

Winter 2021 Credit Courses

Communication for Soft Semester Launch

Subject Line: Altered start date for some January Classes

To: All Credit Students

This has been a difficult semester. We have transitioned to a university, moved most programs and services online, and are dealing with the impacts of a global pandemic. We recognize that the toll this has taken on everyone is immeasurable. For this reason we are making changes to the start of Winter 2021 semester.

Institutions across Canada have altered their winter 2021 academic schedules. They have done so for various reasons, including providing more prep time for faculty and allowing for isolation periods for those who travel. BC institutions have advised that they have no consistent provincial approach.

Most classes will still start online on January 4, 2021, but we will be limiting the number of staff, students and faculty on campuses until January 18, 2021. Please read the following information carefully, because different programs will start in different ways.

If you need help to understand how the changes described below impact you, please contact covidsupport@yukonu.ca

Winter 2021 Class Starts

January 4, 2021	If you are in an ONLINE scheduled (synchronous) or unscheduled (asynchronous) class, your classes start online as usual. Please note that we are encouraging faculty members to lighten the workload for the first 2-weeks of classes. As some students only have access to the Internet on our campuses, and we are wanting to restrict access to campuses, we are hopeful that working with your instructor, alternate arrangements can be made. If you are a community student and need access to a campus, please contact your instructor and community campus coordinator. <i>See Important Notes, below.</i>
January 4, 2021	If you are attending IN-PERSON Electrical Levels 1 and 4, HET Pre-Apprenticeship, and Carpentry Levels 2 and 3 your classes start in person on this date.
January 11, 2021	If you are attending IN-PERSON culinary, multimedia or any other trades class other than the ones listed for January 4, your classes

	start in person on this date. Health Care Assistant and Practical Nurse program labs also begin this week.
January 15, 2021	If you are attending IN-PERSON PHED225 class your class starts in person on this date and is every Friday outdoors.

SERVICES

January 4, 2021	All services are available to you virtually, with limited in-person services if you book online, email, or phone the service area directly. Services include academic and non-academic services library , IT , registrar's office, etc.
January 18, 2021	You can now drop by in-person at all campuses. Life starts to look a bit like our last fall semester!

Important Notes:

Courses the first two weeks: Faculty will post their semester plans on the course Moodle page.

Community Students: If you are living outside of Whitehorse and are taking a credit course, please contact your instructor and your community campus coordinator to be sure you have the device and internet access you need to participate in your course. If you don't make specific arrangements to access your community campus during the first two weeks of January, it may not be open before January 18th. Your campus coordinator is available to help you arrange access to your community campus if you need it.

Congratulations on completing the fall term and we look forward to welcoming you back to classes in the new year. As always, please reach out and connect with us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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