# THFM-1003-001 (6 credit hours) Introduction to Theatre: Indigenous Performance

Treaty No. 1 was negotiated and entered into in August 1871 at Lower Fort Garry.

The territory is the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene Peoples, and the National Homeland of the Red River Métis.

Fall/Winter 2022-2023: Friday, 2:30 – 5:15 Instructor: Marsha Knight

Delivery: In person Office hours: by appointment

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student email address.

Note: This course can be used towards the Indigenous course Requirement.

Restrictions: Students may not hold credit for this course and THFM-1001 or THFM-1002.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is an introduction to storytelling and the basic concepts of theatre through the stories and plays of Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island (North America). While the emphasis will be on the development of acting technique, this course is an introduction to theatre in the larger sense. Time will be spent examining the relationship between the various creative roles in the theatre. The approach to play analysis and performance will be based on traditional Indigenous teachings and Euro-Western approaches.

The academic year will have a holistic approach encompassing Cognitive, Emotional, Spiritual, and Physical aspects of storytelling. Additional areas to be covered will include: the significance of the elements of Water, Fire, Earth, Air; the role of Coyote and Trickster/Nanabush/Wesakechak; and an overview of the development of Indigenous Theatre, primarily in Canada. The student will be provided many resources which the student may continue to explore independently. Practical exercises will touch on aspects such as movement, improvisation, voice and music to creatively develop individual and group presentations.

Each student will present four storytelling/theatrical pieces, each one progressively developing on skill sets common to introductory performance and influenced by Indigenous teachings.

Presentations by members of the larger theatre community, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, will be made to provide an understanding of the scope to which an artist may develop.

Students will be required to attend two live productions over the course of the academic year. Attendance will follow University of Winnipeg's protocol for safety and may be done via a livestream or other virtual medium, depending on the safety standards set at the time. The productions will be determined through the year.

Students are required to take notes during all classes, meetings with the instructor, or other students during group assignments. Students need to access Nexus for related materials, updates, and assignments.

With the current global health situation, all activities will be adapted as needed while continuing to honour Indigenous traditions.

## **TEXTS - Required**

- Bernbaum, Joel, Lancelot Knight, and Yvette Nolan. Reasonable Doubt. Toronto: Playwrights Canada Press, 2022. (Available at the UW Bookstore after November 2022.)
- Fobister, Waawaate. "Agokwe." In Two-Spirit Acts: Queer Indigenous Performances, edited by Jean O'Hara, 91-133. Toronto: Playwrights Canada Press, 2013. (Available as an e-book through the UW Library.)
- Manuel, Vera. "Strength of Indian Women." In Honouring the Strength of Indian Women, edited by Michelle Coupal, et al., 25-69. Winnipeg: University of Manitoba Press, 2019. (Available as an e-book through the UW Library.)
- Zimmerman, Mary. *The Secret in the Wings*. Illinois: Northwestern University Press, 2014 (Available at the UW Bookstore)

Students may also be required to access additional scripts to support scene or project work. As well, students will be required to attend performances as available as part of this course and should be prepared to pay for tickets.

#### **SCHEDULE AND MARK DISTRIBUTION**

The following schedule summarizes the plays to be studied and the focus of presentations to be made. Classes will include additional exercises, topics, and articles to support the plays being studied and the presentations to be made. This schedule is provided as a guideline only and may be subject to change as a result of unforeseeable challenges in course delivery, or the changing institutional structures and/or provincial guidelines within which we offer courses for the coming year.

### September 9, 16, 23; October 7, 21:

- Preparation for Monologue presentations.
- "Agokwe" by Waawaate Fobister

# October 28; November 4, 18, 25; December 2, 6, 7:

- Preparation for Creative Storytelling presentations.
- "Strength of Indian Women" by Vera Manuel

### January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17:

- Preparation for Scene Work presentations.
- "The Secret in the Wings" by Mary Zimmerman
- Attending a performance of the above play presented by UW 3<sup>rd</sup> year Honours theatre students.
   This is <u>not</u> considered one of the two live theatre performances scheduled in the Mark
   Distribution. Elements of the performance may be included on the guiz for this play.

