

University of Regina Winter 2021

TEACHING & LEARNING PLAN - INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

INTRODUCTION TO GUIDE

This guide will provide you with the information you will need to complete your winter courses at the University of Regina. As you may know, the COVID-19 pandemic abruptly and dramatically changed the process of teaching and learning at the University of Regina, its Federated Colleges, and other partner institutions as we transitioned to all-remote teaching and learning to protect the health and safety of the University and larger community. For the most up-to-date information, visit www.uregina.ca/term-updates.



THE BASICS

- For the Winter 2021 term, the teaching and learning experience at the University, Federated Colleges, and partner institutions will take place primarily remotely through virtual online platforms (such as Zoom) and web-based platforms (such as URCourses).
- We are working very hard to make the remote teaching and learning experience as positive and academically rewarding as possible.
- A limited number of small in-person coursework components (including labs, studios and fieldwork) will be held, but with increased COVID-19 health and safety measures. Course list: <https://www.uregina.ca/student/registrar/registration-withdrawal/winter-2021-courses-on-campus.html>



WINTER 2021 REMOTE TEACHING AND LEARNING

For the Winter 2021 term, most classes will be conducted via “remote learning” methods, which will include a combination of virtual real-time class meetings via Zoom (synchronous) and web-based via UR Courses (asynchronous) delivery. The primary delivery method for each course will be posted in the visual schedule builder, and the scheduling code will also show up on your class schedule in UR Self-Service. Below is a description of what each scheduling code means:

Primarily Zoom-based (synchronous) teaching RLDS [Remote Learning Delivery Special] scheduling code

Synchronous courses enable virtual face-to-face approaches to teaching and learning. These classes are “live”; that is, faculty and students gather together virtually to teach and learn in Zoom classrooms. These courses are offered on specific days/times as listed in UR Self Service. Note: these dates and times have not changed since the registration period opened.

These courses may also include some web-based, asynchronous components (delivered through UR Courses) and your instructor will post additional teaching materials and links to relevant online resources on their UR Courses page that you can access at any time. Course details will be provided in the course syllabus and/or UR Courses page. Note that non-participation in synchronous courses could be similar to skipping a face-to-face course. Such behaviour can be reflected in the individual’s grades.

Web-based or UR Courses-based (asynchronous) Courses (UR Courses-based) RLWS [Remote Learning Web Special] scheduling code

UR Courses-based asynchronous courses are delivered in a way that you are able to manage them on your own schedule rather than attend class on a specific date/time. However, course instructors may also include some synchronous events as part of these courses. For example, they may want to include a class session on clarifying major course concepts or a class meeting to go over course assignment requirements. The synchronous sessions will be offered within the original scheduled class time as listed on UR Self-Service when you register(ed) for courses. The dates and times of these synchronous sessions will be listed in UR Self-Service after December 2, 2020 and will be included in the course syllabus and/or the UR Courses page.



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WEB-DELIVERED & LIVE-STREAMED COURSES

There are two other types of remote delivery courses – WEB-delivered and LIVE-streamed.

These types of courses are offered regularly and were designed to be delivered remotely. Courses scheduled for Winter 2021 as fully WEB-delivered or LIVE-streamed will remain as scheduled.

- WEB-delivered courses are UR Courses-based asynchronous courses. These courses were originally designed to be taught in a web-based format.
- Similar to RLDS courses, LIVE-streamed courses are streamed over the Internet, using Zoom or other similar platforms, and delivered in partnership with the Regional Colleges. These courses are regularly scheduled as LIVE-streamed.

Find resources to help you learn remotely at <https://www.uregina.ca/remote-learning/index.html>.

SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS

We are committed to ensuring the highest quality teaching and learning experience and have many supports available to help you succeed.

