

# IMPORTANT NOTES

Updated May 6, 2019

## New to the University

### 1. Bioanthropology Honours Program

The University Senate has approved an Honours Bachelor of Science degree in Bioanthropology.

### 2. Centre for Access to Information and Justice

The University Senate approved a new research centre focused on the study of freedom of information and access to information, research using law in these area, and public interest research.

### 3. Centre for Terrestrial and Planetary Exploration

The University Senate approved a new research centre focused on research and teaching activities related to remote sensing for both terrestrial and planetary applications.

### 4. Kinesiology Degree Options

The Department of Kinesiology and Applied Health is eliminating the Bachelor of Kinesiology (General), the Bachelor of Kinesiology (Sport Coaching), and Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology (Exercise Science) programs. All these areas of study will be incorporated in a single Bachelor of Kinesiology degree.

### 5. Neuroscience Major

Effective September 2019, the Biopsychology Major Program has been renamed Neuroscience. 3-Year, 4-Year, and Honours Bachelor of Science degrees will be conferred under this new title.

### 6. Rhetoric Honours Program

The University Senate has approved an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in Rhetoric and Communications.

### 7. Student Non-Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedures

The University Board of Regents has approved a new policy and procedures for dealing with non-academic misconduct issues.

**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	2019-20 DATES
Baisakhi (Vaisakhi)	Sikh	April 14, 2019
Ramadan	Muslim	May 5 – June 4 , 2019
Visakha Puja	Buddhist	May 18, 2019
Lailat Ul Qadr	Muslim	June 1, 2019
Eid al Fitr	Muslim	June 5-7, 2019
Shavuot	Jewish	June 9-10, 2019
Obon	Buddhist	July 13-15, 2019
Asalha Puja Day	Buddhist	July 16, 2019
Eid al Adha	Muslim	Aug 12-15, 2019
Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu	Aug 23, 2019
Day of Ashura	Muslim	Sept 10, 2019
Navaratri	Hindu	Sept 29-Oct 7, 2019
Rosh Hashanah	Jewish	Sept 30-Oct 1, 2019
Yom Kippur	Jewish	Oct 9, 2019

Diwali	Hindu	Oct 27, 2019
Mawlid an Nabi	Muslim	Nov 10, 2019
Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday	Sikh	Nov 12, 2019
Hanukkah	Jewish	Dec 23-30, 2019
Christmas	Christian	Dec 25, 2019
Chinese New Year	Buddhist	Feb 5, 2020
Magha Puja	Buddhist	March 9, 2020
Passover	Jewish	April 9-15, 2020
Good Friday	Christian	April 10, 2020
Easter	Christian	April 12, 2020
Easter Monday	Christian	April 13, 2020
Baisakhi (Vaisakhi)	Sikh	April 14, 2020
Ramadan	Muslim	April 24-May 23, 2020
Visakha Puja	Buddhist	May 7, 2020
Shavuot	Jewish	May 29-30, 2020
Lailat Ul Qadr	Muslim	June 1, 2020
Eid al Fitr	Muslim	June 5-7, 2020
Asalha Puja Day	Buddhist	July 5, 2020
Eid al Adha	Muslim	July 31-Aug 3, 2020
Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu	Aug 12, 2020
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<http://www.interfaithcalendar.org/>

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