## March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31:

- Preparation for Collaborative presentations.
- "Reasonable Doubt" by Joel Bernbaum, Lancelot Knight, and Yvette Nolan.

# P/F: Pass/Fail Component

Performance assignments include a pass/fail component which are intended to add to the enrichment of the performance piece. Satisfactory completion will result in full evaluated marks of the presentation. Incompletion or unsatisfactory responses will result in 10% reduction of the evaluated mark.

Example: Evaluated mark of the presentation 7.5 / 10

Assignment not submitted or unsatisfactory completion - 0.75

Final mark 7.5 - 0.75 = 6.75

The following is a summary of the four pass/fail components, with details to be delivered in class:

Monologue Character/scene analysis

Creative storytelling Written description of non-digital musical element that will be incorporated into

the storytelling.

Scene work All members in a scene individually submit their prep regarding character,

scene, and objectives.

Collaboration One page commentary: "The Actor's Role"

Evaluation is based on 50% Academic and 50% Practical, as outlined below. Work not submitted will be graded as 0%.

# Instructor-Student Meeting:

Fall Term								
Sun Oct 16	Concept Paper	Article	5 %					
Fri Oct 21	Presentation (P/F)	Monologue	10%					
Fri Oct 28	Quiz	Play: Agokwe	5 %					
Tues Dec 6	Quiz	Play: Strength of Indian Women	5 %					
Wed Dec 7	Presentation (P/F)	Creative storytelling	10 %					
Ongoing	Weekly Reflections (x12)	Submitted at the end of each class	10 %					
Winter Term (**Dates to be confirmed)								
Fri Feb 10 **	Quiz	Play: The Secret in the Wings	5%					
Fri Feb 17 **	Presentation (P/F)	Scene Work	10 %					
Sun Feb 26	Concept Paper	Article	5 %					
Fri Mar 24 **	Quiz	Play: Reasonable Doubt	5 %					
Fri Mar 31 **	Presentation (P/F)	Collaboration	10 %					
Ongoing	Weekly Reflections (x12)	Submitted at the end of each class	10 %					
Dates to be determined								
tbd	Attend a live theatre performance	1:1 discussion with Instructor	5 %					
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Total								

# **Instructor-Student Meeting:**

At the end of the Fall Term, the instructor and student will have one 15-minute one-on-one meeting. The meeting times will be scheduled in advance. Failure to attend will be counted as an absence and marks will be deducted as per the attendance policy.

#### **CONVERSION SCALE**

The following conversion table will be used for calculating the final grade.

A+	90 – 100%	GPA	4.5	C+	65 – 69.9%	GPA	2.5
Α	85 – 89.9%	GPA	4.25	С	60 – 64.9%	GPA	2.0
A-	80 – 84.9%	GPA	4.0	D	50 – 59.9%	GPA	1.0
B+	75 – 79.9%	GPA	3.5	F	below 50%	GPA	0
В	70 – 74.9%	GPA	3.0				

# **KEY DATES – Fall Term (2022)**

Fri, Sept 9 First class of Fall term

Fri, Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – no classes

Mon, Oct 10 to Fri, Oct 14 Reading Week – no classes

Fri, Nov 11 Remembrance Day – no classes

Tues, Dec 6 Make up class

Wed, Dec 7 Make up class – Last class of Fall term

# **KEY DATES – Winter Term (2023)**

Fri, Jan 6 First class of Winter term

Wed, Feb 14 Final date to withdraw without academic penalty from courses which

begin in September 2022 and end in April 2023 of the 2022-2023 Fall

and Winter term.

Mon, Feb 20 to Fri, Feb 24 Reading week – no classes

Fri, Mar 31 Last class of Winter term

Go to the following link for all dates and information:

https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/dates.html

#### **VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL**

Students are encouraged to speak to the Instructor before withdrawing to explore other options.

Please note that withdrawing before the VW date does not necessarily result in a fee refund.

## ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS for first-year Performance classes

Given that this is a practical studio course, extensive participation and professionalism are required. As a result, punctuality and attendance at classes (whether in person or online) and at out-of-class rehearsals are of the utmost importance. The following will apply:

- Attendance and punctuality will be recorded at the beginning of every class.
- Unexcused absences from lectures, labs, or out-of-class rehearsals will be penalized at a rate of 1% per instance.
- Unexcused lateness for lectures, labs, or out-of-class rehearsals will be penalized at a rate of .5% per instance.
- After a <u>THIRD</u> late or absence, the instructor will schedule a meeting with the student to discuss withdrawal from the course.
- After a <u>FIFTH</u> unexcused absence the student will be required to meet with the Chair of the department to discuss withdrawal from the course.
- Excused absences or lates require a medical note or prior arrangement with the instructor. It is at the instructor's discretion whether or not to excuse a non-medical absence.
- After <u>FIVE</u> excused absences the student will be required to meet with the Instructor to discuss whether it is realistic for him/her to continue in the course.

Given the rigorous, practical nature of studio courses, and the demands these courses make in terms of attendance and punctuality, students with chronic medical conditions that require extensive absence should meet with the instructor at the beginning of the term to discuss whether the course is appropriate for them.

#### **NOTES FOR PERFORMANCE COURSES**

- Senior acting students scheduled to perform in a departmental public exercise will be expected
  to attend rehearsals. Rehearsals for final presentations and public exercises are scheduled well
  in advance; students must arrange their university and work schedules so as not to conflict with
  them. Students must attend ALL scheduled rehearsals.
- Any student who repeatedly misses rehearsals, arrives late, or fails to rehearse adequately will be asked to withdraw from the course (see Attendance note, above).
- As many of our classes are physical in nature, students are asked to wear comfortable clothing.
   In the event an occasional class is scheduled online, there will still be physical work required. If there are limitations due to the student's remote environment, adjustments should be made with the instructor in advance.
- In a presentation environment, student actors, like professionals, are expected to provide their own basic makeup supplies where required. ABSOLUTELY NO SHARING OF MAKEUP will be allowed due to the potential health risks.
- Senior acting students scheduled to perform in a departmental public exercise are asked not to modify their hair colour or style without first checking with the instructor/director.

- When attending classes, rehearsals or labs in the Theatre building, outdoor footwear <u>must be removed</u> before entering <u>ANY</u> of the Studios: **0T09** (Concourse Studio), **0T19** (Mime Lab), **1T15** (Theatre), **2T05** (2nd Floor Studio), **2T15** (Movement Studio). We suggest you bring suitable dance shoes or slippers to wear if working in one of these spaces. Your professors will monitor and enforce this regulation in order to preserve the integrity of the special flooring in these rooms. Please respect this rule.
- Students attending rehearsals or labs in the Theatre building <u>MUST NOT</u> move existing furnishings from their current locations.

#### STUDENT PARTICIPATION POLICY & COURSE CONTENT NOTE

Theatre is a communal art form in which a number of interdependent artists and crafts people co-operate to create a work of art. This fact is necessarily transferred to the learning situation, and is reflected in many of the Department's courses. Consequently, it is the Department's policy that students are required to: complete homework such as reading, line-learning, script analysis, prop lists, design drawings, etc.; attend classes; attend rehearsals both within and outside of class times; and, in short, to exhibit commitment towards the inevitably shared endeavours of our field of study.

Any student failing to fulfil these requirements is harmful to the progress of dedicated students and may, after due warning, be asked to withdraw from any individual Departmental course.

# **COURSE CONTENT NOTE**

Dramatic literature depicts a wide range of human actions, both elevated and base, public and private, physical and psychological, sexual and non-sexual, etc. Acting students learn to simulate life truthfully in interaction with other students in the safety of the acting class and the rehearsal hall through exercises, discussions, and directions which address rather than avoid truthful, particularized, personalized action.

The teaching of acting may involve encouraging students to examine personal and even intimate areas of life to help them understand and meet the demands of the work.

