

DATE: MARCH 2026
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RE: SENATE REGULATIONS ON COURSE OUTLINES FOR
SPRING 2026

SENATE REGULATIONS

During the first week of classes, undergraduate and graduate students must be provided with a course outline. All course outlines must be approved by the DRC or equivalent, and once approved, must be forwarded to the appropriate Dean's office no later than 5 days before the beginning of term. We strongly suggest that you review your outline thoroughly with your students as it is an important document which sets out the requirements and policies for your course.

Senate regulations, which apply to all courses, require that the following information be included in course outlines:

1. An indication of the topics to be covered.
2. An indication that all topics listed on the outline may not be covered.
3. A reading list or other indication of the amount of reading expected in the course.
4. A list of all items of work on which the final grade is based and an indication of the weight of each individual item of work.
5. Final grades in pass/fail courses include S (Standing) or F (Failure). Senate approved grades for all other courses include A+, A, A-, B+, B, C+, C, D and F. While the University does not have a standardized numerical grade conversion scale for letter grades, all course outlines must include written guidelines specifying a numerical (percentage) range for letter grades assigned to individual items of work and the course final grade. Final grades shall be approved by the Department Review Committee and may be subject to change.
6. Alongside the grade range guidelines, the following statement must be included: "NOTE: Final grades require departmental/program approval and may be subject to change."
7. If students are to be given marks for participation and/or attendance, students must be provided with clear assessment criteria.

8. An indication of when the items of work will be administered/submitted, and penalties, if any, for late submission of work. A minimum of 20% of the work on which the final grade is based must be evaluated and available to the student before the voluntary withdrawal date. Exceptions may be made with the prior approval of the DRC in courses such as Directed Readings, Projects, and Thesis courses, but this must be noted on the course outline.
9. An indication of equipment authorized for use in tests/exams (e.g., calculators, dictionaries, handheld devices).
10. Regarding the date of the last test/exam or the due date for the last item of work, such as an essay or project, be advised that Senate does not allow term tests to be administered during the 12th week of regularly scheduled classes (i.e., during the last 3 hours of the course); such tests must be administered during the exam period (the two weeks, or so, following the 12th week of lectures). However, the last item of work (e.g., research paper, essay) may be submitted at the last class, or at a specified time up to and including the scheduled final examination date. Lab exams may be held during the 12th week and on the days between the last scheduled class and the final exam period.
11. Important dates [use as necessary]

For 4-week Courses Beginning May 4 and ending June 1:

Lectures Begin: Monday, May 4, 2026
Lectures End: Monday, June 1, 2026
Final Withdrawal Date: Monday, May 25, 2026
Exams: Wednesday, June 3, 2026

For 4-week Courses Beginning June 4 and ending July 2:

Lectures Begin: Thursday, June 4, 2026
Lectures End for Regularly Scheduled Classes: Tuesday, June 30, 2026
Make-up day for Victoria Day (Wednesday schedule): Thursday, July 2, 2025
Final Withdrawal Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026
Exams: July 6 & 7, 2026

For 6-week Courses Beginning May 4 and ending June 15:

Lectures Begin: Monday, May 4, 2026.
Lectures End: Monday, June 15, 2026
Final Withdrawal Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2026
Exams: June 17 & 18, 2026

For 6-week Courses Beginning June 19 and ending July 31:

Lectures Begin: Friday, June 19, 2026.
Lectures End: Friday, July 31, 2026
Make-up day for Canada Day (Wednesday schedule): Friday, July 31, 2026
Final Withdrawal Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2026
Exams: August 5 & 6, 2026

For 8-week Courses Beginning May 4 and ending July 1:

Lectures Begin: Monday, May 4, 2026
Lectures End for Regularly scheduled classes: Wednesday, July 1, 2026
Make-up day for Victoria Day (Monday schedule): Monday, June 1, 2026
Make-up day for Canada Day (Wednesday schedule): Thursday, July 2, 2026
No Lectures: Tuesday, June 2, 2026, Wednesday, June 3, 2026 &
Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Final Withdrawal Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Exams: July 6 & 7, 2026

For 12-week Courses Beginning May 4 and ending July 30:

Lectures Begin: Monday, May 4, 2026

Lectures End for Regularly Scheduled classes: Thursday, July 30, 2026

Make-up day for Victoria Day (Monday schedule): Monday, June 15, 2026

Make-up day for Canada Day (Wednesday schedule): Friday, July 31, 2026

No Lectures: June 16 – 18, 2026

Final Withdrawal Date: Friday, July 10, 2026

No Lectures: August 4, 2026

Exams: August 5 & 6, 2026

For Summer Session (July 6-August 17)

Lectures Begin: Monday, July 6, 2026

Lectures End (includes make-up day): Monday, August 17, 2026

Final Withdrawal Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026

No Lectures: August 18, 2026

Exams: Wednesday, August 19, 2026

You may want to encourage students to contact you before withdrawing in case you can help in any way.

12. The University is closed for the following holidays:

Monday, May 18, 2026 – Victoria Day

Wednesday July 1, 2026 – Canada Day

Monday, August 3, 2026 – Terry Fox Day

13. 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. A list of religious holidays can be found in the 2025-26 Undergraduate Academic Calendar:

<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/important-notes.pdf>

14. Students with documented disabilities, temporary or chronic medical conditions, requiring academic accommodations for tests/exams or during lectures/laboratories are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services (AS) & Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS) at 204.786.9771 or <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility-services/> to discuss appropriate options. All information about a student's disability or medical condition remains confidential.

15. Reference to the appropriate items in the "Regulations & Policies" section of the including Senate appeals and academic misconduct (e.g. plagiarism, cheating) Instructors should become familiar with the procedures for dealing with alleged academic misconduct.

16. All students, faculty and staff have the right to participate, learn, and work in an environment that is free of harassment and discrimination. The UW Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy may be found at <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect/respect-policy.html>.