

University of Victoria Mini Viewbook



It's showtime.



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of Victoria



UVic is your world—come explore it.

“The people at UVic are fantastic and there is so much to do—like sailing! Just look around. This is an amazing place to be!”

*—Rahul
(Satna, India)*

Rahul (left) and James (right) enjoy an afternoon on the open water with UVic's sailing club.

What you'll find inside:

For you, UVic is uncharted territory—your first class, your new friends and your chance to be inspired are still ahead. But a journey of a thousand miles, they say, begins with one step—so why not take it! Flip through this booklet to get a taste of UVic...it's your world to explore.

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We acknowledge with respect the Coast Salish and Straits Salish peoples on whose traditional lands our university resides.



Come to UVic for:

*"The amazing teachers—I respect my
profs because they love what they do."*

— *Sophie*
(Victoria, British Columbia, Canada)

*"Our West Coast setting—our campus
is gorgeous: tall trees, green space
everywhere and the beach is just
down the road!"*

— *Kyle*
(Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada)

*"The real life learning opportunities—
I can prepare for life after graduation with
help from UVic's Co-op Program."*

— *Mike*
(Victoria, British Columbia, Canada)

*"Support when you need it—this place
is home to me. I feel welcomed and supported
in everything I do."*

— *Laticia*
(Cloverdale, British Columbia, Canada)

Why is UVic the place for you?

There's so much to think about when choosing a university, but if there's anyone who knows what it's like to be in your place, it's us—we're current UVic students and this is our world.

Some fast facts about UVic

Total enrolment	more than 19,500
Undergraduate enrolment	more than 17,000
Number of faculty	more than 790
Student to faculty ratio	25:1
Percentage of male and female students	40% and 60%
First-year class size	53 (average)

*Mike, Amy-Marie, Laticia, Kyle, Sophie and Elysha
have some fun in the UVic quad.*

Come visit our West Coast campus!

We're proud of the place we call home and we can't wait to show you around.

Our lively, active campus is best experienced in person, so join us on Vancouver Island's southern tip and we'll give you the grand tour. Our student tour guides will give you an inside look at the UVic lifestyle, pointing out our favourite places to study, to connect with friends, to order fresh sushi or to grab a coffee.

Health-conscious food outlets, a web of biking and jogging trails, botanical gardens, a student theatre, a newspaper and a radio station are just a sampling of the campus culture you'll discover. Our campus, just like our city, is known for being walkable, so we'll show you just how easy it is to get around. Get to know our park-like campus pathways, see a first-year lecture hall and peek into an authentic student room in one of the student residences.

You'll have a great time exploring what's waiting here for you. Take the next step and check out the campus to see if UVic is a fit for you.

*Call **250-721-8949** or email tours@uvic.ca to book your tour today.*



A photograph of four students walking across a crosswalk on a sunny day. The students are dressed in casual attire, including a black jacket with a backpack, a tan jacket, a striped shirt, and a brown jacket with a cap. The background shows a paved road with yellow lane markings, green grass, trees, and a clear blue sky. A white speech bubble is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing a testimonial.

"The campus here is the perfect size and has a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Whether I'm longboarding around campus or having coffee by Petch Fountain, I'm always running into friends. There's a real feeling of community here."

*- Ross (in the red shoes)
(Beaverlodge, Alberta, Canada)*

Your city. Your lifestyle.

Students take a walk through UVic's Mystic Vale forest.



Aaron, an engineering co-op student, takes a kayak out for a spin during his lunch hour.

Carly outside a downtown hotspot.



"On any given night I can go downtown to find live bands, open mikes, fantastic DJs or crowded dance floors. Summertime is also great because it brings different live music festivals to town, and there are some great outdoor concerts."

— Carly
(Anchorage, Alaska, USA)

We love this city and you will too—it's small enough to explore by bus or foot, yet packed with enough cultural and recreational activities to keep you busy all year round.

There is a wide range of shops, boutiques, sports facilities, cafés and nightclubs, plus Victoria has more restaurants per capita than any other Canadian city! With world-class cuisine around every corner, macaroni and cheese isn't all you'll enjoy as a UVic student.

Victoria's Inner Harbour at night, with the British Columbia Legislature in lights.

The trendy downtown core is only a 20-minute bus ride from campus and is famous for the gorgeous Inner Harbour where sailboats and cruise ships dock from all over the Pacific.

