PSYC 366 (A02) - CRN 14216
Psychological Disorders of Childhood and Adolescence
Fall 2023

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Prerequisites: PSYC201 & PSYC260

Class Time: Monday & Thursday – 1:00pm – 2:20pm, September 7 to December 4, 2023

Classroom: via Zoom [Link on Brightspace]

Required Text Mash, E. J., & Wolfe, D. A. (2019). Abnormal child psychology (7th ed.). Cengage.
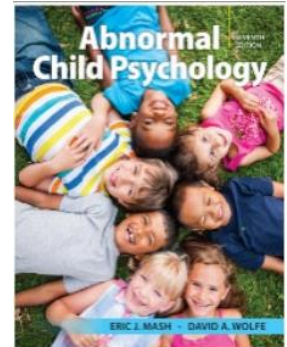
*Any additional readings will be available as electronic files through the UVic Library (i.e., e-journals, e-books) and posted to Brightspace. Students are expected to complete assigned readings *before* class in order to participate in class discussions.

Optional: Course Link URL: https://student.cengage.com/course-link/MTPQ3Q333MKQ
Course Key: MTPQ-3Q33-3MKQ
Student MindTap Registration Video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YYD9b0ae3W0 Student MindTap Navigation Video - https://screencast-o-matic.com/watch/cYlDFH8tVU

Course Website You will find slides, assignments, and course announcements posted on Brightspace. https://bright.uvic.ca/d2l/home/314352

Land Acknowledgement We acknowledge and respect the ləkʷəŋən peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt, and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

Course Description and Learning Outcomes
This course is designed to introduce you to current research and theory in clinical child psychology and developmental psychopathology. Across a range of disorders, we will discuss multiple theoretical perspectives on the description, etiology, treatment, and prevention of psychological problems in

childhood and adolescence. The topics we will cover include neurodevelopmental disorders, behavioural disorders, depressive and anxiety disorders, eating disorders, and child maltreatment. Emphasis is placed on the importance of considering children's behavioural and emotional adjustment within the child's larger environment and sociocultural circumstances. We will attend to how various identities (e.g., gender, race-ethnicity, ability, social class, sexual orientation, nativity, etc.) shape the experience, expression, and response to various mental health challenges. We will use a developmental perspective to understand the factors that place children at increased risk for disorder, the impact of risk factors, and the factors that protect children in stressful circumstances. We will also take a critical lens on the field to understand the limits of what we currently know. Topics will be considered from a scientist- practitioner perspective (e.g., attention to evidence base) and a social justice perspective (e.g., attention to power dynamics and structural inequities that differentially affect individuals with marginalized identities).

After completing this course, you will be able to:
1. Identify the symptoms of major categories of psychopathology in childhood and adolescence and their typical developmental course.
2. Describe prominent biological, psychological, and sociocultural risk factors for mental health difficulties in childhood and adolescence and how they interact with one another.
3. Discuss the role of factors such as gender, culture, and typical development in framing issues in developmental psychopathology.
4. Identify issues relevant to diversity and social justice in the context of child and adolescent mental health.
5. Understand the strengths and weaknesses of current systems of classifying mental health challenges.
6. Think critically about what the science has to say about core issues in child mental health (and what gaps exist).
7. Evaluate information about children's mental health for accuracy and/or bias and advocate for empathic and non-stigmatizing representations of children's mental health.

Course Evaluation and Grades		
Students who have completed the following elements (A, B, D, E are required components) will be considered to have completed the course:		
A. Midterm #1	**15%**	The exam will cover all content from weeks 1 to 4 inclusive, including content from lectures and readings. The exam is closed book and will consist of multiple choice and fill-in-the-blank questions.
B. Midterm #2	**15%**	The exam will cover all content from weeks 5 to 8 inclusive, including content from lectures and readings. The exam is closed book and will consist of multiple choice and fill-in-the-blank questions.
C. Critical Clinical Reflections	**20%**	Clinical reflections will require you to think critically and respond to a topic related to course material that week. You will be asked to give a 2 to 4 sentence reflection on Brightspace each week. To receive full marks, you need to respond to **10 out of 12 prompts** (each worth 2%) by Friday at 11:59pm of that topic's week. Late submissions will not count toward your mark. You can skip 2 weeks and still receive full marks. Submission is on Brightspace.
D. Broadening	**35%**	The profession of psychology is grounded predominantly in Euro-centric assumptions and ways of knowing. Theories and perspective on health, illness, and intervention are generally oriented towards people

