



March 25, 2020

To All First Nations University of Canada Students,

As you are aware, the University of Regina Spring Convocation has been cancelled due to the current situation with COVID-19. The health and safety of our students and community continue to be of utmost importance.

All students who have completed all appropriate course work and required credits, will receive their certificates, diplomas and degrees. We want to assure you that your hard work and achievements will still be recognized. We will advise students as soon as possible on further updates.

The FNUniv Convocation Ceremony, which normally takes place one (1) day following the UofR Convocation, is cancelled for June 2020. Further details will be announced in the near future.

In response to the recent petition to the University of Regina to make the semester pass/fail, our two main priorities during this challenging time are the health and well-being of students, faculty and staff; and ensuring that students can complete their semesters and, in some cases, their academic programs. Moving to distance teaching/remote learning platforms (e.g. Lifesize and UR Course lectures) follows medical advice. It keeps students and faculty safe from the spread of COVID-19 while still allowing students to complete their studies.

The First Nations University of Canada and University of Regina have a responsibility to provide as thorough and as comprehensive an academic experience as possible under the unprecedented challenges posed by the global COVID 19 pandemic. The University is continuing with the delivery of classes and has ensured that grading is the prerogative of individual instructors. We encourage students to share their concerns with their instructors directly.

This approach is in line with virtually every other post-secondary institution in Canada. We know that the great majority of students are appreciative of the chance to complete their term and earn a grade that reflects their work.



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The First Nations University of Canada and the University of Regina recognize that students and staff are experiencing heightened levels of stress and anxiety during this time. Mental health and wellness information has been provided to faculty and staff, along with a variety of supports available through our Benefits provider.

FNUUniv Student Success Services team continues to support student success during the transition to distance learning. In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, they are unable to meet face-to-face; however, they are happy to meet with you via phone/email/videoconference. For appointments or to speak with staff, you can contact Amber at: 306-790-5950 ext. 3127 or Toll Free at: 1-800-267-2303, ext. 3127.

You may access additional mental health and wellness information available through the UofR website at <https://www.uregina.ca/covid-19/resources/mental-wellness-support.html>. We hope these resources will assist students.

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