Victoria also has a variety of activities for the adventure seeker—we've got mountains, forests, oceans and lakes nearby. Skiing, golfing, biking, hiking, kayaking, surfing, kitesurfing, whale watching and scuba diving are just a few of the activities you can enjoy after hitting the books.

When we're not studying, here are some of our favourite things to do:

- Weekend getaways: take a ferry boat trip to Vancouver or Seattle, surf at Long Beach, snowboard at Mt. Washington or camp in an old growth forest
- Watch the kite surfers at one of our local beaches
- Hike one of our nearby marine trails or enjoy the views atop a nearby mountain like Mount Tolmie, which is a two-minute walk from campus
- Spend a day shopping downtown and enjoy Victoria's restaurants, which offer everything from sushi to Indian cuisine to Spanish tapas





Astronomy professor and Canada Research Chair Sara Ellison connects with students during a class.

Your academic adventure starts here.

At UVic, we strive to make a difference in our community and the world at large. We're fortunate to live on the edge of the Pacific Ocean, so it's no surprise that our West Coast environment shapes the way we think. Our faculty members are focused on relevant topics like climate change and sustainable living and as students we take an active role in shaping the future of our world.

It doesn't get much better than life at UVic. Our class sizes are comparable to those at a small university, and our teaching faculty are recognized for their world-class ideas and are truly excited about the subjects they teach. Plus, with

classes offered all year round, we can make our own flexible schedules. There's nothing better!

As students, we contribute to cutting-edge research and take on classroom projects that are both tangible and make a difference in our community. We love the world we live in and we want to make it better.

For more information about our faculties and programs, visit www.uvic.ca/academic.

"The teachers at UVic have proven to be great mentors in and out of the classroom setting. Small classes allow you to get to know your fellow students and build connections for the future."

– *Jamie*
(Whistler, British Columbia, Canada)

Real experience—before you graduate.

“Volunteering at UVic’s student radio station has been such a positive experience! It’s a great way to become involved in university life and is one of the most amazing creative outlets on campus. I’ve been a DJ for over three years now and I’ve loved every minute of it.”

— *Ming*
(Edmonton, Alberta, Canada)



Ming shows off her DJ skills at CFUV, UVic’s campus radio station.

We know there’s more to university than classroom studies. At UVic, it’s all about real life experience.

Take co-op students Sophie and Ayden—last year, Sophie used her kinesiology studies to help an organization provide health care and social assistance in Nigeria, while Ayden put his engineering skills to good use when he traveled to Sweden to work on a high performance car.

Close to one third of full-time undergraduate students participate in our co-op program, gaining





Sophie makes some new friends during her work term in Nigeria.

relevant work experience (and a salary!) in their field before graduation. You can check out films about UVic Co-op students' experiences and tons more information about the program at www.uvic.ca/coop (click on 'Student Information' and 'Co-op on Film').

Beyond our co-op program, we also have internship programs, work study possibilities, field schools, volunteer opportunities and many other great ways to test drive your skills before venturing into the real world. At UVic, what you learn in the classroom is just the beginning.

Ayden on his work term at Koenigsegg Automotive in Sweden.

"I had such a great experience and I learned so much. Everyone should take advantage of UVic Co-op to gain perspective in their field of study."

– *Ayden*
(Victoria, British Columbia, Canada)



Residence is the place to be.



Anna (middle), Sandra and Graeme share a laugh in Anna's residence room.

UVic is so much more than a place to study. It's also your home away from home. More than 2,100 students from around the world live in UVic residence each year—it's the place to be!

Living in residence makes life easy. You'll meet tons of other students, plus you're steps away from class and your meals are part of the package. You'll also get a built-in support system; a residence adviser will be on hand to offer guidance if you need it and you can take part in endless social, academic and recreational programs.

Always wanted a roommate? Now's your chance. You can choose to share a double room, or you can live the single life in your very own room. You can even opt to live on a theme floor. The best part is that all first-year students who come to UVic directly from high school and who submit their housing application and deposit before the deadline are guaranteed a spot in residence.

Visit the Housing Office website at www.uvic.ca/housing for more information about our community.

“One of the most important aspects of my life is the time I get to spend with my friends and for anyone like me, residence is perfect. Because you are living on campus, everyone and everything is close by; the convenience factor definitely makes everyday life a lot more simple.”

– Anna
(Calgary, Alberta, Canada)



An athlete's paradise is at your door.