the Lens Paper		whose identities match the dominant culture (e.g., white, cisgendered, heterosexual, native-born, etc.). This assignment encourages you to think about a course topic from a critical lens. You will select a topic that we are learning about this term (e.g., Autism, ADHD, etc.) and locate an empirical or theoretical article that addresses the topic from a diversity or social justice perspective. This could take many forms, such as an examination of distinct risk factors in certain communities (e.g., LGBTQIA2S+ youth; Black youth) for a mental health condition, ways in which polices or practices create barriers to receiving care for a mental health condition in certain communities, or ways in which current approaches to assessment or treatment might be a poor match in certain communities. Other critical perspectives are also welcome. You can run your idea by me if you are unsure. This paper will consist of a statement of the problem (e.g., a summary of how or why current knowledge/practice do not meet the needs of a particular community, and why this is problematic) and your perspective (e.g., ways to improve the status quo). Your paper should be no more than five double-spaced pages. More information will be given in class.
E. Final Exam	15%	The exam will cover all content from weeks 9 to 12 inclusive, including content from lectures and readings. The exam is closed book and will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and fill-in-the-blank questions.
SONA (optional)	+ 2%	See below for explanation of how to participate in SONA.

Failure to complete one or more of elements A, B, D, E will result in a grade of "N" regardless of the cumulative percentage of all other elements of the course. N is a failing grade and factors into GPA as a value of 0. In accordance with the University's policy on academic concessions, "A student who completes all course requirements is not eligible for an academic concession". Consequently, students can only request deferrals for the completion of required course components and not for non-essential course components. *Students have the responsibility to proactively seek advice when facing unexpected and unavoidable circumstances and conflicting responsibilities interfere with their academic obligations.*

Course Schedule

The below schedule should be considered tentative as the pace of the course and content covered each class may vary throughout the semester. The examination dates will remain fixed. All assigned readings are to be completed before the class that they are attached to. Please see Important Dates section for due dates.

Class Dates	Topic	Text Chapters and Readings
Week 1: Sept 7	Introduction to the Course	
Week 2: Sept 11	Organizing Frameworks	Chapter 1
Week 2: Sept 14	Theoretical Models of Psychopathology	Chapter 2
Week 3: Sept 18	Culture and Diagnosis	Chapter 4
Week 3: Sept 21	Trauma and Stress-Related Disorders	Chapter 12
Week 4: Sept 25	Trauma and Stress-Related Disorders	Chapter 12
Week 4: Sept 28	Review	
Week 5: Oct 2	**Midterm #1**	**Chapters 1,2,4,12**
Week 5: Oct 5	Conduct Problems	Chapter 9
Thanksgiving: Oct 9	**No Class**	
Week 6: Oct 12	Autism	Chapter 6
Week 7: Oct 16	Communication and Learning Disorders	Chapter 7
Week 7: Oct 19	Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder	Chapter 8
Week 8: Oct 23	Review	
Week 8: Oct 26	**Midterm #2**	**Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9**
Week 9: Oct 30	Anxiety and Obsessive-Compulsive Disorders	Chapter 11
Week 9: Nov 2	Anxiety and Obsessive-Compulsive Disorders	Chapter 11
Week 10: Nov 6	Depressive Disorders	Chapter 10
Week 10: Nov 9	Depressive Disorders	Chapter 10
Reading Break: Nov 13-15	**No Class**	
Week 11: Nov 20	Eating Disorders	Chapter 14
Week 11: Nov 23	Substance-Use Disorders	Chapter 13
Week 12: Nov 27	**No Class – Work on Paper**	
Week 12: Nov 30	Course Wrap-Up and Review	
Week 13: Dec 4	**Final Exam**	**Chapters 10,11,13,14**

Important Dates	
Fridays at 11:59pm	Critical Clinical Reflections Due on Brightspace (10 of 12)
October 2, 2023 @ 1:00pm	Midterm #1 in class
October 26, 2023 @ 1:00pm	Midterm #2 in class
November 13-15, 2023	Reading Break
November 30, 2023 @ 11:59pm	Broadening the Lens Paper
December 4, 2023 @ 10:00am	Final exam in class

SONA Research Participation

To learn more about psychology research, you may earn 2% extra credit points toward your final grade by participating in research studies conducted in the Department of Psychology. One hour of participation will earn you one SONA credit. Credits are given in 0.5 increments, with one credit

required for a 1% increase in your final grade. Thus, **two hours of participation would earn the full 2% extra credit**. For details, go to the Department of Psychology research participant pool website: https://uvic.sona-systems.com. Please be sure to assign your credits to this course no later than the last day of class, otherwise you will not receive the credit for this course. If you do not wish to participate in research studies, but still wish to have the opportunity to earn an equivalent amount of extra credit, I will provide an alternative written assignment upon your request, to be submitted before the final class.

