

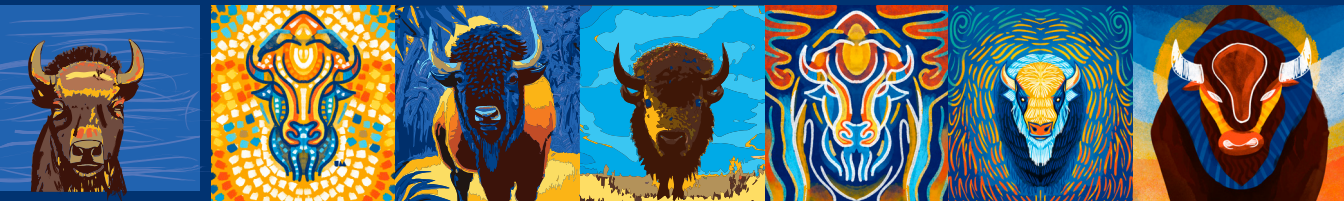
First Year Centre |



UM

FALL TERM HANDBOOK

2025



WELCOME!

Welcome to the herd and to your first year at the University of Manitoba! Starting university can be both exciting and overwhelming, but you're not alone. We've put together this short guide to help make your transition smoother by offering practical tips and key resources for your first term.

Wishing you all the best on this new journey!

– **Your First Year Centre Advising Team**

HIGH SCHOOL VS. UNIVERSITY: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

- **Learning Style:** In high school, teachers focus on teaching you how to learn a variety of subjects. At university, professors focus on the subject matter and key concepts. You must organize and connect these concepts yourself. Taking notes is crucial!
- **Studying:** In high school, most studying happens in class. At university, expect to spend approximately 2-3 hours of independent study each week, for every hour of class time.
- **Rules:** High school rules can be flexible. At university, you're responsible for knowing the policies. Missing deadlines or plagiarizing (even by accident) can have serious consequences. If you're unsure, ask an academic advisor!

USE YOUR COURSE SYLLABUS TO PLAN YOUR TERM

REVIEW THE COURSE SYLLABUS CAREFULLY FOR:

- Assignment and test dates
- Grading breakdown
- Policies and expectations
- Instructor contact info and office hours

FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO STAY ORGANIZED:

- Add all important deadlines and test dates to the deadline worksheets on the next few pages.
- Review the calendars and completed worksheets for an overview of your term- this will help you stay organized and plan ahead.



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September 3 First day of classes

September 16 Course Drop Date

- The last day to drop Fall Term and Fall/Winter spanned courses without financial penalty

September 17 Course Add Date

- The last day to add Fall Term 2025 and Fall/Winter spanned courses

September 30 UM closed- NDTR (Orange Shirt Day)



START SEPTEMBER STRONG BY ORGANIZING YOUR SCHEDULE AND FINDING YOUR FAVOURITE STUDY SPACE ON CAMPUS

SEPTEMBER DEADLINES

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October 1 Fall fee deadline

October 13 UM closed- Thanksgiving



**OCTOBER IS STUDENT SUCCESS
MONTH! EXPLORE ALL THE
SUPPORTS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO
STUDENT SUCCESS**

OCTOBER DEADLINES

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November 10-14 Fall term break

November 11 UM closed- Remembrance Day

November 18 Voluntary Withdrawal (VW) Deadline

- Last day to Voluntarily Withdraw (VW) from Fall Term 2025 courses



THINKING ABOUT A VW? USE OUR **GRADE TRACKER** AND SPEAK WITH AN ACADEMIC ADVISOR TO HELP YOU MAKE THE BEST DECISION

NOVEMBER DEADLINES

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DECEMBER

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December 8, 2025	Last day of classes
December 9-20, 2025	December exam period
December 24, 2025-January 2, 2026	UM closed - Winter holidays*



MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHEN AND WHERE YOUR **FINAL EXAMS** ARE TAKING PLACE. PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY AND BE PREPARED!

*University reopens January 5, 2026.

DECEMBER DEADLINES

DUE DATE	COURSE	ASSIGNMENT	% OF FINAL GRADE

FINAL EXAMS

EXAM DATE	COURSE	% OF FINAL GRADE

STAY ON TRACK

CHECK OUT THESE FREE RESOURCES:

INDIVIDUAL TUTORING

THE ACADEMIC LEARNING CENTRE
OFFERS ONE-TO-ONE TUTORING
SESSIONS TO UM STUDENTS :

- **CONTENT TUTORS** are available for over 90 UM courses (ex. MATH 1500, STAT 1000, CHEM 1100)
- **STUDY SKILLS TUTORS** help with time management, reading, note taking, and test taking strategies
- **WRITING TUTORS** provide feedback on academic writing and help at any stage of the writing process



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LEARN MORE AND TO BOOK
AN APPOINTMENT

QUESTIONS?

THE FIRST YEAR CENTRE IS HERE TO
SUPPORT YOU



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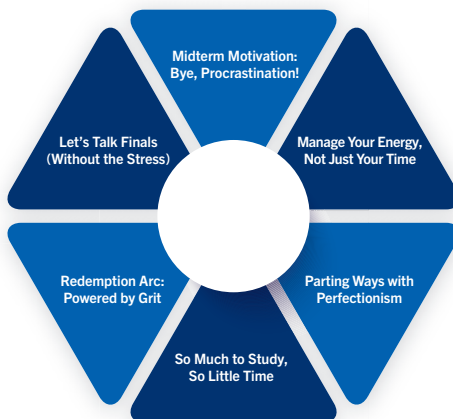
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Build better habits, boost your confidence, and stay on top of your academics. Charge Ahead workshops offer a chance to learn practical skills and tools you can actually use!



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