

Syllabus

AGRI 4100: Current Issues in Agricultural Systems
(Winter 2024)



COURSE DETAILS

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| Course Title & Number: | AGRI 4100 CRN: 60327 (A01) |
| Number of Credit Hours: | 3 |
| Class Times & Days of Week: | Thursday 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm |
| Location: | Agriculture 138 |
| Pre-Requisites: | AGRI 2030 and Faculty approval |

Instructors Contact Information

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| Email: | gabriel.dallago@umanitoba.ca kim.ominski@umanitoba.ca All email communication must conform to the Communicating with Students university policy. Please do the following before emailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check Syllabus and/or UM Learn first for information on assignments, expectations or dates• Allow 24-48 hours for a response, not including weekends or holidays |
| Contact: | email |

Course Description

U of M Course Calendar Description

Integration of current issues in agricultural systems including land, plant, and animal systems, coupled to the food and nutrition needs of society. Emphasis on ethics, equity, economics, and professional approaches to challenges in food systems using case studies, teamwork and scientific communication to specialists and the public.

General Course Description

Through a combination of lectures and independent group learning activities, students will develop an appreciation for the scope and complexities of current issues facing the agricultural industry. This includes integration of knowledge of current issues in agricultural systems including land, plant, and animal systems, coupled to the food and nutrition needs of society. Emphasis on ethics, equity, economics, and professional approaches to challenges in food systems. Course delivery also includes in-class discussions, individual/group presentations, and invited talks from industry.

Course Goals

General Course Goals:

- Enable students to develop the skills to address current and future issues facing the agricultural industry
- Further develop critical thinking and communication skills

Specific Course Goals:

- Develop an appreciation for the scope and complexities of issues facing the agricultural industry
- Further develop skills in acquiring information critical to understanding issues associated with the production of food products
- Integrate knowledge accumulated in the Agribusiness, Agriculture or Agroecology degree programs and apply that knowledge to address real-world challenges.
- Further develop critical thinking skills
- Work effectively in a group dynamic
- Develop life skills critical to career development
- Improve oral and written communication skills

These goals will be met through a combination of lectures, independent study, and group project. Students will be required to attend class, collect, evaluate, and synthesize information for presentation in both oral and written formats.

Course Learning Objectives

On completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Think critically about a range of topics in agriculture and food sciences.
- Discuss concerns and issues about agriculture in a professional manner.
- Identify appropriate methods of knowledge transfer for target audience groups.
- Communicate information through a variety of methods.
- Feel prepared for future job opportunities through the development of resume-building and interview skills.

Textbook, Readings, and Course Materials

None

Using Copyrighted Material

Copyrights and intellectual property must be respected by all students. For more information, please refer to the copyright office: <http://umanitoba.ca/copyright/> or contact um_copyright@umanitoba.ca.

Course Technology

Course material and communication will occur primarily using UM Learn. Please become familiar with it and contact instructors if you have any questions.

It is the general University of Manitoba policy that all technology resources are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner.

Expectations: I Expect You To

1. Attend all in person classes and to be punctual
2. Ask questions if you do not understand the course material, prior to assignment/project due day. You are encouraged to ask questions during class.
3. Pay attention during class.
4. Participate in group discussion; be an active participant in group work assignments; complete all assignments by the due date
5. Be respectful to course instructors, other students and invited guest speakers. See [Respectful Work and Learning Environment Policy](#).

We expect you to follow these policies around Class Communication, Academic Integrity, and Recording Class Lectures.

Class Communication:

You are required to obtain and use your University of Manitoba email account for all communication between yourself and the university. All communication must comply with the Electronic Communication with Student Policy:

http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/electronic_communication_with_students_policy.html.

Academic Integrity:

Plagiarism, duplicate submission, cheating on assignments, inappropriate collaboration, academic fraud, and personation are in violation of the Student Discipline Bylaw and will lead to serious [disciplinary action](#). Visit the [Academic Calendar](#), [Student Advocacy](#), and [Academic Integrity](#) web pages for more information and support.