Expected Student Conduct

Respectful Behaviour Throughout the course, students and the instructor may choose to share or disclose personal information. It is important for you to consider what and when you share. There is no way to guarantee confidentiality in a large in-person class and as such, please evaluate your self-disclosures carefully. The ability to maintain this stance is necessary to ensure the safety of all individuals. Further, I support an inclusive classroom experience where diversity and individual differences are understood, respected, appreciated, and recognized to be a source of strength. I expect that students, instructors, and teaching assistants will show the utmost respect for individual differences. Please let me know if something said or done in the classroom, by either myself or other students, is particularly troubling or causes discomfort or offense. In extending respect, I endeavour to create a positive learning experience by being available to answer questions, discuss materials, and foster your learning experience. I attempt to respond to emails within 3 business days (please resend after this time period).

Sensitive Content The university classroom provides an open space for the critical and civil exchange of ideas. Some course content will include topics that some students may find difficult to learn about. Each student is different and as such, I cannot provide a "trigger warning" for all the sensitive topics in this course. Please ensure that you consider the topics to be discussed and determine if you have the emotional capacity and tolerance to engage in this course at the present time. I will not provide alternative assignments or readings as I aim to provide a comprehensive survey of mental health and wellbeing topics in order to meet the learning objectives set out for this course. Resources for support and wellbeing are provided at the end of the syllabus.

Attendance It is expected that you will attend all classes. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, you must miss a class, please obtain the missed material from a classmate. I can provide information on specific questions, but a make-up class or class notes will not be provided. Teaching assistants are also able to answer content-related questions.

Missed Exams/Assignments You are expected to write the exams and complete assignments on the dates set out in the Course Schedule and during the Final Exam Period. If you miss a deadline/exam for an emergency, due to illness, or accident, please contact me as soon as possible (no later than 10 days after) to schedule a makeup exam or discuss an extension. **For all exam makeups and assignment extensions, you must fill out a Request for In-Course Extension form from the link below or on Brightspace.** Makeup exams and extensions will be granted only in extenuating circumstances. **Travel plans, personal inconveniences (e.g., having more than one assignment due at the same time), and the like will not be accommodated.** Students who miss the **final examination** should make a request for academic concession (see Course Policy Information).

Request for In-Course Extension Form:

https://www.uvic.ca/students/academics/academic-concessions-accommodations/request-for-academic-concession/forms/uvic_undergraduate_request_for_in-course_extension.pdf

Centre for Accessible Learning The University of Victoria is committed to creating a learning experience that is as accessible as possible. If you are registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning and anticipate or experience any barriers to learning in this course, please feel welcome to discuss your concerns with me. If you are a student with a disability or chronic health condition, you can meet with a CAL advisor to discuss access and accommodations.

Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response at UVic

UVic takes sexualized violence seriously, and has raised the bar for what is considered acceptable behaviour. We encourage students to learn more about how the university defines sexualized violence and its overall approach by visiting www.uvic.ca/svp. If you or someone you know has been impacted by sexualized violence and needs information, advice, and/or support please contact the sexualized violence resource office in Equity and Human Rights (EQHR). Whether or not you have been directly impacted, if you want to take part in the important prevention work taking place on campus, you can also reach out:

Where: Sexualized violence resource office in EQHR, Sedgewick C119

Phone: 250.721.8021

Email: svpcoordinator@uvic.ca

Web: www.uvic.ca/svp

BE WELL

A note to remind you to take care of yourself. Do your best to maintain a healthy lifestyle this semester by eating well, exercising, getting enough sleep and taking some time to relax. This will help you achieve your goals and cope with stress. All of us benefit from support during times of struggle. You are not alone.

Social Life, Friends, & Community at UVic:
Having a social network is an extremely important foundation for positive mental health. There are lots of benefits to joining clubs, course unions, intramurals and teams on campus.
https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/housing-student-life/student-life/index.php

Counselling Services:
The Student Wellness Centre can help you make the most of your university experience. They offer free professional, confidential, inclusive support to currently registered UVic students. https://www.uvic.ca/student-wellness/contacts/student-wellness-team/index.php#ipn-counsellors

Health Services:
The Student Wellness Centre also provides a full service primary health clinic for students. https://www.uvic.ca/student-wellness/contacts/student-wellness-team/index.php#ipn-physicians

Centre for Accessible Learning*:*
The CAL staff are available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals and arrange appropriate accommodations www.uvic.ca/services/cal/. The sooner you let us know your needs, the quicker we can assist you in achieving your learning goals in this course.