- The University Library will permit limited in-person services for Winter 2021 (including curb-side pick-up and drop-off of resource materials). The majority of its services and resources will be accessed at a distance. The Library's plans for service may be found at <https://uregina.libguides.com/covid-19>.
- All members of the University community will be able to order hard copies of books through the online Campus Store for curb-side pick-up, or for either domestic or international delivery. Electronic versions of textbooks will also be available for purchase.
- Other student academic supports – tutoring, workshops, academic advising, and personal counselling, for example – will continue to be offered at a distance, primarily via Zoom.
- Housing Services remains committed to supporting students and our on-campus housing options remain open for the Winter 2021 semester. If you have specific questions about the possibility of living on-campus now or in the future, visit <https://www.uregina.ca/housing/FAQs.html> or email housing.services@uregina.ca.

IN-PERSON COURSES

For Winter 2021, there will be a small number of low-density course components (primarily labs and studios) offered in-person on the main Regina campus. If you are registered in an in-person course, your academic unit will contact you to ensure that you are safe to participate in this course and you are able to come to campus.

- If you cannot attend but require the course immediately for graduation, an individual academic plan for program completion will need to be developed by your faculty or department.
- If you are concerned about returning to in-person on-campus courses because you or a family member have an underlying health condition, eg, immunocompromised, you may make use of the University's existing student accommodation processes to address your request for accommodation. Visit www.uregina.ca/student/accessibility to find out more.



STUDENT PRACTICA, CO-OP PLACEMENTS & FIELD-BASED LEARNING

Student practica, Co-operative Education placements and other field-based learning will take place in person both on- and off-campus.

In all cases, students will be placed only with employers and other organizations that commit to following the applicable jurisdiction's COVID-19 health precautions.

Individual field-based learning opportunities themselves may also be altered in light of COVID-19.



ON-CAMPUS HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Your safety and well-being are our top priority. We want you to feel confident that the University of Regina is ensuring that our campuses are safe and that we are following the proper health and safety protocols. Here are some of the specific things we are doing:

- All instructors and students view the COVID-19 health and safety orientation session prior to attending their first in-person course component. This will be posted in UR Courses
- Requiring students and instructors to carefully self-monitor their health throughout the term
- Determining what personal protective equipment or other COVID-19 health and safety measures will be required by students and instructors
- Ensuring, as much as possible, that proper physical distancing is maintained in classroom, laboratory and studio spaces
- Face masks are required in all indoor areas of campus facilities. Face masks are also required in outdoor campus areas where physical distancing is not possible. Please bring your own reusable non-medical mask whenever possible
- All handwashing and hand sanitizing stations are appropriately placed and marked
- Providing students and instructors with a detailed document that outlines expectations, recommendations and any restrictions related to being on campus for in-person coursework

Should COVID-19 surge or re-emerge in winter, or if a positive case is confirmed on-campus, the University will consult with local Medical Health Officers as to appropriate actions, for example, isolating a student who lives on campus or suspending labs/studios for a period of time and engage in disinfection measures.

Planning Ahead SPRING/SUMMER 2021

At this time, it is not possible to determine an approach to teaching and learning for Spring/Summer 2021. The approach to teaching and learning will be a cautious one and will be contingent on several factors, including the COVID-19 pandemic situation in the province, its impact on public health guidelines, and the continued success of the low-density in-person teaching and learning initiative.

**Want more
information on
remote course
delivery?**



In response to the evolving circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic (i) the University may be required to add, delete or change course or program requirements, (ii) academic activities (including courses, seminars, graduate supervision, labs, experiential learning, practica, fieldwork, placements, etc.), may be affected or altered, and (iii) co-curricular opportunities, programs and services, and the manner of delivery of courses, are all subject to change. As well, the University may, from time to time, impose additional rules, procedures and protocols as it deems necessary or as it may be required to do by public authorities to mitigate against the risk of the spread and/or transmission of infectious disease, including COVID-19, on the University campus, and students will be expected to comply with all such rules, procedures, and protocols (including any measures related to preventing or mitigating the spread of infectious disease or quarantining if a student is suspected of carrying an infectious disease). While the University is committed to providing appropriate instructional and supervisory support and services to students, students are not guaranteed the same learning approaches or "university" experience, or non-academic activities and services, they would have received in the absence of this health emergency. The University thanks its students, faculty, and staff for their understanding and flexibility during these challenging times as we work together to maintain the standards of excellence that are the hallmark of the University of Regina.

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