University of Victoria
US Student Brochure
2008-2009

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Faculty information
- Business: www.business.uvic.ca
- Education: www.educ.uvic.ca
- Engineering: www.engr.uvic.ca
- Fine Arts: www.finearts.uvic.ca
- Human and Social Development: www.hsd.uvic.ca
- Humanities: http://web.uvic.ca/humanities
- Science: www.uvic.ca/science
- Social Sciences: www.socialsciences.uvic.ca
- Law: www.law.uvic.ca
About UVic

Widely recognized as one of Canada’s top comprehensive universities, the University of Victoria (UVic) integrates rigorous scholarship, engaged learning and real-life involvement. More than 19,000 students from Canada and around the world attend UVic and benefit from a campus community that offers outstanding social, cultural and athletic opportunities.

UVic’s history dates back to 1903 when it opened as Victoria College (an affiliate of McGill University). The University of Victoria received degree-granting status in 1963.

UVic is located on Vancouver Island in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. The campus is within walking distance of the Pacific Ocean and a 15-minute drive from downtown Victoria.

About Victoria and Vancouver Island

Vancouver Island is found off Canada’s West Coast, an hour and a half ferry ride from the metropolitan cities of Vancouver, British Columbia and Seattle, Washington. The island is known for its natural beauty and mild climate, and provides endless cultural and outdoor possibilities.

Victoria is BC’s capital city and is world-renowned as a vacation destination. This city of 345,000 boasts a comprehensive public transit system, a safe and friendly atmosphere, and easy access to amazing shops and dining. It’s easy for international students feel at home in Victoria and on the island!
Financial assistance

International students may receive financial assistance in the form of scholarships (based on academic performance) or bursaries (based on financial need). As funding is competitive and limited, students are encouraged to research possible scholarships, grants and loans offered by their own government. The University of Victoria is a recognized institution for US Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Our FAFSA code is G08370. For more information visit www.fafsa.ed.gov.

All students with academic excellence will automatically be considered for scholarships at the time of admission. Scholarships start at $5,000 CDN and can be renewed annually. Once students have completed one full session (eight months), they may be eligible for in-course scholarships—up to $25,000 CDN—and are awarded to students with top marks. Bursaries for international students enrolled in undergraduate programs will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Please be aware that international students must demonstrate that they have sufficient resources to meet their financial needs in order to qualify for a student visa.

Annual expenses (approximate, in US $)

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Cost</th>
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<tr>
<td>Full-time tuition</td>
<td>12,642</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fees, books, materials</td>
<td>up to $1,815</td>
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<tr>
<td>Health insurance</td>
<td>$186</td>
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<tr>
<td>On-campus accommodation</td>
<td>$4,563 - $5,150</td>
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<td>Off-campus accommodation</td>
<td>$4,750</td>
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<td>Total approximate cost</td>
<td>$19,109 - $19,793</td>
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These fees are based on eight months at UVic and do not include additional funds for travel, recreation, clothing and pocket money. Most figures are based on the 2007-08 rates and are subject to change. All fees are assessed and are payable in Canadian dollars.

Program and admission information

General secondary school admission requirements

The minimum requirement for admission consideration is the completion of the US High School Diploma (Grade 12) from an accredited school. The reported Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) required is 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. SAT scores and other tests may also be considered. Applicants must meet the following subject requirements (Carnegie units or years):

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<th>Subject</th>
<th>Faculty of Humanities/ Social Sciences</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Health Information Science</td>
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<td>English</td>
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<td>Math</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Science</td>
<td>2*</td>
<td>2*</td>
<td>3 (Physics – 1; Chemistry – 1)</td>
<td>2**</td>
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<td>Social Sciences</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3 (or 2 + 1 FA option)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2**</td>
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<tr>
<td>Language</td>
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<td>2**</td>
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<td>Academic Elective</td>
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<td>NA</td>
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<td>6**</td>
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<td>14</td>
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*Must include one lab science

**Maximum of six academic electives beyond English and Math. Recommend that electives include 2.0 units from each of Science, Social Sciences and Language.

***In addition to academic requirements, applicants to the School of Music and the Department of Visual Arts are assessed through an audition, portfolio or questionnaire.

Early admission

US secondary students may apply for early conditional admission to UVic before graduating from high school. To apply, students must complete the general online application process at http://registrar.uvic.ca and submit transcripts showing final marks for Grades 9 through 11 and interim marks for Grade 12. The university will consider conditional admission for students who demonstrate exceptional academic standing in Grades 9 through 11 with a cumulative GPA of 3.6/4.0. All students offered early admission will be required to maintain a 3.0/4.0 final average and complete the graduation requirements for their state in order to keep the offer of admission. Students must be in their final year of secondary school to apply and should consult individual program admission requirements and deadlines online before completing an application. Admission to most programs is based on academic performance.

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate

Applicants who have scored a 4 or better on their AP exams or on higher-level IB courses are eligible for university-level credit. AP and IB results must be submitted directly from the examining board.

Transfer from a university or college

Students must submit official transcripts of attendance in an accepted program at a recognized college or university. Eligible transfer credit is determined at the time of admission. Students must meet the current course and grade average required for entry.
**Fast facts**

- Total enrolment: 19,475
- Undergraduate enrolment: 16,961
- International enrolment: 1,714 (235 US students)
- Number of faculty: 790
- Student/faculty ratio: 25:1
- Male/female students: 40/60 percent
- Average class size: 34
- Internationally-recognized
- Home to the third largest co-operative education program in Canada
- Guaranteed on-campus residence accommodation for students entering UVic directly from secondary school
- UVic grants over 3.8 million in entrance and continuing scholarships each year
- Varsity team has won 45 Canadian Interuniversity sports championships

**Useful websites**

- Academic advising
  http://web.uvic.ca/advising
- Admissions
  http://registrar.uvic.ca
- Athletics and Recreation
  http://athrec.uvic.ca
- Calendar (course listings)
  http://web.uvic.ca/calendar
- Frequently asked questions
  http://iess.uvic.ca/internationalstudents/index.html
- Housing (on and off campus)
  www.uvic.ca/housing
- Prospective student information
  www.uvic.ca/prospect
- Scholarships and financial aid
  www.uvic.ca/safa
- Citizenship and Immigration Canada
  www.cic.gc.ca
- City of Victoria
  www.tourismvictoria.com

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**Claire Brummet**

**Hometown:** Seattle, Washington  
**Program:** Philosophy major with a minor in film studies

“Living in Victoria has exceeded all my expectations. It’s clean and the perfect size for a student who takes the bus all the time. The city is surrounded by beaches. In fact, the UVic campus is about five blocks away from one of my favourites—Cadboro Bay, where you can see the Olympic Mountain range on a clear day. It’s stunning.”

**Brian Albaum**

**Hometown:** Los Angeles, California  
**Program:** Biology major

“When people ask me why I like UVic I tell them it’s the people, it’s the profs, the students and the support staff. Everyone here is a cohesive web of support—they want to see you do well and to excel at whatever you choose to do. The international student office is very supportive; they email me about international student luncheons and workshops. UVic is a great place to be an international student.”