Elders' Voices:
The Office of Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement (IACE) has the privilege of assembling a group of Elders from local communities to guide students, staff, faculty and administration in Indigenous ways of knowing and being.
www.uvic.ca/services/indigenous/students/programming/elders/

Mental Health Supports and Services:
Mental health supports and services are available to students from all areas of the UVic community: https://www.uvic.ca/student-wellness/wellness-resources/mental-health/

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Department of Psychology
Important Course Policy Information
Fall Session 2023

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Attendance and Absences

Attendance is important. Students are expected to attend all classes in which they are enrolled. Students may be assigned a final grade of N or debarred from writing final examinations if they fail to satisfy a minimum attendance requirement set by the instructor for lectures, laboratories, online course discussions or learning activities, tutorials, or other learning activities set out in the course outline.

Medical documentation for short-term absences is **not required** (approved by Senate). Students who cannot attend due to illness are asked to notify their instructors immediately. If illness, accident, or family affliction causes a student to miss the final exam or to fail to complete any required assignment/assessment by the end of the term students are required to submit a request for academic concession (see below).

Children and Pets

If you need to bring your children or pet to class, please do not hesitate to do so. It is understood that sometimes this is necessary due to care circumstances. However, please aim to have minimal class disturbance so that student learning is not impacted.

Class Recording and Auto-Captioning Statement

The instructor may record class sessions and those recordings may be made available to all students in the class via Brightspace. If you have questions or concerns regarding class recording and privacy please contact **privacyinfo@uvic.ca**

Auto-generated captioning may be enabled in this course. Auto-captioning is highly error-prone, especially for specialized terminology and proper names. Students are asked to refer to the audio feed for clarification of any errors. If you find captioning errors that are offensive, please contact your instructor and/or teaching assistant so that they are aware. If you require captions as part of an academic accommodation, please contact **CAL**.

Commitment to Inclusivity, Diversity, and Respectful Environments in the Classroom and Online

The University of Victoria is committed to providing a positive and supportive and safe learning and working environment for all its members. All members of the university community have the right to this experience and the responsibility to help *create* such an environment. The University will not tolerate racism, sexualized violence, or any form of discrimination, bullying, or harassment.

Please be advised that, by logging into UVic's learning systems or interacting with online resources and course-related communication platforms, you are engaging in a University activity.

All interactions within this environment are subject to the university expectations and policies. Any concerns about student conduct may be reviewed and responded to in accordance with the appropriate university policy.

To report concerns about online student conduct: **onlineconduct@uvic.ca**

Copyright

All course content and materials are made available by instructors for educational purposes and for the exclusive use of students registered in their class[1]. The material is protected under copyright law, even if not marked with ©. Any further use or distribution of materials to others requires the written permission of the instructor, except under fair dealing or another exception in the Copyright Act. Violations may result in disciplinary action under the **Resolution of Non-Academic Misconduct Allegations policy (AC1300)** or the **Academic Integrity Policy**, whichever is more appropriate for the situation.

Course Experience Survey (CES)

I value your feedback on this course. Toward the end of term, you will have the opportunity to complete a confidential course experience survey (CES) regarding your learning experience. The survey is vital to providing feedback to the instructor regarding the course and their teaching, as well as to help the department improve the overall program for students in the future. When it is time for you to complete the survey, you will receive an email inviting you to do so. If you do not receive an email invitation, you can go directly to **http://ces.uvic.ca**. You will need to use your UVic NetLink ID to access the survey, which can be done on your laptop, tablet or mobile device. You will be reminded nearer the time, but please be thinking about this important activity, especially the following three questions, during the course.

1. What strengths did your instructor demonstrate that helped you learn in this course?
2. Please provide specific suggestions as to how the instructor could have helped you learn more effectively.
3. Please provide specific suggestions as to how this course could be improved.

Disclaimer

The above schedule, policies, procedures, and assignments in this course are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.

Grading

In classes that are based on a percentage grading scheme, the following **Undergraduate Grading Scale** is used

Grade	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	D	F
Percentage	90-100	85-89	80-84	77-79	73-76	70-72	65-69	60-64	51-59	< 50
GP Value	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Rounding is only applied to the final grade and is rounded up at the 0.5% level (e.g., 84.49% is round to 84% and 84.50% is rounded to 85%).