*All individual assignments must be completed independently and adhere to the principles of academic integrity

*Group projects must be completed by members of the group only, and all group members must ensure that a group project adheres to the principles of academic integrity

Recording Class Lectures:

No audio, video, or photographic recording of lectures or laboratory presentations is allowed in any format. This material is copyrighted by Derek Brewin. No audio or video recording of this material, lectures, or presentations is allowed in any format, openly or surreptitiously, in whole or in part without permission of the instructors. Course materials (both paper and digital) are for the participant's private study and research, and must not be shared. Violation of these and other Academic Integrity principles, will lead to serious disciplinary action.

Student Accessibility Services:

The University of Manitoba is committed to providing an accessible academic community. [Students Accessibility Services \(SAS\)](#) offers academic accommodation support and services such as note-taking, interpreting, assistive technology and exam accommodations. Students who have, or think they may have, a disability (e.g. mental illness, learning, medical, hearing, injury-related, visual) are invited to contact SAS to arrange a confidential consultation.

Student Accessibility Services

520 University Centre

Phone: (204) 474-7423

Email: Student_accessibility@umanitoba.ca

Expectations: You Can Expect Us To

1. Attend all classes and to be punctual
2. Explain and provide examples of the topics listed in the class schedule.
3. Make sufficient time outside of class to meet with students and make sure course material is clear.
4. Provide an unbiased grading scheme.
5. Return all graded assignments within 2 weeks of the due date.
6. Be respectful to all students and invited speakers.

COURSE EVALUATION

| Assignment | Due Date | Grade |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Individual Assignments | | 45% |
| Issue Identification – Written | February 1st | 15% |
| Extension Assignment – Outline | February 8th | 1.5% |
| Extension Assignment – Presentation | February 29th and March 7th | 13.5% |
| Extension Assignment – Factsheet | March 7th | 15% |
| Group Assignment | | 40% |
| Group Project – Outline | March 14th | 2% |
| Group Project – Oral | April 4th | 23% |
| Group Project – Written | April 10th | 13% |
| Group Project – Peer Evaluation | April 10th | 2% |
| Class Involvement | | 15% |
| Attendance | Throughout the semester | 5% |
| Participation | | 5% |
| Weekly Reflections | | 5% |

CLASS SCHEDULE

This schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the instructors and/or based on the learning needs of the students but such changes are subject to Section 2.8 of the ROASS Procedure.

| WINTER 2024 CLASS SCHEDULE | |
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| Class 1 January 11 Introduction | <u>In-Class Discussion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Instructors/students Introductions - Course introduction/Review course syllabus - Review of assignments and expectations - Overview of issues in the agricultural industry - Discussion regarding the issues facing the agricultural industry <u>Preparation:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Issue Identification Assignment – Due February 1st |
| Class 2 January 18 Professionalism Extension | Guest speaker: Kerensa Mamchuk, Registrar, Manitoba Institute of Agrologists Lecture: Effective Extension Presentations (Kim Ominski, Animal Science, University of Manitoba) |

