

IMPORTANT NOTES

Updated May 6, 2025

New to the University

1. Authorized Leave Policy for International Students

International students can now apply for a formal authorized leave of up to 150 days if they are experiencing medical or other personal difficulties and need to take time away from their studies.

2. Bioscience PhD

The Province of Manitoba has approved the University of Winnipeg Doctor of Philosophy degree in Bioscience and Policy. Students are being admitted to the program for Fall 2025.

3. Cultural Studies Subject Code Change

The subject code for courses in the Master of Arts in Cultural Studies has been changed from GENG to GCST.

4. Supervised Pastoral Education Discontinuance

Effective Fall 2024, The Faculty of Graduate Studies and the United Centre for Theological Studies discontinued the offering of courses toward the Supervised Pastoral Education (SPE) certificate of the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care.

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	2025-26 DATES
Shavuot	Jewish	June 1-3, 2025
Eid al-Adha	Muslim	June 6, 2025
Day of Ashura	Muslim	July 5, 2025
Asalha Puja Day	Buddhist	July 10, 2025
Obon	Buddhist	August 13, 2025
Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu	August 16, 2025
Mawlid al-Nabi	Muslim	September 4, 2025
Navaratri	Hindu	September 22, 2025
Rosh Hashanah	Jewish	September 22-24, 2025
Yom Kippur	Jewish	October 1-2, 2025
Diwali	Hindu	Oct. 21, 2025
Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday	Sikh	November 5, 2025
Hanukkah	Jewish	December 14-22, 2025
Christmas	Christian	December 25, 2025
Chinese New Year	Buddhist	February 17, 2026
Ramadan	Muslim	Feb. 17-March 19, 2026
Magha Puja Ramadan	Buddhist	March 3, 2026
Laylat al-Qadr	Muslim	March 16, 2026
Eid al Fitr	Muslim	March 19-20, 2026
Passover	Jewish	April 1-9, 2026
Good Friday	Christian	April 3, 2026

Easter	Christian	April 5, 2026
Easter Monday	Christian	April 6, 2026
Baisakhi (Vaisakhi)	Sikh	April 14, 2026
Visakha Puja	Buddhist	May 1, 2026
Shavuot	Jewish	May 21-23, 2026
Eid al-Adha	Muslim	May 26-30, 2026
Day of Ashura	Muslim	June 25, 2026
Asalha Puja Day	Buddhist	July 29, 2026
Obon	Buddhist	August 13, 2026

<http://www.calendarz.com> and other sites. **Note:** some of the projected dates are subject to change as they follow lunar cycles.

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

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