

CHN 1651F – HUC
Chinese Symbols and Icons

Time and Location: Monday 2:30-5:30

Huron University College W101

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Course prerequisite: NONE

Course description:

This entry-level, essay-type course aims to offer an overview of Chinese culture to students with a general interest in China. The course surveys traditional symbols and icons still prevalent in China's everyday life, ranging from "yin-yang," "dragon" "mandarin ducks" and "the double-happiness," to "the Three Stars," "Lord Guan" and "Avalokitesvara" (*Guanyin*). Treating these symbols and icons as image-signifiers, the course illustrates the socio-historical contexts that have shaped major symbolism in China. Thus with symbols and images examined comparatively in various contexts: pre-modern China, modern China, overseas Chinese communities and non-Chinese cultures, the course will demonstrate that symbolism is socially constructed and should not be taken for granted. By this means, the course will not only help students gain a basic understanding of Chinese culture, but will also prepare them in critical thinking skills and cross-cultural perspectives for university studies at a higher level. Taught in English.

Course objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, students are expected to

1. recognize important symbols and icons in Chinese culture;
2. understand the role of symbols and icons in cultural interactions,
3. demonstrate basic critical thinking skills for observing cultural phenomena.

Textbooks and required resources: available on OWL.

Class Methods: Lecture, in-class discussion, written assignments

Method of evaluation and assessment:

Attendance	10%
Participation/Discussion	10%
Short written assignment	5%
Mid-term test	30%
Long written assignment	45%

Schedule of classes:

September 9 Introduction: The Power of Yin-Yang

Symbols and icons as writing, in the narrow and broad senses

Readings:

“The Yin-Yang Principle in Chinese Culture” in *The Chinese Mind* by Boyé Lafayette Mente. North Clarendon, VT: Tuttle Publishing, 2009. 19-21.

“Taiji” in *A Dictionary of Chinese Symbols* by Wolfarm Eberhard. Trans. G. L. Campbell. London and New York: Routledge, 1986.

“Pan Ku and the Creation Myth” in *Myths and Legends of China* by E. T. C. Werner. Singapore: Graham Brash, Ltd. 1922. 76-78.

September 16 Zoological Symbolism in Chinese Culture

Mythical beasts and symbolic animals

Readings:

“Animals, Bat, Bird, Butterfly, Crane, Dragon, The Five Elements-Elephant, Fish, Fox, Lion, Horse, Lunar Stations, Magpie, Mandarin Duck, Phoenix-Pig, Qilin (Please do not call it 'unicorn'), Tally-Taotie, Tiger, Tortoise, Zodiac” from *A Dictionary of Chinese Symbols*.

Short assignment to be explained

September 23 Botanic Symbolism in Chinese Culture

The lotus, the peony, and other symbolic plants

Readings:

“Apple/Apricot, Bamboo, Azalea, Chrysanthemum, Date, Lichee/lily, Lotus, Magnolia, Orange-Orchid, Peach, Peony-Persimmom, Pine, Plum-Pomegranate, Tree, Willow” from *A Dictionary of Chinese Symbols*.

September 30 Saints, Immortals, Heroes and Beauties

The symbolism of human figures

Readings:

“Beard-Beauty, the Four callings, Children, Confucius, Emperor, the Eight Immortals (Eight), Face-Fairies, Gestures-Ghost, Girl, Guandi, Hero, Immortals, Lao-zi, God of longevity, Official, God of riches” from *A Dictionary of Chinese Symbols*.

Short written assignment (5%) due

October 7 Buddhist Symbolism in Everyday Life

Buddha, Bodhisattva, and Buddhist emblems

Readings:

“Bald Head, Bodhi, Buddha, Fat-belly Buddha, Guanyin, He-He-Hell, Luohan, Monk, Nun” from *A Dictionary of Chinese Symbols*.

