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# Global Climate Strike: ECU Cancels Afternoon Classes on September 27



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## A message from President Gillian Siddall

Dear ECU Community,

The climate crisis is a defining issue of our time. We know that many of you care deeply about this global priority and have taken action in your daily lives. Some of you have created work that engages with pressing environmental concerns, or have produced research that tackles questions about the future of our planet.

The [Global Climate Strike](#) is a worldwide, student-led initiative in support of climate justice. Vancouver students have organized a rally and march on Friday, September 27 at 1:00 pm, beginning at Vancouver City Hall.

We acknowledge the importance of this event and understand that many of you wish to participate. To facilitate this, the university is cancelling all classes on campus after 12pm on Friday, September 27.

The campus will remain open, although access to services and facilities may be limited. Extra-curricular events, including the Radical Research Summit, will continue as planned.

Faculty leading off-campus curriculum may cancel activities at their discretion. We ask that they inform students of their decision and accommodate those who attend the strike. The university is also committed to the integrity of the pedagogical environment. We suggest that faculty work with students to ensure the curriculum is not disadvantaged.

Staff who wish to participate in the Global Climate Strike are welcome to do so. We request that they inform their supervisor in advance, in which case they will not be considered absent. Those not participating are expected to perform their usual duties.

This decision was made after consulting with the Faculty Association, CUPE Local 15 and the Emily Carr Students' Union. If you have any questions or concerns about the cancellation of classes, please contact Trish Kelly, VP Academic and Provost, at [trishkelly@ecuad.ca](mailto:trishkelly@ecuad.ca).

We would like to thank you, the university community, for your support and cooperation. We're inspired by and grateful for your collective efforts to end the climate crisis.

Sincerely,

Gillian Siddall

President + Vice-Chancellor

**ECU Student Meetup Location**