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| | <p><u>In-Class Discussion:</u> Techniques for developing an effective extension presentation</p> |
| <p>Class 3 January 25</p> <p>Resumes and Interview Skills – <u>BRING YOUR RESUME</u></p> <p>Knowledge Translation and Communication</p> <p>Faculty Ambassador</p> | <p>Guest speaker: Gail Eckert, Summit Research Group</p> <p>Guest speaker: Crystal Jorgensen, Communications, FAFS</p> <p>Guest speaker: Lindsey Andronak, FAFS</p> <p><u>Preparation:</u> 1. Issue Identification assignment Due February 1st</p> |
| <p>Class 4 February 1</p> <p>Indigenous Knowledge</p> <p>Equity Diversity and Inclusion</p> | <p><u>Due today:</u> Issue Identification Assignment. Must be uploaded to UM Learn (Assignments: Issue Identification - Written folder) by 11:59 PM</p> <p>Guest speakers: Kathleen Wilson & Phillip Veldhuis, School of Agriculture, University of Manitoba</p> <p>Guest speaker: Beef Farmers of Ontario</p> <p>In class discussion/group work assignments</p> <p><u>Preparation:</u> 1. Research and select topics/develop outline for extension presentation – Outline due February 8th; Extension Presentation due February 29th and March 7th. Factsheet due March 7th.</p> |
| <p>Class 5 February 8</p> <p>Conservation Agriculture: Wetlands and Wildlife</p> | <p><u>Due today:</u> Outline for Extension Presentation. Must be uploaded to UM Learn (Assignments: Extension Assignment - Outline folder) by 11:59 PM</p> <p>Guest speaker: Karli Reimer, Ducks Unlimited</p> <p><u>Preparation:</u> 1. Extension Presentation due February 29th and March 7th. Factsheet due March 7th.</p> |

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| <p>Class 6 February 15</p> <p>Sustainable Agricultural Practices and Precision Technologies</p> | <p>Guest speaker: Stefan Signer, Dairy Farmers of Manitoba & Gabriel Dallago, Animal Science, University of Manitoba</p> <p>Preparation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extension Presentation due February 29th and March 7th. Factsheet due March 7th. |
| <p>February 22</p> | <p><u>WINTER BREAK NO CLASS</u></p> |
| <p>Class 7 February 29</p> | <p><u>Due today:</u> Extension Presentation</p> |
| <p>Class 8 March 7</p> | <p><u>Due today:</u> Extension Presentation Factsheet. Must be uploaded to UM Learn (Assignments: Extension Assignment - Factsheet folder) by 11:59 PM</p> <p>Preparation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outlines for group projects and division of sub-topics - Due March 14th |
| <p>Class 9 March 14</p> <p>Net Zero and Environmental Sustainability: Alternative Energy</p> | <p><u>Due today:</u> Outline for group projects and division of sub-topics. Must be uploaded to UM Learn (Assignments: Group Project - Outline folder; one submission per group) by 11:59 PM.</p> <p>Guest speaker: Nazim Cicek, Biosystems Engineering, University of Manitoba</p> <p>Guest speaker: Wilson Fink, Viresco Solutions</p> |
| <p>Class 10 March 21</p> <p>Nutrition and Health in Agricultural Food Systems</p> | <p>Guest speaker: Canadian Center for Food Integrity</p> <p>Guest speaker: Dr. Megan King, Animal Science, University of Manitoba</p> |
| <p>Class 11 March 28</p> <p>Strategic Career Planning</p> | <p>Guest speaker: Martin Scanlon, Dean, FAFS, University of Manitoba</p> |

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| | <p>Guest Speaker: Kim McConnell, AdFarm</p> <p>Preparation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Final Group Presentations - Due April 4th |
| <p>Class 12 April 4</p> | <p>Due today: Final Group Presentations</p> <p>Preparation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group written report – Due April 10th. Must be uploaded to UM Learn (Assignments: Group Project – Written) by 11:59PM 2. Group members’ peer evaluation – Due April 10th. Must be uploaded to UM Learn (Assignments: Group Project – Peer Evaluation) by 11:59 PM |

Grading (Percent cutoff may be lowered – it will not be increased)

| Letter Grade | Percentage out of 100 | Grade Point Range | Final Grade Point |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| A+ | 91-100 | 4.25-4.5 | 4.5 |
| A | 83-90 | 3.75-4.24 | 4.0 |
| B+ | 75-80 | 3.25-3.74 | 3.5 |
| B | 70-74 | 2.75-3.24 | 3.0 |
| C+ | 65-69 | 2.25-2.74 | 2.5 |
| C | 60-64 | 2.0-2.24 | 2.0 |
| D | 50-59 | Less than 2.0 | 1.0 |
| F | Less than 50 | | 0 |

Voluntary Withdrawal

The last day to withdraw from the class and receive a refund is January 19, 2024

The last day to withdraw from the class without refund is March 20, 2024

Students who do not drop the course by the deadline would be assigned a final grade which will be recorded on an official transcript. Please refer to the [Registrar’s Office](#) web page for more information.

ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTIONS

*All written assignments and presentations should be uploaded to UM Learn

*Detailed written instructions for each assignment will be posted on UM Learn and will also be discussed in class

Referencing Style

In-text citations take the form (author, year). References must be listed in alphabetical order according to the name of the first author and not numbered. All references cited in your report should be in alphabetical order according to the senior (first) author's surname. The following is the standard method for citing references to the appropriate journal or book referred to in the body of your Discussion.

Example 1 - citation of a paper from a scientific journal. Kerby, K. and J. Kuspira. 1987. The phylogeny of the polyploid wheats. *Genome*, 29:722-737.

Example 2 – citation of material from the web.

White, B. 1995. Sex linkage. URL: <http://web.mit.edu/esgbio/www/mg/sexlinkage.html> Retrieved on: Jul. 8, 2006

Example 3 - citation of a multi-authored book in which each chapter is written by a different author but the complete publication is edited by one or two persons. The author(s) and page numbers of the specific chapter are cited.

Baker, L.M. and E. Green. 1984. The inheritance of eye colour. p. 187-241, In: *Human genetics*. A. Brown (ed.), Plenum Press, New York.

Example 4 - citation of a book as in Example 1 except that only one person has authored and edited the entire book (e.g. a textbook).

Russell, P.J. 1986. Translation of the genetic message. p. 437-466, In: *Genetics*. Little, Brown and Co., Boston.

Assignment Feedback

Comments will be provided, along with an explanation of grade based on the grading rubric or assignment mark breakdown for all assignments. Grades will be posted on UM Learn within 2 weeks of assignment submission.

Assignment Extension and Late Submission Policy

- All assignments should be submitted by the due date listed in the course schedule. If an extension is required due to health or other compassionate reasons, the student makes a request to the instructors in writing. Making a request for an extension does not guarantee it will be approved.
- Students who fail to submit work on time and do not ask for an extension are subject to the late assignment penalty. The penalty is 10% per day reduction in the value of the student's grade for up to five days. After that point, the work is worth zero percent.
- All assignments must be submitted to pass this course

UNIVERSITY SUPPORT OFFICES & POLICIES

UM Policies

As a student at the University of Manitoba you have rights and responsibilities. It is important for you to know what you can expect from the University as a student and to understand what the University expects from you. Become familiar with the policies and procedures of the University and the regulations that are specific to your faculty, college or school.

The University of Manitoba (UM) website's [Governing Documents](https://umanitoba.ca/governance/governing-documents) (<https://umanitoba.ca/governance/governing-documents>) is one important source of information, in particular the Academic and Students sections. The Student Advocacy office can also help you understand policies and procedures; find their information in the UM Learner Supports section below.

Academic Calendar

The [Academic Calendar](https://umanitoba.ca/registrar/academic-calendar) (<https://umanitoba.ca/registrar/academic-calendar>) is the University's official publication containing course descriptions, program and graduation requirements, as well as UM and faculty/school-specific rules, regulations and policies. In particular, familiarize yourself with the sections *University Policies and Procedures* and *General Academic Regulations*.

Academic Integrity

In addition to reviewing your instructors' academic integrity policy listed in their syllabus, you are expected to view the *General Academic Regulation* section within the [Academic Calendar](https://umanitoba.ca/registrar/academic-calendar) (<https://umanitoba.ca/registrar/academic-calendar>) and specifically read the regulation pertaining to Academic Integrity. Ask your instructors for additional information about demonstrating academic integrity in your academic work, and consult the following UM resources for more information and support:

[Academic Integrity](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/academic-integrity) (<https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/academic-integrity>)

[Student Resources](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/academic-integrity#resources-to-conduct-academic-work-with-integrity) (<https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/academic-integrity#resources-to-conduct-academic-work-with-integrity>)

