

Edmonton Campus FAQ

1. When was the decision to close the Edmonton Campus made? Who made it?

The decision was made on December 11 by the Board of Governors. After a recommendation by the President's Executive, based on over a year of reports, meetings and study, the decision was made.

2. Why is the Campus closing?

When the University moved to Edmonton in 1996, it filled a niche that wasn't being served by Edmonton institutions. Offering evening and weekend classes to students holding business diplomas, it allowed an opportunity for students to ladder their diplomas into business degrees. Since opening, that initial need is now being largely met by other post-secondary institutions. This is reflected in enrolments that have been declining since 2004 when other institutions became more active.

3. How long will classes continue to be offered in Edmonton?

The quick answer is that we're not yet sure, but that there will be face-to-face classes in Edmonton into 2016, perhaps longer. In January, the Academic Advisors will work to analyze every student file and program to determine which classes are needed to help students finish. We'll use that information to design the timetable going forward and that will help us determine how much longer we'll offer classes in Edmonton. The future courses we offer and timetables will be driven by your program needs.

4. What do I need to do to ensure that I can finish my program?

Communicate, communicate, communicate! After the advisors and the administration finalize the timetable, we'll work to set up one-on-one advising appointments with every student. Those meetings will clearly identify which courses will be available for you in which semester, and allow you to develop a personal completion plan. Our commitment to you is to schedule those appointments by Reading Week so that you can get your Summer session and Fall 2015 courses on track. Your completion plan will remain in your file and you can keep in touch with the advisors every semester to ensure that you're on track. If something changes, make sure the advisors know so that you can discuss alternatives and their ramifications.

5. Will I be able to complete my program before the Edmonton Campus closes? Will there be options available to me after the campus closes here?

This is a challenging question because life throws us curves. We get engaged, have children, fail courses, change jobs or move. While we're good at juggling things, we also know that we're not always in control. If you stay on track with what the timetable and advisors communicate to you in your one-on-one meeting, you should be fine. If however, things change, get in touch with us right away so that we can respond and see if opportunities exist that will work for you. A few of these may include completing some courses with an international exchange – study abroad option, repeating a missed course on another campus, or taking something on-line that is offered from the Lethbridge campus. Work closely with your advisors and ensure that whatever completion strategy you develop is approved in advance.

6. What student resources and services will be available to me during the closure?

The campus will continue to have academic advising until we don't offer classes anymore in Edmonton. We are also working to enhance the tutoring support, maintain counselling through CUCA, and ensure that library access is available. The Edmonton staff will work to support you and guide you through your completion process, and they are supported by the Students' Union, and staff in Calgary, Lethbridge and the Edmonton community. Let us know what you need and we'll work together.

7. Where do I go to find information and updates that will affect me during the Edmonton Campus closure?

We will work to provide accurate and timely information to you so that you can make positive decisions about your future. The following methods will be used to share program changes, timelines and announcements:

- Your **Academic Advisors** will continue to be your best source of information. Meet with them whenever you feel it is appropriate.
- Direct **Emails** will be sent to you as needed.
- The **Edmonton Campus website** will carry updates and information.
- The Edmonton Campus **Facebook** page will be used occasionally.
- We may put up posters in the **Edmonton Campus office** at Alumni House.
- Instructors may make **announcements** in your classes.
- Advisors or staff may **phone** you. Please ensure that your contact information on file is accurate. You can update it on the Bridge.
- If you have a question, **call** your academic advisor and ask.

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8. How does this affect the Co-op Program?

- a. If you are **currently participating**, there shouldn't be any significant changes to your program. To ensure that your co-op terms work with your timeline and the courses offered, contact Doreen Kooy, Field Advisor for the Northern Campuses.
- b. If you are **interested** in the Co-op program, it may be much more challenging to complete the program and stay in Edmonton. Please contact Doreen Kooy to discuss the feasibility of this option. She can be reached at doreen.kooy@uleth.ca.

9. What will the course selection look like and will all my remaining courses be offered?

We will know the answer to this question after February 10, 2015. Our plan, after the faculties have seen the student needs and committed to course scheduling, is to post the timetable and make it available to you. This schedule will display the course opportunities from this summer until the campus stops offering face-to-face classes. We will work with you to ensure that you have the ability to complete a degree but realistically, sometimes the courses you need may not be offered on a night of your choosing or at a pace you're completely comfortable with. There will be some need for you and the University to be flexible. For example, The Faculty of Management may work with the Academic Advisors to help you complete your final courses in a Harmonized format through CUCA, via independent study, or on a summer abroad (Germany, the Netherlands, Hungary, China, South Korea or even Malaysia).

10. How will my classes be delivered if there is no face-to-face lecture available?

Our primary goal is to offer face-to-face traditional lectures where possible. The bulk of your remaining courses will be offered in this way. Where student numbers or the master schedules don't allow that opportunity however, the University of Lethbridge may offer courses through non-traditional format. For example:

- a. Blended learning
- b. Video-Conference
- c. On line
- d. Visiting Student Permission through another institution (granted in advance)
- e. International Exchange – study abroad in one of 31 global destinations
- f. Independent Study, or
- g. Other

Any such courses will need to be approved in advance through the Faculty of Management and your advisors will walk you through this process to ensure this is done correctly. If you make assumptions and arrange these courses on your own, there is a considerable chance that they will not count for credit in your degree. Let's ensure that we work together on this.

11. If I decide to go to another U of L campus or another institution, is that possible?

If you are considering relocation to the U of L's Calgary or Lethbridge campus, the transition is absolutely seamless. All you need to do is register for classes on those campuses and start attending. Ensure that you update your contact information with the university and check in with the academic advisors on those campuses. This option may work well for you. You are free to move back and forth between campuses once you're a student with us.

If you are considering completing your degree at another institution, you'll need to check with the admissions officers at that institution. They can tell you what courses will transfer to your new university and can also tell you how many courses you have left in your program. Typically, universities have a "residency" requirement that indicates how many courses you will need to take with them to get a degree from them. Consider this option carefully as you don't want to end up having to complete more courses with them than you have remaining at the University of Lethbridge. We would hate to see you go but completely understand if you choose this route.



We hope that this list is helpful. We will update this list as more information becomes available.

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