

PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT TO THE ACADEMIC SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2020 AND WINTER 2021

The University of Manitoba and other Canadian universities are preparing to deliver courses remotely in the Fall term. Although a final determination has not yet been made, it is critical that preparations are made to facilitate this approach, and to support instructors in planning courses and units in determining offerings.

The proposal is to extend the Fall term to conclude with a period in early January (5-15) 2021 when essential in-person activities associated with courses offered in Fall term could be completed. This would provide an opportunity for students to gain critical in-person instruction and experience important for their safety and understanding as they proceed in their programs of study. Use of this period would be entirely optional; most courses offered in Fall term would be completed prior to the Winter break.

Establishing a 'hands-on' period in January 2021 should provide sufficient time and opportunity for students to return physically to campus if instruction through the Fall is done remotely.

There would be a resulting one-week delay in the start for Winter term and this should also provide additional time for students to return to campus over the the winter break, as well as opportunity for self-isolation prior to the Winter term starting should this continue to be required.

Proposed Academic Schedule for Fall Term 2020

- September 9: Classes start
- December 12 – 23: Exam Period
- January 5 – 15, 2021: Fall term extension for in-person activities

Proposed Academic Schedule for Winter Term 2021

- January 18: Classes start
- April 19 – May 1: Exam Period

A detailed version of the proposed academic schedule developed by the Registrar for the Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 terms is attached.

Fall 2020/Winter 2021 Academic Schedule

2020 Fall Term - Current	2020 Fall Term - Proposed
Orientation Tues, Sept 8	Orientation Tues, Sept 8
Start of Classes Wed, Sept 9	*University Prep Week Mon, Aug 31 – Fri, Sept 4 Start of Classes Wed, Sept 9
Drop date Tues, Sept 22	Drop date Tues, Sept 22
Add date Wed, Sept 23	Add date Wed, Sept 23
Break Mon, Nov 9 – Fri, Nov 13	Break Mon, Nov 9 – Fri, Nov 13
VW date Mon, Nov 23	VW date Mon, Nov 23
End of classes Fri, Dec 11	End of classes Fri, Dec 11
Exams Sat, Dec 12- Wed, Dec 23	Exams Sat, Dec 12- Wed, Dec 23
University Closed Thurs, Dec 24 – Mon, Jan 4	University Closed Thurs, Dec 24 – Mon, Jan 4
*Grades Due Mon, Jan 11	Fall Term Labs, etc. Tues, Jan 5 – Fri, Jan 15 *Grades due w/o lab Mon, Jan 11 *Grades due w/lab Fri, Jan 22
Fall Term Teaching Hours:	Fall Term Teaching Hours:
MWF 37	MWF 37
MW 36	MW 36
TR 37.5	TR 37.5
Once per week classes M=33 T=36 W= 39 R=39 F=39	Once per week classes M=33 T=36 W= 39 R=39 F=39
2021 Winter Term - Current	2021 Winter Term - Proposed
Start of Classes Mon, Jan 11	Start of Classes Mon, Jan 18
Drop date Fri, Jan 22	Drop date Fri, Jan 29
Add date Mon, Jan 25	Add date Mon, Feb 1
Riel Day Mon, Feb 15	Riel Day Mon, Feb 15
Break Tues, Feb 16 – Fri, Feb 19	Break Tues, Feb 16 – Fri, Feb 19
VW date Wed, Mar 24	VW date Wed, Mar 31
Good Friday Fri, Apr 2	Good Friday Fri, Apr 2
End of classes Wed, April 14	End of classes Fri, Apr 16
Exams Fri, Apr 16 – Fri, Apr 30	Exams Mon, Apr 19 – Sat, May 1
*Grades due Thurs, May 6	*Grades Due Thurs, May 6 or Fri, May 7
Winter Term Teaching Hours:	Winter Term Teaching Hours:
MWF 37	MWF 35
MW 39	MW 36
TR 37.5	TR 36
Once per week classes M=39 T=39 W= 39 R=36 F=33	Once per week classes M=36 T=36 W= 36 R=36 F=33

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