[Academic Misconduct and How to Avoid It](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/academic-integrity#academic-misconduct-and-how-to-avoid-it) (<https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/academic-integrity#academic-misconduct-and-how-to-avoid-it>)

[Student Advocacy Office](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/student-advocacy) (<https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/student-advocacy>)

Copyright

All students are required to respect copyright as per Canada's *Copyright Act*. Staff and students play a key role in the University's copyright compliance as we balance user rights for educational purposes with the rights of content creators from around the world. The [Copyright Office](https://umanitoba.ca/copyright/) (https://umanitoba.ca/copyright/) provides copyright resources and support for all members of the University of Manitoba community. Visit <http://umanitoba.ca/copyright> for more information.

Grade Appeals

If you have questions about your grades, talk to your instructors. There is a process for term work and final grade appeals. Note that you have the right to access your final examination scripts. See the [Registrar's Office](https://umanitoba.ca/registrar/grades/appeal-grade) (https://umanitoba.ca/registrar/grades/appeal-grade) for more information including appeal deadline dates and the appeal form.

Intellectual Property

For information about rights and responsibilities regarding intellectual property view the [Intellectual Property Policy](https://umanitoba.ca/governance/governing-documents/governing-documents-university-community#intellectual-property) (https://umanitoba.ca/governance/governing-documents/governing-documents-university-community#intellectual-property)

Program-Specific Regulations

For information on regulations that are specific to your academic program, read the section in the Academic Calendar and on the respective [faculty/college/school](https://umanitoba.ca/academics) website (https://umanitoba.ca/academics).

Respectful Work and Learning Environment

The University is committed to a respectful work and learning environment. You have the right to be treated with respect and you are expected to conduct yourself in an appropriate and respectful manner. Policies governing UM community behaviour include:

[Respectful Work and Learning Environment](https://umanitoba.ca/about-um/respectful-work-and-learning-environment-policy) (https://umanitoba.ca/about-um/respectful-work-and-learning-environment-policy)

[Student Discipline](https://umanitoba.ca/governance/governing-documents-students#student-discipline) (https://umanitoba.ca/governance/governing-documents-students#student-discipline)

[Violent or Threatening Behaviour](https://umanitoba.ca/governance/governing-documents-students#violent-or-threatening-behaviour) (https://umanitoba.ca/governance/governing-documents-students#violent-or-threatening-behaviour)

The UM website, [Engaging in Respectful Conduct](https://umanitoba.ca/student-) (https://umanitoba.ca/student-

supports/respectful-conduct), includes more details about expectations for behaviours related to university activities.

Sexual Violence Policies

The UM has several policies and procedures that deal with the rights and responsibilities of the University community with regards to all forms of sexual violence. For a comprehensive list of policies and associated resources, visit the [Sexual Violence Resource Centre's information page](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/sexual-violence-support-and-education/sexual-violence-get-informed) (<https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/sexual-violence-support-and-education/sexual-violence-get-informed>). Please note that there are many supports available in addition to these policy documents (see UM Learner Supports).

Voluntary Withdrawal

Voluntary withdrawal (VW) is a way for students to leave a class without academic penalty once the Registration Revision Period has ended. If you opt to voluntarily withdraw from a course, you will not be eligible for a refund and, if applicable, will still be required to pay any outstanding tuition fees for the course. On your transcript, the course you have withdrawn from will be listed; however, "VW" will appear in lieu of a grade. If you do not drop a course before the VW deadline, you will receive a final grade in the course on your transcript.

Please note that there are separate deadlines for dropping a course early in a term during the Registration Revision Period. Dropping a course means you are removing that course from your schedule, will not be charged tuition fees for that course, and the course will not appear on your transcript.

The Registrar's Office website, [Withdraw from a Course](https://umanitoba.ca/registrar/withdraw-course) (<https://umanitoba.ca/registrar/withdraw-course>), includes more information on the different ways in which you can withdraw from a course and important dates and deadlines to do so.