Performance classes often require strenuous physical activity. Classes and rehearsals may also involve consensual physical interaction between students as part of class exercises or character development and occasional, consensual, physical contact by instructors for purposes such as the demonstration of a technique or to make a posture correction. Students are responsible for wearing clothing appropriate to these activities.

This work can, at times, feel uncomfortable, but must ALWAYS be consensual, and must NEVER be unsafe. Students are encouraged to discuss any concerns about their physical and emotional safety with their course instructor.

### **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

# **Human Rights and Diversity**

All students are encouraged to visit the University's Human Rights and Diversity website (<a href="https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect/index.html">https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect/index.html</a>) to familiarize yourself about your rights, the University's policies, and resources in place to support you. This site includes links to the University's Sexual Violence Policy and Procedures (<a href="https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect/sexual-violence-policy-and-procedures.html">https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect/sexual-violence-policy-and-procedures.html</a>),

as well as resources for getting and providing support and clear steps for disclosing or reporting sexual violence.

### **Sexual Violence Resources on Campus**

From the UW Human Rights & Diversity website:

The University takes all disclosures and reports of sexual violence seriously; survivors of all backgrounds and experiences will be treated with dignity, respect, and care. If you have experienced sexual violence, there are trained staff to help you in whatever way suits you best."

**Disclosing** is telling a member of the UW Community that you have experienced sexual violence. This could be someone you trust or feel comfortable with, like a professor, coach, another staff person, or a member of the Sexual Violence Response Team (**SVRT**). A disclosure can be made in order to receive support, accommodation, or to be connected to other resources. The Sexual Violence Response Team (**SVRT**) is a small team of specially trained, well-situated staff that coordinates and organizes services for survivors in a confidential manner. For example, if you personally do not feel comfortable talking to your professors about extensions or deferring work, they would be able to arrange changes for you without telling the professor why you need accommodation.

<u>Contact SVRT by phone at 204-230-6660.</u> You can find more information on disclosing here. (https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect/sexual-violence/get-support.html)

**Reporting** is making a statement to the **Human Rights & Diversity Officer (HRDO)** with the intention of seeking remedy, sanction, or consequences through the university. Once a report is made, the **HRDO** will review your report and discuss your options. Your options could include an investigation process, or informal resolution (if you wish to resolve it without an investigation). The **HRDO** can still connect you with support, accommodation, or external organizations while the investigation is taking place.

<u>You can contact the HRDO by phone at 204-988-7508</u> or by email at <a href="mailto:hrdo@uwinnipeg.ca">hrdo@uwinnipeg.ca</a>
You can report online here » (<a href="https://uwinnipeg.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 40Ni2EP1gcXjyBv">https://uwinnipeg.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 40Ni2EP1gcXjyBv</a>)

# **PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS**

Should public health and university regulations require it, the schedule and content of the course may be subject to change on short notice. Every effort will be made to inform students of these changes, to deliver the course content in the best way possible under the circumstances, and to evaluate students fairly.

### **HEALTH AND ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES**

Life happens to everyone. If you are experiencing a crisis in your life, or if you have a physical or mental health issue, communicate with your Professor or Accessibility Services – let us know so we can provide support or direct you to those who can. The earlier we know, the earlier we can discuss what resources might be available. Students with documented disabilities, or temporary or chronic medical conditions requiring academic accommodations for tests/exams/presentations (e.g., private space or more time) or during lectures/labs (e.g., note-takers) are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services (AS) at 204-786-9771 or accessibilityservices@uwinnipeg.ca to discuss appropriate options. All information about a student's disability or medical condition remains confidential. If you are registered with Accessibility Services, do not assume that Accessibility Services (AS) has informed your instructor that you have registered with them. Please see <a href="http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility">http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility</a>. If you do not register with AS, you cannot be granted special consideration (e.g. extra time to write exams/tests, attendance issues because of physical or mental health conditions, etc.).