If you're an athlete, consider Vancouver Island the perfect training ground. Kayaking, golf, rowing, running, rock climbing, sailing, scuba—we've got it all! With mild weather all year, the sky's the limit for outdoor fitness (literally)!

Varsity

Got a competitive edge? Try out for one of our varsity teams. UVic has a remarkable varsity record; UVic athletic teams have won 45 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) championships and 18 other Canadian university championships in:

- Basketball
- Cross country and track
- Field hockey
- Golf
- Rowing
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Swimming



The men's varsity rowing team enjoys a practice on a lake near the university.

Recreation

Always looking for a fun new workout? At UVic, you can try almost any type of fitness class, from belly dancing to kickboxing to tai chi. Or, if going to the gym is more your thing, then check out our 18,200 square-foot fitness centre, with every piece of equipment you can imagine. Plus, we've got tennis, squash and racketball courts, an ice rink and two swimming pools to keep things interesting.

Did you know...

- UVic houses the headquarters of the Canadian National Coaching Institute, which is the training facility of choice for Canada's future coaches
- UVic also works closely with Pacific Sport, an organization dedicated to the development of Canada's world-class athletes training in Victoria

"Whether you use your bike to commute to school or are training as a serious athlete, you'll appreciate Victoria's athlete-friendly approach. There are beautiful bike trails and bike lanes throughout the city. I bike to school and use one of UVic's bike lockers to store my gear."

– Erica
(Voorhees, New Jersey, USA)

Erica on her commute to UVic.



Undergraduate majors offered by faculty

(This is a list of major degree programs only. Visit www.uvic.ca/calendar for information about minors, specializations, options, interdisciplinary programs and more)

Faculty of Business

www.uvic.ca/business

Commerce**
(Concentrations in Entrepreneurship, Hospitality and Services Management, International Business, and Management)

Faculty of Education

www.uvic.ca/educ

Elementary Curriculum
Secondary Curriculum
Kinesiology*
Recreation and Health Education**

Faculty of Engineering

www.uvic.ca/engr

Computer Engineering**
Computer Science*
Electrical Engineering**
Mechanical Engineering**
Software Engineering**

Faculty of Fine Arts

<http://finearts.uvic.ca>

History in Art*
Music*
Theatre*
Visual Arts*
Writing*

Faculty of Human and Social Development

www.uvic.ca/hsd

Child and Youth Care
Health Information Science**
Nursing
Social Work

Faculty of Humanities

<http://web.uvic.ca/humanities>

Applied Linguistics*
English*
French*
Germanic Studies*
Greek and Latin language and Literature*

Greek and Roman Studies*
Hispanic Studies*
History*
Italian Studies*
Language and Literature*
Latin American Studies*
Linguistics*
Mathematics*
Medieval Studies*
Mediterranean Studies*
Pacific Studies*
Philosophy*
Russian Studies*
Statistics*
Women's Studies*

Faculty of Law*

www.uvic.ca/law

Law

(Term programs in Business Law, Criminal Law, Environmental Law; Focus on Aboriginal Law, Asia Pacific Law, Dispute Resolution or Intellectual Property)

Faculty of Science

www.uvic.ca/science

Astronomy*

Biochemistry*

Biology*

Chemistry*

Earth Sciences*

Mathematics*

Microbiology*

Physics*

Statistics*

Faculty of Social Sciences

www.uvic.ca/socialsciences

Anthropology*

Economics*

Environmental Studies*

Geography*

Political Science*

Psychology*

Sociology*

Division of Medical Sciences

www.uvic.ca/imp

Division of Continuing Studies

www.uvic.ca/uvcs

*Indicates co-op available

**Indicates mandatory co-op

Some programs are not normally available for direct entry from secondary school. See the *Undergraduate Calendar* for details about direct entry at www.uvic.ca/calendar.

Check out www.uvic.ca/adms for detailed undergraduate admission information.

You don't have to wait to be a UVic student to take advantage of our campus community:

- Check us out online at www.uvic.ca for up-to-date information on events, announcements and opportunities
 - Watch film clips of UVic Co-op students putting their skills to use in real world work environments at www.uvic.ca/coop
 - See how UVic students view their campus by visiting UVic's Flickr group photo pool at www.flickr.com/groups/uvic
 - Book a campus tour and visit our campus: email tours@uvic.ca
 - Download our other publications at www.uvic.ca/readmore
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