



PRESS RELEASE

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Fall 2020, SUS U-PASS Distribution (Starts September 1st)

Dear UFV Students.

The outbreak of COVID-19 and its implications in our lives continue to transform the way we interact with each other and our university.

We want to share with you some interim changes that have been coordinated for the upcoming Fall semester regarding **The U-PASS program**; As one of the main SUS programs, The U-PASS provides assistance to all UFV students that depend on public transit to come to school, visit their doctor, groceries, work, or other tasks.

The Fall 2020 SUS U-Pass distribution period will start on September 1st, 2020 at 10:00am

Interim Opt-In Program

As UFV has temporarily transitioned to an online-classes only format, The SUS has established an agreement with B.C. Transit to make the U-Pass fee an **opt-in fee** for those not required to attend classes on campus. This means that everyone with no on-campus components would be exempted from the U-PASS program for the Fall 2020 semester. However, if they would like to access the program they will have to request an Opt-in (see process below).

Students who are registered in a course that has an on-campus component will be assessed the mandatory UPASS fee. They may not Opt-out, unless they have a disability which prevents them to use public transit, or hold a BC Bus Pass. If you are a UFV student taking classes on campus and match this opt-out criteria, please contact info@ufvsus.ca

How to get your Fall 2020 SUS U-Pass?

If you would like to obtain your U-Pass:

Starting August 30th, 2020, if you are currently a registered UFV student (taking classes in Fall 2020), and you require a Fall 2020 U-Pass, please:

1.- Visit the [UFV Registrar's Office website: ufv.ca/registration](http://ufv.ca/registration) to request your U-Pass Opt-in. Please note that It will take up to 24 hours for your request to be processed.

2.- 24 hours after you submit your request, come to the Student Union Building West entrance (Next to the Campus Card office) to pick up your Fall 2020 SUS U-Pass.

The U-PASS Distribution hours for the Fall 2020 semester are: Tuesday to Thursday 9am to 4pm

**Signage and maps will be available online and on Campus*

If you lost your student card or your card is expired, please visit the [UFV Campus Card Office website](http://ufv.ca/campus-card-office) for dates and times on which you can get a new card.

U-PASS Fee Fall 2020 Adjustment

For the Fall 2020 semester, the U-Pass fee will adjust to be **\$41.40**. The fee reflects the 2019 referendum reduction of \$5.37, the 2020 CPI increase and past annual CPI increases that had not been applied as per the U-PASS agreement signed by the City of Abbotsford, City of Chilliwack, District of Mission, BC Transit, the University of the Fraser Valley, and the UFV Student Union Society.





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The Student Union Building.

As we begin to reopen our facilities to the public, our top priority continues to be the health and safety of our members and our staff. **The Student Union Building will gradually open in the next couple of weeks.** Starting with the U-Pass distribution on **September 1st, 2020** and ultimately having the building open for our members to access it.

With the help of UFV Safety and Security, we will continue taking steps to ensure everyone's health and safety, and planning responsibly before making any decisions to open spaces.

Be kind, be calm, and be safe!

There are new health measures in place to allow for social distancing and sanitization. We need everyone's cooperation at this time to ensure we are all safe. Please be sure to follow these guidelines when you come to meet us at the SUB to obtain your U-Pass.

- **Stay home if you have flu-like symptoms** such as: Fever, cough, shortness of breath, sneezing, congestion, hoarse voice, sore throat or difficulty swallowing, any new onset atypical symptoms including but not limited to chills, muscle aches, diarrhea, malaise, or headache. You will not be allowed to pick-up the U-Pass if you have any of these symptoms.
- **No groups are allowed**, you will have to pick your U-Pass by yourself and stand in the line 2 meters apart from others.
- Remain a minimum of **2 meters apart at all times.**
- We recommend that you **wear a visor or a mask.**
- There will be no access to any other areas of the **SUB** during this time.
- **Follow any instruction** provided by the SUS and UFV teams.

For more information about the Fall 2020 SUS U-Pass distribution procedure, please contact: info@ufvsus.ca

If you have any comments, concerns or ideas, please don't hesitate to connect with me at president@ufvsus.ca

Thanks for your support,

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