

# IMPORTANT NOTES

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## New to the University

### 1. Environmental Studies Honours Program

The Environmental Studies Program now offers Honours BA and BSc degree programs.

### 2. Faculty of Kinesiology

The Senate has approved the creation of a Faculty of Kinesiology, which includes the Department of Kinesiology and Applied Health and the Department of Athletics, effective July 2012.

### 3. Master of Arts in Environmental, Resource and Development Economics (ERDE)

The Economics department is offering this new Master's degree as of September 2012.

### 4. Minors

The Senate approved a proposal to have optional Minors available in 4-Year Arts, Science, and Business Administration degrees. Minors will be published as they are developed by Departments and Programs and approved by Senate.

### 5. Professional, Applied, and Continuing Education (PACE)

The Division of Continuing Education has changed its name to Professional, Applied, and Continuing Education.

### 6. Urban and Inner City Studies

The Urban and Inner City Studies Program is now a Department, and now offers a Certificate in Urban and Inner City Studies.

**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.

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**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.

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

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