In-class test to be explained

October 14 Thanksgiving Holiday

No class meeting

October 21 Exercise 1: Analyzing the Chinese-ness in Global Popular Culture

Film: *Kung Fu Panda 2*

October 28 In-class Test (20%)

The test covers Weeks 1-7

November 4-10 **Fall Reading Week**

No class meeting

November 11 The Importance of a Decorated Life

Symbolism in furniture, vessels, and other objects

Readings:

“Ball, Bells, Bisection, Black, Blood, Blue, Boat, Book, Bottle Gourd, Clouds, Imperial Insignia, Jade, The Endless Knot, Lantern, Marriage, Married Bliss, Meander, Mirror, Money, The Eight Precious Things, Scepter, Swastika, Sword, Ten Thousand, Vase, Waves” from *A Dictionary of Chinese Symbols*.

Essay to be explained

November 18 Finding Your Way in the Symbolic World

Spatial symbolism in architecture, landscape and the beyond

Readings:

“Bridge, Gate, Geomancy (Fengshui), Landscape, Left and Right, Middle, Moon, Mountain, Pass, Pavilion, River, Sun, Terrace, Water” from *A Dictionary of Chinese Symbols*.

November 25 Exercise 2: Understanding the Olympic City

Video: *The Opening Ceremony of the 29th Olympic Games*.

Written assignment due

December 2 A High-speed Train Named Harmony

The politics of symbolism in contemporary China

Images to be presented in class

OWL

Students must consult OWL for this course regularly. All course materials and announcements will be conveyed by this and no other means.

Electronic Devices

Electronic devices, including laptops, tablet computers, smart phones, etc., can be used in the classroom for pedagogical/academic purposes only (such as note taking, reading, research, etc.), and for no other purposes (such as gaming, social networking, etc.).

Course work:

Please be reminded that your final grade reflects your performance in this course. As the term begins, your grade is zero and will increase with the accumulation of your course work. Please read the following descriptions carefully and decided how to earn your grade.

Attendance (10%)

Attendance is calculated by hours attended divided by total lecture hours. An attendance sheet will be passed around during the lecture. It is the student's responsibility to sign the attendance sheet before the end of the lecture. The attendance sheet cannot be signed on a different day. Signing the attendance sheet in place of anyone but oneself is considered cheating and will be penalized.

Participation / Discussion (10%)

The participation/discussion grade reflects how active you are in class discussion. In your participation in class discussion, you should not only demonstrate your familiarity with the subject discussed, but also your critical consideration of it. You are encouraged to ask questions. Good questions make great contribution to class discussion.

Short written assignment (5%)

A symbol is "something that stands for, represents, or denotes something else (not by exact resemblance, but by vague suggestion, or by some accidental or conventional relation)" (OED).

After the first few weeks of studies in this course, you have become familiar with such the concepts of "symbol" and "culture." You have also discussed some Chinese symbols and how they reflect Chinese culture—ideas, values, belief, etc. shared by those who identify themselves as "the Chinese." Now you can clearly explain what a symbol is and how it works. In this very short assignment, please demonstrate your understanding of "symbol" with an example of "symbol" of your choice. Explain why you think your example is a "symbol" by showing what symbolic features it has.

Short as it is, this assignment is expected to be in essay format. You are supposed to present a statement and prove it with an example of details. (This example is a symbol because it...)

Suggested procedures:

1. Research for an example that you think is a symbol.
2. Examine the example closely to find out features that make it a symbol.
3. Think why these features show that the example is a symbol; take notes.
4. Write your first draft.
5. Read your draft as if it were written by someone else to see a) if the writing is clear; b) if the writing is efficient and well organized; c) if the argument is based on sufficient, relevant evidences and sound logic.
6. Revise and proofread the draft; make sure there is no grammatical or spelling mistakes.
7. Submit.

In-class Test (30%)

The midterm in-class test includes two parts. Part I (20%) tests your knowledge of traditional Chinese symbols and icons gained in the course. Part II (10%) tests your skills and abilities to discuss symbols in cultural contexts. To do well in this test you need to

- 1) study the assigned readings carefully;
- 2) be attentive and **take notes** in the lectures;
- 3) review your notes before the test.