The University of Winnipeg promotes a scent-free environment. Please be respectful of the needs of your fellow classmates and your instructor by avoiding the use of scented products while attending on-campus lectures and labs. Exposure to perfumes and other **scented products (such as lotion)** can trigger serious health reactions in persons with asthma, allergies, migraines or chemical sensitivities. We are asking for your cooperation to create a scent-free environment **on campus** by students, faculty and staff.

# "THE REAL THING" LECTURE SERIES

During the FW terms, the Department of Theatre and Film presents a series of lectures held on Wednesdays during the free period (12:30-13:20). This series will feature speakers from a range of areas in the performing arts: technical, performance, design, management, film, directing, playwriting, etc. and are open to all students. The speakers will specifically address issues related to "the business of the business."

Lectures will take place in-person in the Theatre, Wednesday 12:30 – 13:20, on the following dates:

October 5, 2022 November 9, 2022 January 18, 2023 March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Guests will be confirmed shortly.

MANDATORY ATTENDANCE FOR HONOURS STUDENTS: Attendance at <u>EVERY</u> lecture is mandatory for ALL Honours students in Theatre (that is, anyone taking 4000-level courses in any area), as well as students in THFM-3110 Screen Acting, THFM-3201 Styles in Design, and THFM-3801 Production II.

All students are encouraged to attend these fun and informative lectures. Please see our department website in the Fall for information.

### **ORIENTATION ASSEMBLY**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 at 12:30 pm we will hold an** *Orientation Assembly* in the Theatre to welcome students to the new term; introduce our new students to faculty and other students; provide information about the department, its various activities and those of its professors; and deliver news about what's coming up.

ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME TO ATTEND!

## **TAFSA**

All students enrolled in at least one theatre or film class are automatically members of TAFSA, the Theatre and Film Students' Association, which plans a number of exciting activities each academic year. Activities organized by TAFSA include regular **Performance Jams, Department parties** and **Socials**; other events have included **DioFest** (a new play festival featuring student written and produced plays), and **24/7** (an event in which students move into our building and several plays are written, rehearsed, produced, and presented – all in a period of 24 hours!).

Please find out more at TAFSA's meetings, held every second Monday from 12:30-13:20 pm. It's a great opportunity for students to connect with other like-minded people and a way to get involved in the department events. Visit the TFSA Instagram account at **@tafsauw** or email them at tafsa.uw@hotmail.com.

### **BUILDING SECURITY**

The Asper Centre for Theatre and Film (home to the Department of Theatre and Film) is open from 8:00 am to 6 pm weekdays only. Students are permitted to be in the building between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm seven days per week (except statutory holidays when the University is closed) **BUT PLEASE NOTE:** outside of regular building hours, it is **MANDATORY** that everyone in the building (students, faculty and community renters) **EITHER** carry an access card **OR** have a booking confirmation form in their possession (hard copy or electronic). **ALL EVENING STUDENTS** in the building for classes **must** have a **UW ID card.** If a Security Guard checks and you do not have proper accreditation, **you may be evicted**.

These rules are in place to protect our students and our equipment; please respect them.

All studios and labs are locked outside of building hours. Evening and weekend access can be added to your student card by visiting Melinda in the Department office, 3T03.

# SECURITY PHONE (General, non-emergency, Safe Walk and Safe Ride): 204-786-9272 SECURITY EMERGENCY NUMBER: 204-786-6666

The Asper Centre for Theatre and Film is equipped with an emergency-only phone to contact Security immediately in the main lobby by the House Management Office. This can be used in an emergency situation to directly connect with the UW Security Services.

Students are encouraged to visit the UW Security Services webpage for complete information about campus security and emergency procedures: <a href="https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/security/index.html">https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/security/index.html</a>

#### ONLINE CLASSES

Instructors whose mode of delivery includes Zoom or a similar platform will clarify expectations for appropriate remote classroom behaviour or decorum (e.g., being on time, muting/unmuting, raising hand, reacting, etc.), and make appropriate allowances in order to respect the privacy of students (e.g., clarifying need to have video on/off).

