

FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES COVID-19 CONTINGENCY PLAN

The extent of the threat of Covid-19 transmission in Manitoba and Canada is evolving rapidly. Go to www.umanitoba.ca for current Communications.

This exceptional circumstance will require accommodations by the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) regarding issues affecting graduate programs, graduate students, faculty, and staff.

Below are some guiding principles. Watch for further FGS communications as this situation evolves.

ORAL MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL THESIS EXAMINATIONS THESIS PROPOSAL/CANDIDACY EXAMINATIONS

Ph.D. Oral Examinations scheduled between March 13 and March 31, 2020

- Must be closed examinations.
- Must maintain the hygiene and social distancing protocols [outlined by health authorities](#).
- If a student or examiner is unable to be present in-person (i.e. requiring travel, quarantine, or self-isolation), the student/examiners can participate by video (Cisco WebEx). Please inform your FGS Associate Dean/Dean. The Chair of the examination must assure smooth communications.
- Video presence must be documented on the Final Report Form regarding the outcome of the examination.
- Room 339A, 500 University Centre is available for examinations and has appropriate audio-visual equipment. Please contact Brenda.Grabowski@umanitoba.ca to reserve.

Master's Oral Examinations scheduled between March 13 and March 31, 2020

- Must be closed examinations.
- Must maintain the hygiene and social distancing protocols [outlined by health authorities](#).
- Faculty of Graduate Studies approvals for video presence is not required. Please proceed as necessary.
- Video presence must be documented on the Final Report Form regarding the outcome of the examination.
- Room 339A, 500 University Centre is available for examinations and has appropriate audio-visual equipment. Please contact Brenda.Grabowski@umanitoba.ca to reserve.

Examinations scheduled after March 31, 2020

- Must be closed examinations.
- Must maintain the hygiene and social distancing protocols [outlined by health authorities](#).
- If a student or examiner is unable to be present in-person (i.e. requiring travel, quarantine, or self-isolation), reschedule the examination at a later date when the risk of transmission is minimal and all attendees can be present in-person.
- If the examination cannot be rescheduled and a student or examiner is unable to be present in-person (i.e. requiring travel, quarantine, or self-isolation), approval for video attendance will be considered on a case-by-case basis; please contact your FGS Associate Dean.
- Online presence must be documented on the Final Report Form regarding the outcome of the examination.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRESS

- The Faculty of Graduate Studies “Progress Report Form” is due June 1; failure to submit will result in a registration restriction. The review process requires the presence of the student, the student’s advisor, the members of the student’s advisory committee and completion of the Advisor Student Guidelines.
- Until further notice, video attendance (via Cisco WebEx or other online tool) is acceptable but must be noted on the Progress Report Form.
- Other accommodations will be considered on a case-by-case basis; please contact your FGS Associate Dean.

ADMISSION TO GRADUATE SCHOOL

- In some instances, English Language Proficiency Test results are required for admission. Accommodations will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Enquiries should be directed to Graduate.Admissions@umanitoba.ca.
- The Faculty of Graduate Studies will accommodate admission deferrals in the event that travel is prohibited or quarantine/self-isolation is required.
- The Faculty of Graduate Studies will consider accommodating Department/Unit level decisions that might impact admission timelines.

COURSEWORK/SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

Go to www.umanitoba.ca and your Faculty/Unit website for the most current directives.

IN-COMING OR OUT-GOING TRAVEL

Go to the www.umanitoba.ca webpage for the most current University of Manitoba directives.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Go to the www.umanitoba.ca webpage for the most current University of Manitoba directives.