UM Learner Supports

Below you will find a select list of important supports for learners at the UM, both academic supports and otherwise. For a complete listing of all learner supports at the University of Manitoba, visit the [Student Supports website](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports) (<https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports>).

Academic Advising

Contact the Student Services Office in the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences (aginfo@umanitoba.ca) for support with degree planning and questions about your academic program and regulations.

Academic Learning Centre (ALC)

The [Academic Learning Centre](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/academic-learning) (https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/academic-learning) offers one-to-one tutoring, groups study sessions and workshops, as well as video and tip-sheet resources to help you throughout your academic program. All Academic Learning Centre programming, supports, and services are free for UM students.

Make an appointment for [free one-to-one tutoring](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/academic-learning/tutoring-group-study#individual-tutoring) (https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/academic-learning/tutoring-group-study#individual-tutoring). **Content tutors** (over 90 UM courses) can help you understand concepts and learn problem-solving strategies. **Study skills tutors** can help you improve your skills such as time management and goal setting, reading and note-taking, as well as learning and test-taking strategies. **Writing tutors** can give you feedback on your academic writing, whether you are just getting started on a written assignment or already have a draft. English as an Additional Language specialist, Antoanela Denchuk, is available for one-to-one tutoring to help you improve your English-language academic writing skills. Use the drop-down menu, read the tutor biographies, and make an appointment for tutoring on the [Academic Learning Centre schedule](https://manitoba.mywconline.com/) (https://manitoba.mywconline.com/).

Attend [Supplemental Instruction \(SI\)](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/academic-learning/tutoring-group-study) (https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/academic-learning/tutoring-group-study) sessions in historically difficult courses (including Chemistry, Engineering, and Computer Science). These free weekly review sessions are facilitated by a peer mentor who has previously taken the course and provide an opportunity to discuss course content, ask questions, compare notes, solve practice problems, and develop study strategies. See online for a list of SI courses and meeting times.

Register for an [Academic Success Workshop](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/academic-learning/academic-success-workshops) (https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/academic-learning/academic-success-workshops), where you can learn strategies to improve your writing and studying. More information on topics, dates, and registration, are found online.

Access the Academic Learning Centre's collection of [videos and tip sheets](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/academic-learning#tip-sheets-for-writing-and-study-skills) (https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/academic-learning#tip-sheets-for-writing-and-study-skills) to help you with many of the academic tasks you'll encounter in university.

Contact the Academic Learning Centre by calling 204-480-1481 or emailing academic_learning@umanitoba.ca. Bannatyne students can contact the Bannatyne Student Services office at 204-272-3190.

Basic Needs

It can be difficult to learn and succeed in courses when you are struggling to meet your or your family's basic needs. Several UM and community resources are listed below if you would

benefit from support with regards to housing, food, finances, and/or childcare:

Housing

[UM Housing](https://umanitoba.ca/housing) (https://umanitoba.ca/housing)

[Winnipeg Rental Network](https://www.winnipegrentnet.ca/) (https://www.winnipegrentnet.ca/)

[Manitoba Residential Tenancies Branch](https://www.gov.mb.ca/cca/rtb/) (https://www.gov.mb.ca/cca/rtb/)

[HOPE End Homelessness Winnipeg Services & Supports](https://umanitoba.ca/housing) (https://umanitoba.ca/housing)

Food

[U of M Food Bank](https://umanitoba.ca/financial-aid-and-awards/u-m-food-bank) (https://umanitoba.ca/financial-aid-and-awards/u-m-food-bank)

[Food Matters Manitoba](https://foodmattersmanitoba.ca/find-emergency-food-in-winnipeg/) (https://foodmattersmanitoba.ca/find-emergency-food-in-winnipeg/)

Finances

[UM Financial Aid and Awards](https://umanitoba.ca/financial-aid-and-awards) (https://umanitoba.ca/financial-aid-and-awards)