If the test is missed for a legitimate reason, appropriate documentation must be submitted to arrange a makeup (See relative section in the appendix). It is the student's responsibility to attend the test at the proper time. Such excuses as mistaking or forgetting the date of the test will not be accepted.

Long written assignment (45%)

In this course, we have become familiar with the concepts of “symbol” and “culture;” we have exercised skills of analyzing symbols and icons in their contexts; and we have seen how symbols and icons reflect Chinese culture—ideas, values, belief, etc. shared by those who identify themselves as “the Chinese.”

In this assignment, you are asked to demonstrate how you can better understand a Chinese cultural phenomenon by examining Chinese symbolism. You are asked to provide an interpretation of ONE of the following: either the 2000 film *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* (dir. Ang Lee) or the opening ceremony of the 29th Olympic Games in Beijing (dir. Zhang Yimou), based on symbols and icons you observe in the material of your choice.

Please understand:

1. This assignment is a university essay. You are expected to develop an argument with a clearly stated thesis in the introductory paragraph, supported by detailed analyses of evidences in the body text. You are also expected to write in a clear and well organized fashion.

A reminder: you are not asked to provide a list or description of symbols and icons that you have observed in the film or the performance. You are asked to make a statement about how you understand the film or the performance as a cultural phenomenon, with symbols and icons (rather than other elements) as your evidence.

2. This essay is NOT a research project. Your task is to closely examine the material of your choice and try to interpret what you have observed. Your evidence should be symbols and icons you find from the film or the performance ONLY.

3. The expected length of this assignment is approximately 6 pages (double space; 12" New Times Roman).

To get a D and above, your written assignment must meet the following basic requirements:

- 1) The essay must consist of an introduction, a body text and a conclusion.
- 2) A thesis statement (one sentence) must be presented in the introduction.

To get a C and above, your written assignment must meet the following requirements:

- 1) The essay must address the main issues discussed in this course.
- 2) The thesis statement must be clear and specific.
- 3) The arguments should be based on analyses of the literary texts you choose to discuss.

To get a B and above, your written assignment must meet the following requirements:

- 1) The thesis must be organized in an argument-driven manner.
- 2) The essay must analyze **details** of the literary texts you choose to discuss.
- 3) The essay must show a good understanding of the main issues discussed in this course.

To get an A and above, your written assignment must meet the following requirements:

- 1) The essay must show a perceptive reading of the literary texts you choose to discuss.
- 2) The writing must be clear and efficient.

Please see the rubrics for assessing the written assignment on the course website.

To do well in the written assignment, you need to

- 1) understand the requirements of the assignment;
- 2) study the assigned readings critically;

3) be familiar with the main issues discussed in this course.

The instructor is more than happy to provide help with the assignment. Yet please understand: 1) The instructor will only give advice and make suggestions; it is the student's responsibility to finish the assignment independently; 2) the instructor's advice and suggestions do not guarantee a higher grade.

The written assignment is to be submitted on the course website. **It is the student's responsibility to confirm that the assignment is successfully submitted.**

Extension is only granted for academic reasons, and must be requested at least one week before the due date. For medical or non-medical academic accommodation, see relative section in the appendix.

Plagiarism is not tolerated in any situation.



Appendix to Course Outlines: Academic Policies & Regulations 2019/2020

Prerequisite and Antirequisite Information

Students are responsible for ensuring that they have successfully completed all course prerequisites and that they have not completed any course antirequisites. Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enrol in it without them, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. If you enrol in this course despite having already taken an antirequisite you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. Removals for these reasons may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites or for having already taken the antirequisites.

Conduct of Students in Classes, Lectures, and Seminars

Membership in the community of Huron University College and Western University implies acceptance by every student of the principle of respect for the rights, responsibilities, dignity and well-being of others and a readiness to support an environment conducive to the intellectual and personal growth of all who study, work and live within it. Upon registration, students assume the

responsibilities that such registration entails. The academic and social privileges granted to each student are conditional upon the fulfillment of these responsibilities.

