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IMPORTANT DATES

April 11 – Last Day of Classes

April 14 – Start of Examination Period

April 26 – Last Day of Examination Period

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Book an advising appointment:

https://www.uregina.ca/engineering/students/advising.html

SAFETY MOMENT

Have a safety concern or suggestion? Let us know!

Our faculty's Local Safety Committee will be meeting again in April, and your graduate student representative (Muhammad Uzair) will be in attendance. At any time, you can let him know about your safety concerns or suggestions by emailing Engg.Safety@uregina.ca (Lauren will pass along any messages to him). We'll keep you anonymous if you wish.

- Maybe you have a health or safety concern about your research lab?
- Unsure about the safety of your research or learning activities?
- · Worried about your working environment or travel/fieldwork?
- Having difficulty accessing health, safety or wellness resources on campus or in the community?
- Having problems with your PPE (poor fit, poor quality, needing to replace, unsure about selection, etc.)?
- Feeling unprepared (from a health and safety perspective) for upcoming job searches or work placements?
- Are there additional safety training courses or resources that would be helpful for graduate students?

- Was there a safety program or activity in your prior universities or employment that would work well at the UofR?
- Have a fun idea for a health and safety themed event for our faculty? (Health & Safety Week is coming up in May!)

Do you have something to say but want to stay COMPLETELY anonymous, even to us? Sometimes students will slide a note under Lauren Bradshaw's office door (Engineering Health & Safety Coordinator, ED 412) - this is 100% acceptable! We absolutely still want to hear from you, in whatever way you are most comfortable with.

CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITY

CSCE Winnipeg Conference, Fairmont Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 28-30, 2025

We are pleased to announce that the upcoming Canadian Society for Civil Engineering (CSCE) annual conference will take place in Winnipeg in May 2025. Our conference theme is "Empowering communities through sustainable and resilient engineering solutions". The City of Winnipeg, Manitoba, is well known as "the cultural cradle of Canada", and the home to a very diverse population, the world-class Canadian Museum for Human Rights, the world's most comprehensive Arctic species exhibit, the Forks, the historical Exchange District, the French-flavored St. Boniface and many other attractions. The Fairmont Hotel is in the heart of downtown Winnipeg, in easy walking distance from these attractions. A variety of activities are being planned to entertain conference delegates and their guest family and friends.

The Environmental Specialty (ENV) will focus on the environmental and public health needs of civil engineering and its importance in improving the quality of life for people and providing reliable infrastructure for societal benefits. It will explore research and technological advances concerning innovative approaches, assessment, and sustainable management/remediation of environmental impacts to water, air, and soil and the unique challenges faced in addressing the effects of climate change on infrastructure. Please click here for more information: https://www.csce2025winnipeg.ca/environmental-specialty

Registration is now open! The price for students is \$650. Registration includes access to all plenary sessions, technical breakout sessions, conference social events (i.e. President's Welcome Reception, offsite Social Evening, and ACE Gala), coffee breaks, and lunches. We look forward to seeing you at CSCE Winnipeg 2025! If you have any questions regarding the CSCE Environmental Engineering Specialty conference, please contact Dr. Kelvin Tsun Wai Ng (kelvin.ng@uregina.ca).**

GRADUATION PORTRAITS

To have your photo taken, please contact Camera One Graduation Portraits to book an appointment.

Academic regalia is provided by Camera One. To book your appointment please go to www.Cameraone.ca under "Online Grad Signup", OR the direct booking site, https://cameraonegrad.as.me. There are In Studio and On Campus options - please check both.

If you are unable to come to Regina for a portrait session but still want to be on the Class Composite, please contact Camera One to discuss your options.

For more information, please contact Camera One: info@c1grad.ca, 306-533-3347, www.cameraone.ca

REGISTRATION WAITLISTS

Is the class full? Get on the waitlist! Waitlists are a first-come-first-served basis. If the class has a lab/seminar you can only be waitlisted for the lecture.

Instructions: https://www.uregina.ca/registrar/registration/waitlists.html

If you have a hold that prevents registration, you cannot register for the class, even if you have been notified of a waitlist opening. You will need to resolve holds before you are able to register.

When a seat becomes available, an email is sent to the first student on the waitlist at their Preferred Email Address (usually your University of Regina email). To check or update your preferred email, log into UR Self-Service under "Personal Information." You are encouraged to check your email regularly. You have the option to setup email forwarding if needed. Avoid Hotmail accounts due to potential technical issues.

If the waitlist notification email is sent <u>prior</u> to the first day of classes, you will have **24 hours to register for the class**. On the first day of classes this is changed to **12 hours to register for the class**. If you missed it, you will have to get back on the WL! Your seat will be offered to the next student. So check your email regularly.