**Performance classes online:** No eating, chewing gum, or wearing a mask during on-line work.

# **RECORDING ON-LINE CLASSES**

Should a class be held online, the instructor may choose to record a zoom or video class if there are online connectivity issues, absences, or to post to Nexus for later review.

If a lecture is recorded, students will be given notice (via the course outline or on a case-by-case basis) that their personal information may be captured; informed of how long the recording will be retained; and whether the recording will be used for evaluation of any kind. Students will also be given the option to turn off their cameras/microphones and use pseudonyms to remain anonymous (except where class participation is required).

Students with concerns or who wish to seek alternate arrangements may discuss the matter with the instructor.

Access to recordings will be limited to the academic staff, students, and others with a legitimate need. Recordings containing student personal information will not be posted publicly, but only on UW-approved servers.

No student is allowed to disseminate recordings outside of the class or post recordings publicly. Access to the recordings will be limited to the instructor and the students.

#### **ELECTRONIC COURSE OUTLINE ADDENDA**

**Department Website:** <a href="https://theatre.uwinnipeg.ca">https://film.uwinnipeg.ca</a> or <a href="https://film.uwinnipeg.ca">https://film.uwinnipeg.ca</a>

Please refer to the website for department information, but particularly regarding:

Fire and Safety Information for ACTF: Students must check our website and review the <u>Fire Safety Instructions in the Asper Centre for Theatre and Film</u> (https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/theatre-film/docs/fire-evacuation-procedures 2020.pdf) and <u>Access Card/Building Use Policy</u> (https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/theatre-film/rentals/access-card-and-building-use-policy.html).

Room Bookings for Class Assignment Work: Students may book rehearsal room space class-related work or outside projects. Priority will be given to class assignment work. Please see our website links to *Room Booking Instructions* and electronic *Online Room Booking Form* found on our department website at <a href="https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/theatre-film/rentals/access-card-and-building-use-policy.html">https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/theatre-film/rentals/access-card-and-building-use-policy.html</a>. Please read and note all instructions carefully. Room booking availability is subject to change according to public health and university policies.

## **GENERAL NOTES**

- Students can find answers to frequently asked questions related to the University's Covid-19
  policies for the 2022-23 year here: <a href="https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/covid-19/index.html">https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/covid-19/index.html</a>
- Students should check their UWinnipeg e-mail addresses daily as this is the most direct way
  instructors and the University will contact students regarding such things as important
  information about health and safety, policies and registration, and Faculty will contact you
  about changes to class schedules, cancelled classes, etc.
- This course outline should be considered a guideline only. Time constraints and other unforeseen factors may require that some topics be omitted or covered in less detail than indicated.
- Archival records such as video/sound recordings and photographs may be made or taken during
  class or lab times. The University uses such materials primarily for archival, promotional, and
  teaching purposes. Promotional use may include display at open houses or conferences, or use
  in advertising, publicity, or brochures. In reading and accepting the terms in this course outline,
  students acknowledge consent for such use by the University. Should a student not wish to
  convey such consent, they should withdraw from this course immediately.

- Unless necessary for accessing class, cellular phones should be turned off during classes and examinations. Texting is not permitted in class.
- Any student attending a test or final examination may be required to present proof of identity;
   photo identification is preferred.
- It is the student's responsibility to retain a photocopy or computer disk copy of <u>ALL</u> assignments submitted for grading; in the event of loss or theft, a duplicate copy is required.
- When it is necessary to cancel a class due to exceptional circumstances, instructors will make every effort to inform students via UWinnipeg webmail (and/or using the preferred form of communication, as designated by the instructor), as well as the Departmental Assistant and Chair/Dean. Students are reminded that they have a responsibility to regularly check their UWinnipeg e-mail addresses to ensure timely receipt of correspondence from the university and/or their course instructors.
- 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 2022-23 Undergraduate Academic Calendar, <a href="http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/important-notes.pdf">http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/important-notes.pdf</a>

## **Regulations, Policies, and Academic Integrity**

Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Regulations and Policies found in the University Academic Calendar at

https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/regulationsandpolicies.pdf. Particular attention should be given to subsections 8 (Student Discipline), 9 (Senate Appeals), and 10 (Grade Appeals). Please emphasize the importance of maintaining academic integrity and the potential consequences of engaging in plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of academic misconduct. Even unintentional plagiarism, as described "Avoiding in the UW Library video tutorial (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvFdxRU9a8g), is a form of academic misconduct. Similarly, uploading essays and other assignments to essay vendor or trader sites (filesharing sites that are known providers of essays for use by others who submit them to instructors as their own work) is a form of misconduct, as it involves aiding and abetting plagiarism.