In the classroom, students are expected to behave in a manner that supports the learning environment of others. Students can avoid any unnecessary disruption of the class by arriving in sufficient time to be seated and ready for the start of the class, by remaining silent while the professor is speaking or another student has the floor, and by taking care of personal needs prior to the start of class. If a student is late, or knows that he/she will have to leave class early, be courteous: sit in an aisle seat and enter and leave quietly.

Please see the Code of Student Conduct at:

www.huronuc.on.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/Code%20of%20Student%20Conduct.pdf.

Technology

It is not appropriate to use technology (such as, but not limited to, laptops, cell phones) in the classroom for non-classroom activities. Such activity is disruptive and is distracting to other students and to the instructor, and can inhibit learning. Students are expected to respect the classroom environment and to refrain from inappropriate use of technology and other electronic devices in class.

Attendance Regulations for Examinations

A student is entitled to be examined in courses in which registration is maintained, subject to the following limitations:

- 1) A student may be debarred from writing the final examination for failure to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year.

- 2) Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course. The Dean of the Faculty offering the course will communicate that decision to the Dean of the Faculty of registration.

Short Absences: If you miss a class due to a minor illness or other problems, check your course outline for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or assignment. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow notes from a classmate. Contact the course instructor if you have any questions.

Extended Absences: If you have an extended absence, you should contact the course instructor and an Academic Advisor. Your course instructor and Academic Advisor can discuss ways for you to catch up on missed work and arrange academic accommodations, if appropriate and warranted.

It is important to note that the Academic Dean may refuse permission to write the final examination in a course if the student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year or for too frequent absence from the class or laboratory.

Please see the policy on Attendance Regulations for Examinations here:
https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/exam/attendance.pdf.

Class Cancellations

In the event of a cancellation of class, every effort will be made to post all relevant information on the OWL class site at: <https://owl.uwo.ca/portal>, and on the Huron website at www.huronuc.on.ca/about/accessibility .

Academic Student Support Services

For advice on course selections, degree requirements, and for assistance with requests for medical accommodation, students should email an Academic Advisor in Huron's Student Support Services at huronsss@uwo.ca. An outline of the range of services offered is found on the Huron website at: www.huronuc.ca/student-life-campus/student-services/academic-advising.

Department Chairs and Program Directors and Coordinators are also able to answer questions about their individual programs. Their contact information can be found on the Huron website at: www.huronuc.ca/student-life-campus/art-social-science and at www.huronuc.ca/student-life-campus/management-and-organizational-studies .

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Adding / Dropping Courses

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your work load is not manageable, you should consult your Academic Advisor. If you consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines. Please refer to the Huron website, huronuc.ca/student-life-campus/student-services/academic-advising or review the list of official Sessional Dates on the Academic Calendar, available here:
<http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm>.

You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP and/or Scholarship/Bursary eligibility.

Mental Health & Wellness Support at Huron and at Western

Students who are stressed, emotionally distressed or in mental health crisis please refer to: huronuc.ca/student-life-campus/student-services/health-wellness for a complete list of options about how to obtain help, or email Huronwellness@huron.uwo.ca to access your wellness staff directly.

Additional supports for Health and Wellness may be found and accessed at Western through www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/.

Huron is committed to providing a safe, welcoming campus for students, staff and faculty by providing confidential assistance to those who have personal safety concerns. Providing a safe and welcoming campus for students, staff and faculty is one of Huron's top priorities.

The Student Emergency Response Team (SERT) provides medical response to 9-1-1 calls on Main, Brescia and Huron campuses which operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during the academic year. SERT is dispatched through the campus community Police Service (CCPS) to any medical emergency on campus at (519) 661-3300. For more information about SERT please visit: sert.uwo.ca/about-sert/about-sert/.

Statement on Academic Integrity

The International Centre for Academic Integrity defines academic integrity as "a commitment, even in the face of adversity, to five fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. From these values flow principles of behaviour that enable academic communities to translate ideals to action." (CAI Fundamental Values Project, 1999).