EXIT INSPECTIONS

Wrapping up research, finishing classes, or graduating soon? If you had access to labs or student offices, you must complete an exit inspection and return your keys/cards/fobs. This is a required step in FGSR's Thesis/Dissertation Submission Checklist and applies to MEng students who used research labs or the MEng lounge.

Why?

This process keeps spaces clean, safe, and secure. It's also required for your \$100 deposit refund. Skipping it can lead to unauthorized access, costly re-keying of locks, delayed office reassignment, and expensive and hazardous cleanup of abandoned chemicals.

How?

1. Download the Exit Inspection Form.

2. For offices & MEng lounge:

- Clean your workspace and remove personal items.
- Complete pages 1-2 of the form (no supervisor signature needed).
- Take photos of your desk and inside drawers and cabinets.
- Email the form and photos to Engg.Grad@uregina.ca for review.
- We will email you to confirm whether the form and photos are suitable.
- <u>AFTER</u> you receive confirmation, return your key/card/fob to the Engineering General Office.

3. For labs (including dry labs):

- Complete pages 1 and 3-5 of the form <u>WITH</u> your supervisor (their signature is required).
- No photos needed.
- Email the completed form to Engg.Grad@uregina.ca and wait for confirmation before returning your key/card/fob.

Be patient! Once all steps are complete, we will ask Financial Services to process the refund to your student account.

Questions? Contact Engg.Safety@uregina.ca.

GRAD DEFENSE

Thesis submission deadlines:

Spring/Summer term PhD thesis submission deadline: May 30, 2025

Spring/Summer term Master's thesis submission deadline: June 20, 2025

For more information about thesis submission and defense email: grad.defense@uregina.ca

Convocation deadlines:

2025 Fall (November 2025) Convocation application deadline: July 31, 2025.

For more information about applying to graduate email: grad.defense@uregina.ca

Workshops:

Thesis Thursdays:

Write UR Thesis (aka "Shut Up and Write")

Meet virtually with fellow graduate students for a series of weekly writing sessions (based on the Shut Up and Write! format) facilitated by the Grad Thesis Coordinator designed to help you schedule time and stay accountable while you write your thesis.

Thursdays, April 3 & April 10, 2025, 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

To register: https://uregina.libcal.com/event/3865692

Thesis Information Sessions

A series of virtual presentations and Q&A on a variety of topics from thesis writing, formatting, submission, and defense.

Format Your Thesis in Microsoft Word: Thursday, April 3, 2025, 1:30 - 3:00 pm. To register: https://uregina.libcal.com/event/3891286

How to Write Your Thesis When You Don't Want to Write Your Thesis, Thursday, April 3, 2025, 1:30 - 3:00 pm. To register: https://uregina.libcal.com/event/3891295

GRAD FUNDING

Are you entering a graduate program in Fall 2025? Making the move from Masters to a Phd? Then apply for the Chancellor's Fellowship! This award provides \$25,000 to two deserving first year graduate students. Applications for this award will be accepted starting on April 1st with the deadline for applications April 18th at 11:59 p.m.

GRAD ENGAGEAMENT

Grad Night at the Owl - Wednesday Apr. 9, 4-6 p.m. at Lazy Owl - Celebrating the end of Term - All graduate students are welcome to join us for informal socializing. In addition to free nachos, there will be cake and prizes to celebrate the end of the Term.

What to do if You're Getting Interviews but No Job Offers - Apr. 2, 12-12:30 p.m. Register here.

How to Prepare for Your First 90 Days on the Job - Apr. 16, 12-12:30 p.m. Register here.

President Keshen's Regina Chamber of Commerce Executive Event - Tuesday, Apr. 15, 4 - 6:30 p.m. - This is a rare opportunity to hear from, meet, and network with top CEOs in Saskatchewan. There are only 50 spots available, be one of the first to register and secure your spot by **Monday**, **Apr. 7** by registering here.

Tuesday Talks Mar. 25, 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. ED 228

Join GATE for Tuesday Talks with special guest *Jacq Brasseur*, CEO & Founder of Ivy + Dean Consulting, Saskatchewan's first and only Certified LGBT+ Business Enterprise through Canada's 2SLGBTQI+ Change of Commerce (CGLCC). This month's topic of discussion is: *Business Through the lens of Intentional and Queer-informed Entrepreneurship*. To attend this hybrid event, **register here**.

CRIT Mineral Conference Wednesday, April 23

Join GATE and register for an exciting one-day conference on critical minerals and resource innovation in Estevan, Saskatchewan, on April 23! This event will feature industry leaders, researchers, investors, and policymakers exploring groundbreaking advancements in resource technology and sustainability. Key topics include Coal to Graphite Transformation, Direct Lithium Extraction, Emerging Opportunities in Critical Minerals, and Rare Earth Minerals. Don't miss out on the chance to network and connect with experts in these fields! Get your tickets today: https://icedconference.ca/

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