Medical Documentation for absences

No medical documentation for short-term absences is required (Approved by Senate).

If you are seeking a Withdrawal Extenuating Circumstances or an Aegrotat grade, medical documentation may be required if relevant.

Ombudsperson and Academic Concerns

From the course calendar…
Depending on the nature of the academic matter of concern to the student, the order in which the student should normally try to resolve the matter is: first, the course instructor; second, the Chair of the department; third, the Dean of the faculty; and finally, the Senate.

If you are having an academic concern or problem that cannot be resolved with your instructor or the Department Associate Chair, you may wish to consult with the Office of the Ombudsperson (**https://uvicombudsperson.ca**). Current contact information for the office can be found here **https://uvicombudsperson.ca/contact/**.

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[1] Syllabi belong to the department through which the course is administered.

Policy on Academic Integrity including Plagiarism and Cheating

The Department of Psychology fully endorses and intends to enforce rigorously the **Senate Policy on Academic Integrity**. It is of utmost importance that students who do their work honestly be protected from those who do not. Because this policy is in place to ensure that students carry out and benefit from the learning activities assigned in each course, it is expected that students will cooperate in its implementation.

The offences defined by the policy can be summarized briefly as follows:

1. **Plagiarism**. You must make sure that the work you submit is your work and not someone else's. There are proper procedures for citing the works of others. The student is responsible for being aware of and using these procedures.
2. **Unauthorized Use of an Editor**. The use of an editor is prohibited unless the instructor grants explicit written authorization.
3. **Multiple Submission**. Only under exceptional circumstances may a work submitted to fulfill an academic requirement be used to satisfy another similar requirement. The student is responsible for clarifying this with the instructor(s) involved.
4. **Falsifying Materials Subject to Academic Evaluation**. This includes falsification of data, use of commercially prepared essays, using information from the Internet without proper citation, citing sources from which material is not actually obtained, etc.
5. **Cheating on Assignments, Tests, and Examinations**. You may not copy the work of others in or out of class; you may not give your work to others for the purpose of copying; you may not use unauthorized material or equipment during examinations or tests; and you may not impersonate or allow yourself to be impersonated by another at an examination. The Department of Psychology has a policy of not making old examinations available for study purposes. Therefore, use of old exams without the express written permission of the instructor constitutes cheating by the user, and abetting of cheating by the person who provided the exam.
6. **Aiding Others to Cheat**. It is a violation to help others or attempt to help others to engage in any of the conduct described above.

The use of a generative artificial intelligence (AI) is strictly prohibited in any submitted work (unless expressly endorsed by the instructor as part of an assignment). The Department reserves the right to use AI detectors.

Instructors are expected to make every effort to prevent cheating and plagiarism. This may include the assignment of seating for examinations, asking students to move during examinations, requests to see student identification cards, and other measures as appropriate. Instructors also have available to them a variety of tools and procedures to check for Internet and electronic media-based cheating. In instances of suspected or actual plagiarism or cheating, instructors, following prescribed procedures, are authorized to take steps consistent with the degree of the offence. These measures will range from a zero on the test or assignment or a failing grade for the course, probation within a program to temporary or even permanent suspension from the University.

Rights of Appeal are described in the Policy on Academic Integrity in the University calendar Fall 2023.

The definitive source for information on Academic Integrity is the University Calendar

Other useful resources on Plagiarism and Cheating include:

1. The Ombudsperson's office: **https://uvicombudsperson.ca/academic-integrity/**
   The **Office of the Ombudsperson** is an independent and impartial resource to assist with the fair resolution of student issues. A confidential consultation can help you understand your rights and responsibilities. The Ombudsperson can also clarify information, help navigate procedures, assist with problem-solving, facilitate communication, provide feedback on an appeal, investigate and make recommendations. Phone: 250-721-8357; Email: **ombuddy@uvic.ca**; Web: **uvicombudsperson.ca**.
2. UVic Library Resources: **http://www.uvic.ca/library/research/citation/plagiarism/**
3. UVic Library Document on **Avoiding Plagiarism**

Prerequisites

Students who remain in courses for which they do not have the prerequisites do so at their own risk. Students who complete courses without prerequisites ARE NOT exempt from having to complete the prerequisite course(s) if such courses are required for the degree program.

Program Requirements

For more information see the **UVic Calendar**.

