

Remote Learning Requirements

Dear New and Current Students,

The First Nations University of Canada (FNUniv) campus classrooms will not be open to students in the Fall 2020. Classes will be delivered remotely through synchronous or scheduled online class delivery (i.e. videoconference with LifeSize or Zoom), or asynchronously (via UR Courses) where the course material is uploaded and accessed.

FNUniv staff and faculty, are investing significant time and effort to make the remote learning experience as effective and engaging as possible. Every course will meet all the necessary academic requirements, leading to the same approved, accredited, and recognized degrees that students would earn through face-to-face classes.

In order to access their classes remotely, **students will require a laptop or desktop computer with a webcam and microphone. Students will also require reliable Internet connection (WIFI or hardwired).** A list of recommended equipment requirements for remote learning appears below.

The FNUniv campuses will not have any in-person classes or labs this fall. A very limited number of specialized labs and studios will be accessible on the main U of R campus during the fall semester. Any student who is enrolled in one of these labs will be contacted directly by their Instructor to discuss attendance/participation in these specific labs/studios, as well as any alternate arrangements that may be needed.

We will continue to adhere with the public health guidelines established by the province's Chief Medical Health Officer. Our commitment to your health and wellbeing and to providing you with a quality education remains our top priority. For anyone needing to be on campus, please know that strict physical distancing will be maintained; heightened cleaning practices will be undertaken; and the use of personal protective equipment may be required.

Basic computer equipment is required for remote learning.

As noted above, you will need a desktop or laptop computer, a webcam, microphone and speakers, or a headset. Many Laptops have a built-in webcam, microphone and speakers and most webcams also have a microphone. Some headsets have a microphone.



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Most smartphones (with a data package) also work well for Lifesize or Zoom as they have camera, microphone and speakers. Using a smartphone for UR Courses is possible but is not recommended.

Recommended Minimum Computer System

- A newer Windows desktop (with monitor, mouse and keyboard) or laptop, preferably less than about 4 years old
- Windows 10
- Apple macOS 10.10 or greater systems will also work, except for some specialized software. Other operating systems may work but are not supported.
- Microsoft Office 2010 or newer. Registered students can access Microsoft Office365 online for free with their student email address.
- Backup device or service.
- Security Software (Anti-virus/firewall).
- Web Browsers: Firefox (preferred), Safari 8 or greater, Edge, Chrome.
- Internet connection, preferably high-speed ADSL, Cable, or similar.
- The following items may also be required or beneficial for some courses:
 - Optical Drive.
 - Colour Printer.
 - Scanner.
 - Administrator rights.

Recommended Internet Bandwidth and Connection Speed

A typical home Internet package is sufficient in most cases. Needs will depend on the course and whether it is primarily text-based online, more media-rich, or requires real-time communications within the class.

To test your current internet speeds: Ensure you are connected to your home internet. Open a browser window, go to Google.ca, search for 'Speed Test,' click 'Run Speed test'.

Primarily text-based online courses:
Internet Download Speed: 1.5 Mbps
Internet Upload Speed: 1.0 Mbps

Media-rich online courses:
Internet Download Speed: 5.0 Mbps



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Internet Upload Speed: 1.0 Mbps

Real-time communications within a course (e.g. Lifesize or Zoom):

Internet Download Speed: 5.0 Mbps

Internet Upload Speed: 1.0 Mbps

Note: If you are in a remote area and experience video issues, you may be able to continue a virtual meeting (videoconference) by stopping the video and using audio only.

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Laptop Loan Program

The FNUniv has established a Laptop Loan Program whereby full-time FNUniv students can sign-out a laptop at one of our three campus libraries. The laptop is loaned (much like a book) for a one-term loan period. There is a limited supply of laptops available for loan across all three campuses on a first come, first served basis. Students should contact their Campus Library to inquire about availability.

Remote Learning Support

FNUniv staff are committed to your success. We will provide orientation sessions and virtual discussion groups to support you with your remote learning. Additional information will be sent to registered students by mid-August.

If you have any questions, call Student Services at 1-800-267-6303, ext. 3127.



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