[Manitoba Student Aid](https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/msa/) (https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/msa/)

Child Care

[UM Child Care](https://umanitoba.ca/about-um/child-care) (https://umanitoba.ca/about-um/child-care)

[Manitoba Child Care Subsidy](https://bit.ly/3yG3ijy) (https://bit.ly/3yG3ijy)

[Manitoba Child Care Association](https://mccahouse.org/looking-for-child-care/) (https://mccahouse.org/looking-for-child-care/)

English Language Centre

The [English Language Centre \(ELC\)](https://umanitoba.ca/english-language-centre) (https://umanitoba.ca/english-language-centre) provides courses, tests, accommodations and individual support to students whose first language is not English in order to support academic success and participation in the University of Manitoba community.

Health and Wellness

Physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health and wellness play a critical role in student success. See all of UM's resource on their [Health and Wellness](https://umanitoba.ca/student-) (https://umanitoba.ca/student-)

supports/student-health-and-wellness) website, and make note of several specific UM and community supports listed below.

Winnipeg Urgent Physical and Mental Health Care

If you are an adult experiencing a mental health or psychosocial crisis, contact the [Klinik Community Health](https://klinik.mb.ca/crisis-support/) (https://klinik.mb.ca/crisis-support/) 24/7 crisis line at 204-786-8686, visit the [Crisis Response Centre](https://sharedhealthmb.ca/services/mental-health/crisis-response-centre/) (https://sharedhealthmb.ca/services/mental-health/crisis-response-centre/) located at 817 Bannatyne Avenue, or contact the Mobile Crisis Service at 204-940-1781.

To speak with a nurse for guidance on what health-care path to take for the issue you are facing or for general information about health resources available in Manitoba, contact [Health Links](https://misericordia.mb.ca/programs/phcc/health-links-info-sante/) (https://misericordia.mb.ca/programs/phcc/health-links-info-sante/) at 1-888-315-9257 (toll free).

If you need urgent medical care, visit the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority's [Emergency Department & Urgent Care Wait Times](https://wrha.mb.ca/wait-times/) webpage (https://wrha.mb.ca/wait-times/) for a list of locations and current wait times.

Student Counselling Centre (SCC)

The [Student Counselling Centre](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/student-health-and-wellness/student-counselling-centre-scc) (https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/student-health-and-wellness/student-counselling-centre-scc) provides free counselling and mental health support to UM, English Language Centre, and International College of Manitoba (ICM) students. We are open year-round, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Our commitment is to offer a support service to every student who contacts us.

Visit the SCC's [For Urgent Help](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/student-health-and-wellness/student-counselling-centre-scc#for-urgent-help) (https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/student-health-and-wellness/student-counselling-centre-scc#for-urgent-help) webpage or the urgent care resources listed above if you require immediate support.

Visit the SCC's [Our Services](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/student-health-and-wellness/student-counselling-centre-scc#for-urgent-help) (https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/student-health-and-wellness/student-counselling-centre-scc#for-urgent-help) webpage for more information on accessing a variety of services including individual counselling, counselling workshops and groups, support resources, and learning disability assessment services.

The SCC is located at 474 UMSU University Centre (Fort Garry Campus).

Health and Wellness Office

Students often juggle multiple demands, and we recognize that it can be difficult to find balance. For any changes you want to make to your health and wellness, the Health and Wellness Office at the University of Manitoba would like to support you in your journey. We are here to help you take control of your own health and make your own decisions. We are a judgment-free space and we avoid labels whenever possible. For more information, please visit the [Health and Wellness Office](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/health-wellness) (<https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/health-wellness>) website.

Spiritual Care and Multifaith Centre

Spiritual care services are available to all, whether you identify as spiritual, atheist, religious or agnostic. [Spiritual Services](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/spiritual-services) (<https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/spiritual-services>) also offer specific denominational support for certain religious groups and by Indigenous Elders-in-Residence.