Registration Status

Students are responsible for verifying their registration status. Registration status may be verified using My Page, View Schedule. Course adds and drops will not be processed after the **deadlines** set out in the current UVic Calendar.

Students who do not attend classes must not assume that they have been dropped from a course by an academic unit or an instructor. Courses that are not formally dropped will be given a failing grade, students may be required to withdraw and will be required to pay the tuition fee for the course.

Request for Academic Concessions

Students can apply for **academic concessions** if their course requirements are affected by (i) unexpected and/or unavoidable circumstances (e.g., illness, family affliction, etc.), or (ii) conflicting responsibilities (e.g., service in the armed forces or first responder, representing the university).

- **Request an in-course extension**
  If you require more time to complete a course requirement or miss a test or midterm exam, then you will need to complete the "**In-Course Extension Form**" and submit it directly to your course instructor. All course requirements must be completed prior to the submission of final grades.

- **What to do if you miss the final exam scheduled during the formal exam period**
  Apply at Records Services for a "**Request for Academic Concession**", normally within 10 working days of the date of the exam. Records Services will forward the form to the instructor. If the concession is granted, the instructor will determine how to deal with the situation (for example, a deferred exam). Where a concession is not applied for or where such application is denied, an N grade will be entered on the student's academic record.

- **What to do if you require additional time to complete course requirements beyond the normal term.**
  Apply at Records Services for a "**Request for Academic Concession**", normally within 10 working days of the end of the course. Records Services will forward the form to the instructor. If the concession is granted, the instructor will determine how to deal with the situation. Where a concession is not applied for or where such application is denied, an N grade will be entered on the student's academic record if the missing work has been deemed required. Note, only required course components may be deferred.

Research Participation Opportunities with the Department of Psychology

The Department of Psychology offers multiple opportunities to participate in research studies over the year. Students are encouraged to learn more about the field of psychology by volunteering in these studies. Information about studies can often be found posted on notice boards around the Department as well as through our Participant Pool webpage at **https://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/psychology/research/participants/**.

Student Support Services

Learn Anywhere is the student support portal for a full range of student academic and support services. Services include: **Centre for Academic Communication**, **Math & Stats Assistance Centre**, **Counselling Services**, **Health Services**, **Library**, **Ombudsperson**, and **Computer Help Desk**

This classroom is a trans-inclusive space

Please indicate if you have a preferred name and pronoun that you'd like to be used in the classroom. Please e-mail your instructor or your TA if you would like to discuss the climate of this classroom for trans students. Gender neutral bathrooms are available at UVic.

University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS)

The **UVSS** is a social justice based non-profit run by students, for students and is entirely separate from UVic. As an undergrad student, you are already a member! We work on issues affecting students such as affordability, public transit, sexualized violence, sustainability, student employment, and much more. We fund clubs and course unions, and have several advocacy groups. We also have a Food Bank and Free Store, a Peer Support Centre, and run your health and dental plan. We are here to support you, so please reach out to us at uvss.ca!

Academic Important Dates

Fall session – first term (September – December)

Wednesday, September 6th	First term classes begin for all faculties
Tuesday, September 19th	Last day for 100% reduction of second term fees for standard courses 50% of tuition fees will be assessed for courses dropped after this date.
Friday, September 22nd	Last day for adding courses that begin in the first term
Saturday, September 30th	Last day for paying first term fees without penalty
Monday, October 2nd	University Closed (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, September 30th)
Monday, October 9th	University Closed (Thanksgiving Day)
Tuesday, October 10th	Last day for 50% reduction of tuition fees for standard courses
Tuesday, October 31st	Last day for withdrawing from first term courses without penalty of failure
Monday, November 13th	University Closed (Remembrance Day, Nov 11th)
November 13th - 15th	Reading Break for all faculties
Monday, December 4th	Last day of classes in first term for all faculties
Monday, December 4th	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women - (Classes and exams cancelled from 11:30am - 12:30pm)
Thursday, December 7th	First-term examinations begin for all faculties
Wednesday, December 20th	First term examinations end for all faculties
December 25th - 31st	University Closed (Winter Break)

Add and drop dates for standard 2023-2024 Winter Session courses

Term	Start Date	End Date	100% Fee Reduction	Add Deadline	50% Fee Reduction	Academic Drop no Fee Reduction
First term	Sep 6	Dec 4	Sep 19	Sep 22	Oct 10	Oct 31
Second term	Jan 8	Apr 8	Jan 21	Jan 24	Feb 11	Feb 29