A lack of academic integrity is indicated by such behaviours as the following:

- Cheating on tests;
- Fraudulent submissions online;
- Plagiarism in papers submitted (including failure to cite and piecing together unattributed sources);
- Unauthorized resubmission of course work to a different course;
- Helping someone else cheat;
- Unauthorized collaboration;
- Fabrication of results or sources;
- Purchasing work and representing it as one's own.

Academic Integrity: Importance and Impact

Being at university means engaging with a variety of communities in the pursuit and sharing of knowledge and understanding in ways that are clear, respectful, efficient, and productive. University communities have established norms of academic integrity to ensure responsible, honest, and ethical behavior in the academic work of the university, which is best

done when sources of ideas are properly and fully acknowledged and when responsibility for ideas is fully and accurately represented.

In the academic sphere, unacknowledged use of another's work or ideas is not only an offence against the community of scholars and an obstacle to academic productivity. It may also be understood as fraud and may constitute an infringement of legal copyright.

A university is a place for fulfilling one's potential and challenging oneself, and this means rising to challenges rather than finding ways around them. The achievements in an individual's university studies can only be fairly evaluated quantitatively through true and honest representation of the actual learning done by the student. Equity in assessment for all students is ensured through fair representation of the efforts by each.

Acting with integrity at university constitutes a good set of practices for maintaining integrity in later life. Offences against academic integrity are therefore taken very seriously as part of the university's work in preparing students to serve, lead, and innovate in the world at large.

A university degree is a significant investment of an individual's, and the public's, time, energies, and resources in the future, and habits of academic integrity protect that investment by preserving the university's reputation and ensuring public confidence in higher education.

Students found guilty of plagiarism will suffer consequences ranging from a grade reduction to failure in the course to expulsion from the university. In addition, a formal letter documenting the offence will be filed in the Dean's Office, and this record of the offence will be retained in the Dean's Office for the duration of the student's academic career at Huron University College.

Statement on Academic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, as per the Academic Calendar:

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&Command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading_189 .

Turnitin.com

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for a detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between Western

University and Turnitin.com.

Computer-Marked Tests/exams

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

Clickers

Personal Response Systems (“clickers”) may be used in some classes. If clickers are to be used in a class, it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the device is activated and functional. Students must see their instructor if they have any concerns about whether the clicker is malfunctioning. Students must use only their own clicker. If clicker records are used to compute a portion of the course grade:

- the use of somebody else’s clicker in class constitutes a scholastic offence
- the possession of a clicker belonging to another student will be interpreted as an attempt to commit a scholastic offence.

Policy on “Special” Accommodation

Students who require **special** accommodation for tests and/or other course components must make the appropriate arrangements with the Student Development Centre (SDC). Further details concerning policies and procedures may be found at:

<http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/ssd/index.html> .

Policy on “Academic” Accommodation - Medical / Non-Medical Grounds

Students who require academic accommodation for tests and/or other course components must make the appropriate arrangements with the Student Development Centre (SDC). Further details concerning policies and procedures may be found at:

<http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/ssd/index.html> .

- (a) **Medical Grounds for assignments worth 10% or more of final grade: Go directly to Huron Support Services/ Academic Advising, or email huronsss@uwo.ca .**

University Senate policy, which can be found at,

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf ,

requires that all student requests for accommodation on medical grounds for assignments worth 10% or more of the final grade be made directly to the academic advising office of the home faculty (for Huron students, the “home faculty” is Huron), with supporting documentation in the

form (minimally) of the Senate-approved Student Medical Certificate found at:
https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf .

The documentation is submitted in confidence and will not be shown to instructors. The advisors will contact the instructor when the medical documentation is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the medical challenge as expressed on the Student Medical Certificate and in any other supporting documentation. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified of the presence of medical documentation, and will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation.

The instructor will not normally deny accommodation where appropriate medical documentation is in place and where the duration it describes aligns with the due date(s) of assignment(s). Before denying a request for accommodation on medical grounds, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor's decision is appealable to the Dean.