Important information is outlined in the Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedures: <a href="https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/academic-misconduct-policy.pdf">https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/academic-misconduct-policy.pdf</a> and <a href="https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/academic-misconduct-procedures.pdf">https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/academic-misconduct-procedures.pdf</a>.

## **Respectful Learning Environment**

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner on campus and in the learning environment irrespective of platform being used. Behaviour, communication, or acts that are inconsistent with a number of UW policies could be considered non-academic misconduct. See the Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy (https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect/respect-policy.html) and Acceptable Use of Information Technology Policy (https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutionalanalysis/docs/policies/acceptable-use-of-information-technology-policy.pdf). More detailed information outlined in the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy (https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/student-non-academic-misconduct-policy.pdf and https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/studentnon-academic-misconductprocedures.pdf).

# **Copyright and Intellectual Property**

Course materials are the property of the instructor who developed them. Examples of such materials are course outlines, assignment descriptions, lecture notes, test questions, and presentation slides—irrespective of format. Students who upload these materials to filesharing sites, or in any other way share these materials with others outside the class without prior permission of the instructor/presenter, are in violation of copyright law and University policy. Students must also seek prior permission of the instructor/presenter before, for example, photographing, recording, or taking screenshots of slides, presentations, lectures, and notes on the board. Students found to be in violation of an instructor's intellectual property rights could face serious consequences pursuant to the Academic Misconduct or Non-Academic Misconduct Policy; such consequences could possibly involve legal sanction under the Copyright Policy (https://copyright.uwinnipeg.ca/docs/copyright\_policy\_2017.pdf).

#### Research Ethics

Students conducting research interviews, focus groups, surveys, or any other method of collecting data from any person, including a family member, must obtain research ethics approval before commencing data collection. Exceptions are research activities done in class as a learning exercise. For submission requirements and deadlines, see <a href="https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/research/ethics/index.html">https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/research/ethics/index.html</a>

#### **Privacy**

Students should be reminded of their rights in relation to the collecting of personal data by the University (<a href="https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/privacy/admissions-privacy-notice.html">https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/privacy/admissions-privacy-notice.html</a>), especially if Zoom is being used for remote teaching (<a href="https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/privacy/zoom-privacy-notice.html">https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/privacy/zoom-test-and-exam-proctoring.html</a>) and testing/proctoring (<a href="https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/privacy/zoom-test-and-exam-proctoring.html">https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/privacy/zoom-test-and-exam-proctoring.html</a>).

# **VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL DATES**

The voluntary withdrawal dates, without academic penalty:

**NOVEMBER 16, 2022 FOR FALL TERM COURSES** which begin in September 2022 and end in December 2022

FEBRUARY 14, 2023 FOR FALL/WINTER TERM COURSES which begin in September 2022 and end in April 2023

MARCH 14, 2023 FOR WINTER COURSES which begin in January 2023 and end in April 2023

As noted above, students are encouraged to speak to the Instructor before withdrawing to explore other options.

Please note that withdrawing before the VW date does not necessarily result in a fee refund.

## **CAMPUS CLOSURE DATES**

The dates the University is closed for holidays, irrespective of campus closure related to COVID-19 or other public directives:

September 5 (Labour Day)
September 30 (Truth and Reconciliation Day)
October 10 (Thanksgiving Day)
November 11 (Remembrance Day)
December 23, 2022 through January 2, 2023
February 20 (Louis Riel Day)
April 07 (Good Friday)