

Dear student,

This is an update about the Bachelor of Management for Winter Session Term 1 (Sept-Dec 2020). We'll have more news for you in a few weeks, once more detailed arrangements have been made.

<u>All MGMT courses in Winter Session Term 1 will be online</u>. There will be no requirement to be in Kelowna, in BC, or even in Canada to complete a MGMT course for Term 1.

That said, we appreciate that some students will be in Kelowna and, with that in mind, we will keep open the possibility that, if opportunities arise – and it is by no means clear that they will - we would explore how to complement online delivery with the possibility of on-campus and in-person experiences. Any in-person experiences that we can offer will be <u>completely optional and not required.</u> We will ensure that all students, regardless of where they are residing and how they are participating in MGMT courses, will receive a comparable, high-quality learning experience.

No matter what, we will do everything we can to keep everybody together, connected as one community of students, faculty and staff.

Faculty members and specialist course designers are busy developing high-quality online courses and learning materials for you. Also, in order to deliver the calibre and quality of education that you expect, we are focused on identifying the essential set of courses required to ensure that you can complete your degree requirements and progress to the next year, as planned.

For Winter Session Terms 1 and 2, we will offer all MGMT courses that are required for progression or completion of your program. However, we are not able to offer as many upper-level electives as we had originally planned in the pre-COVID world, because of the risk that we would be overwhelmed with all of the changes and disruption if we tried to put on more than an essential set of courses. We are currently finalising exactly which courses we can offer and will let you know the full set of electives in a few weeks. We will deliver all courses necessary for entry into the CPA Professional Education Program. Additionally, we are committed to balancing the set of electives as reasonably as possible across all focal areas, and across both terms.

Please note, the Faculty of Management is only responsible for the delivery of MGMT courses. If you are taking a course offered by another Faculty, you'll need to verify the mode of delivery with that Faculty. On the Okanagan campus, most undergraduate courses in Winter Session Term 1 are online. There will be a small number of selected courses in other Faculties, mostly at the fourth-year level, that may be offered in-person, on campus.

Here's a set of resources that you might find helpful. Please be aware that we are updating these sites regularly as new information becomes available, so it can be worth checking back frequently.

- Visit Keep Learning to learn about what to expect and how to prepare for your online courses.
- If you have questions about UBC's response to the COVID-19 situation, or its approach toward student health and safety, visit this webpage: https://covid19.ubc.ca/.
- Visit the <u>Faculty of Management website</u> for an archive of previous communications sent to students during the COVID-19 pandemic.



- Please reach out to <u>International Programs and Services</u> if you are an international student and have specific questions related to immigration issues such as study permits and post-graduate work permits, including how they might be impacted by COVID-19 (<u>ips.ubco@ubc.ca</u>).
- Staff in <u>Health & Wellness</u> are available to support you. Please contact: <u>healthwellness.okanagan@ubc.ca</u>.

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