(b) Accommodation on Medical Grounds for assignments worth *less than 10%* of final grade: Consult Instructor Directly

When seeking accommodation on medical grounds for assignments worth less than 10% of the final course grade, the student should contact the instructor directly. The student need only share broad outlines of the medical situation. The instructor **may** require the student to submit documentation to the academic advisors, in which case she or he will advise the student and inform the academic advisors to expect documentation. The instructor may not collect medical documentation. The advisors will contact the instructor when the medical documentation is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the medical challenge as expressed on the Student Medical Certificate and in any other supporting documentation. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified of the presence of medical documentation, and will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation.

The instructor will not normally deny accommodation where appropriate medical documentation is in place and where the duration it describes aligns with the due date(s) of assignment(s). Before denying a request for accommodation on medical grounds, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor's decision is appealable to the Dean.

(c) Non-Medical Grounds: Consult your Instructor directly.

Where the grounds for seeking accommodation are not medical, the student should contact the instructor directly. Late penalties may apply at the discretion of the instructor. Apart from the exception noted below, academic advisors will not be involved in the process of accommodation for non-medical reasons.

Where a student seeks accommodation on non-medical grounds where confidentiality is a concern, the student should approach an academic advisor with any documentation available. The advisors will contact the instructor after the student's request is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the challenge without breaching confidence. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified that significant circumstances are affecting or have affected the student's ability to complete work, and the student will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation. Before denying a request for accommodation where documentation has been submitted to an academic advisor, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor's decision is appealable to the Dean.

Requests for Academic Consideration Using the Self-Reported Absence Form

The full Policy on Academic Consideration for student Absences – Undergraduate Students in First Entry Programs is available at:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic_Consideration_for_absences.pdf .

Students who experience an unexpected illness or injury or an extenuating circumstance (48 hours or less) that is sufficiently severe to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements (e.g., attending lectures or labs, writing tests or midterm exams, completing and submitting assignments, participating in presentations) should self-declare using the online Self-Reported Absence portal. This option should be used in situations where the student expects to resume academic responsibilities within 48 hours or less.

The following conditions are in place for self-reporting of medical or extenuating circumstances:

- a. students will be allowed **a maximum of two self-reported absences** between September and April and one self-reported absence between May and August;
- b. any absences in excess of the number designated in clause a above, regardless of duration, will require students to present a **Student Medical Certificate (SMC)**, signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner, detailing the duration and severity of illness, or appropriate documentation supporting extenuating circumstances to the Academic Counselling unit in their Faculty of registration no later than two business days after the date specified for resuming responsibilities. Please see section 4 below for more details.
- c. The duration of the excused absence will be for a maximum of 48 hours from the time the Self-Reported Absence form is completed through the online portal, or from 8:30 am the following morning if the form is submitted after 4:30 pm;

- d.** The duration of the excused absence will terminate prior to the end of the 48 hour period should the student undertake significant academic responsibilities (write a test, submit a paper) during that time;
- e.** The duration of an excused absence will terminate at 8:30 am on the day following the last day of classes each semester regardless of how many days of absence have elapsed;
- f.** Self-reported absences will not be allowed for scheduled final examinations; for midterm examinations scheduled during the December examination period; or for final lab examinations scheduled during the final week of term;
- g.** Self-reporting **may not be used** for assessments (e.g. midterm exams, tests, reports, presentations, or essays) worth more than 30% of any given course.
- h.** students must be in touch with their instructors **no later than 24 hours after the end of the period covered by the Self-Reported Absence form**, to clarify how they will be expected to fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence.

Important Dates and Directory at Huron and Western

For a current and up-to-date list of important dates and campus directories, please visit:

- **Huron – Important Dates:** <https://huronuc.ca/important-dates-and-deadlines>
- **Western – Academic Calendar & Sessional Dates:**
<http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm>
- **Huron Directory – Faculty, Staff and Administration:**
<https://huronuc.ca/index.php/contact/contact-directory>
- **Western Directory – Faculty, Staff and Administration:**
<https://www.uwo.ca/directory.html>