
The Institute of Technology at the University of Minnesota has closed the Dual Degree Program which had been in place for several years between its Engineering Program and the UW and other Canadian and American institutions. Students may still apply to transfer from UW Science programs to Minnesota Engineering and will still be eligible for the provincial/state tuition reciprocity agreement between Manitoba and Minnesota, but will not have the same pathway available for guaranteed admission as existed under the Dual Degree arrangement.

3. English 4-Year BA Areas of Specialization
Senate has approved the English Department proposal to delete the specialization in Literatures and Cultures, and to create a new specialization in Screen and Cultural Studies.

4. Fall Reading Week
The Senate has approved the implementation of a Fall Reading Week to occur the week of Thanksgiving (October 8-14 in 2016).
Note: Some programs may choose not to observe the Reading Week for their classes.

5. Indigenous Course Requirement (ICR)
The Senate has approved a new Requirement that students in all undergraduate programs must complete at least 3 credit hours in coursework with Indigenous content. All students enrolling for the first time in Fall term 2016 or after are required to complete the ICR by the time they graduate. For more information and a list of eligible courses, please go to http://uwinnipeg.ca/indigenous-course-requirement.

6. Minors
The Senate has approved optional Minors in History and in Comparative Literature.

7. Modern Languages 4-Year BA
The Advanced Learning Division of Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning has granted approval for The University of Winnipeg to offer a 4-Year Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages.

8. Sociology Honours
Enrolment in the Honours program in Sociology was suspended two years ago. The program has now been reinstated and students are eligible to declare and complete an Honours program.

9. Student Planning
Student Services and Technology Solutions Centre have collaborated on the launch of new software which combines degree audit, program planning, scheduling, and registration into a portal for ease of student self-assessment of progress toward graduation, planning of future terms, and scheduling and registration of current terms.

ACADEMIC TERMS - The University of Winnipeg offers courses in three terms. The Fall and Winter terms each have 12 weeks of classes and 2 weeks of evaluation. A full course (6 credit hours) is normally taught over two terms and a half course (3 credit hours) over one term. However, a course may also be taught in a condensed or expanded time frame. The Spring term has 8 weeks of class and there is a Summer session during the months of July and August.

FIPPA and PHIA - *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) and *The Personal Health Information Act* (PHIA) both apply to The University of Winnipeg. The Vice-Presidents of the University have responsibility for the implementation and oversight of all matters related to both pieces of legislation. Should any of the university's policies conflict with FIPPA or PHIA, the provisions of FIPPA or PHIA shall prevail unless otherwise expressly provided for at law.

LOSS OF SERVICE - No liability shall be incurred by The University of Winnipeg for loss or damage suffered or incurred by any student or third party as a result of delays in or termination of services, courses or classes by reason of: acts of God, fire, floods, weather, riots, wars, strikes, lock-outs, damage to University property, financial conditions, or other happenings or occurrences beyond the reasonable control of the University.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AND REMEMBRANCE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN - In recognition of the "National Day of Action and Remembrance of Violence Against Women," The University of Winnipeg Senate passed a motion that on December 6: there be academic amnesty for assignments, papers, participation marks, and attendance marks for that date; that no tests or exams be held after 3:30 p.m. on that date; and that classes operate on a normal schedule on that date.

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS- Students may choose not to attend classes or write examinations on holy days of their religion, but they must notify their instructors at least two weeks in advance. Instructors will then provide opportunity for students to make up work or examinations without penalty. On the recommendation of The Senate, a list of religious holidays is included below.

Religious Event	Religion	2016-17 DATES
Chinese New Year	Buddhist	Feb 8, 2016
Magha Puja	Buddhist	March 23, 2016
Good Friday	Christian	April 25, 2016
Passover	Jewish	April 23-30, 2016

Easter	Christian	April 27, 2016
Easter Monday	Christian	April 28, 2016
Baisakhi	Sikh	April 14, 2016
Visakha Puja	Buddhist	May 15, 2016
Shavuot	Jewish	June 12-13, 2016
Ramadan	Muslim	June 6 -July 5, 2016
Lailat Ul Qadr	Muslim	July 1, 2016
Eid al Fitr	Muslim	July 7-9, 2016
Obon	Buddhist	July 13-15, 2016
Asalha Puja Day	Buddhist	July 19, 2016
Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu	Aug 25, 2016
Eid al Adha	Muslim	Sept 11-14, 2016
Navaratri	Hindu	Oct 1-10, 2016
Rosh Hashanah	Jewish	Oct 3-4, 2016
Yom Kippur	Jewish	Oct 12, 2016
Day of Ashura	Muslim	Oct 12, 2016
Diwali	Hindu	Oct 30, 2016
Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday	Sikh	Nov 14, 2016
Mawlid an Nabi	Muslim	Dec 14, 2016
Christmas	Christian	Dec 25, 2016
Hanukkah	Jewish	Dec 25, 2016-Jan 1, 2017
Chinese New Year	Buddhist	Jan 28, 2017
Magha Puja	Buddhist	March 12, 2017
Passover	Jewish	April 11-18, 2017
Baisakhi	Sikh	April 14, 2017
Good Friday	Christian	April 14, 2017
Easter	Christian	April 16, 2017
Easter Monday	Christian	April 17, 2017
Visakha Puja	Buddhist	May 10, 2017
Shavuot	Jewish	May 31-June 1, 2017

http://www.interfaithcalendar.org/

SMOKING - The University of Winnipeg is a non-smoking environment.

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