Student Support Case Management (SSCM)

Contact the [Student Support Case Management team](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/student-advocacy/case-management) (<https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/student-advocacy/case-management>) if you are concerned about yourself or another student and don't know where to turn. SSCM helps connect students with on and off campus resources, provides safety planning, and offers other supports, including consultation, educational workshops, and referral to the STATIS threat assessment team.

University Health Service (UHS)

The [University Health Service](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/health-wellness/university-health-service) (<https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/health-wellness/university-health-service>) offers a full range of medical services to students, including psychiatric consultation, via two health clinics:

Fort Garry Campus: (204) 474-8411, ACW-Lot temporary trailer (behind the Isbister building)

Bannatyne Campus: (204) 474-8411, P309 – Pathology Building

Student Services at Bannatyne Campus

Student Services at Bannatyne Campus (SSBC) offers a full range of mental health supports to students and residents in the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, along with other academic and personal supports. Visit the [SSBC website](#)

(<https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/student-services-bannatyne-campus>) for a list of services available.

Indigenous Students

Staff, faculty and Elders are well-equipped to ensure your university experience is as beneficial, accessible, and successful as possible. Visit the Indigenous [Student Experience](https://umanitoba.ca/indigenous/student-experience) (<https://umanitoba.ca/indigenous/student-experience>) website for more information on the supports and services available.

International Students

The transition to a new country and a new academic system can be both exciting and overwhelming. The International Centre (IC) is here to help you settle into life at University of Manitoba. Visit the [International Students](https://umanitoba.ca/current-students/international) website (<https://umanitoba.ca/current-students/international>) for more information.

Sexual Violence Support and Education

Sexual violence affects people of all ages, sexual orientations, genders, gender identities, abilities and relationship statuses. At the U of M, we are committed to ensuring a respectful work and learning environment for all. We want to build a safe and inclusive campus community where survivors of sexual violence know they can receive the supports they need to succeed, both academically and personally.

The [Sexual Violence Resource Centre](https://umanitoba.ca/sexual-violence) (<https://umanitoba.ca/sexual-violence>), located at 537 UMSU University Centre (Fort Garry campus) provides support, resources, information and referral services for any student, faculty or staff member who has been affected by sexual violence.

Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

The University of Manitoba is committed to providing an accessible academic community. [Student Accessibility Services](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/accessibility) (<https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/accessibility>) offers academic accommodation supports and services such as note-taking, interpreting, assistive technology and exam accommodations. Students who have, or think they may have, a disability (e.g., mental health, learning, medical, hearing, injury-related, visual) are invited to contact SAS to arrange a confidential consultation. SAS is located at 520 University Centre (Fort Garry Campus).

Student Advocacy

[Student Advocacy](https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/student-advocacy) (<https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/student-advocacy>)

advocacy) is a safe place for students. We help you navigate university processes and advocate for your rights as a student at UM. If anything in your personal or academic life is affecting your studies, contact our confidential intake assistant by phone (204-474-7423) or email (stadv@umanitoba.ca).

University of Manitoba Libraries (UML)

As the primary contact for all research needs, your liaison librarian can play a vital role when completing academic papers and assignments. Liaisons can answer questions about managing citations, or locating appropriate resources, and will address any other concerns you may have, regarding the research process. Liaisons can be contacted by email or phone, and are also available to meet with you in-person. A [complete list of liaison librarians](http://bit.ly/WcEbA1) (http://bit.ly/WcEbA1) can be found by subject.

In addition, general library assistance is provided in person at 19 University Libraries, located on both the Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses, as well as in many Winnipeg hospitals. For a listing of all libraries, please consult the [UM Libraries and Departments](https://libguides.lib.umanitoba.ca/c.php?g=298526) (https://libguides.lib.umanitoba.ca/c.php?g=298526) webpage. When working remotely, students can also receive help online, via the Ask-a-Librarian chat found on the [University of Manitoba Libraries' homepage](https://umanitoba.ca/libraries/) (https://umanitoba.ca/libraries/)