Welcome to the University of Victoria. Here you'll enjoy the advantages of a vibrant, Pacific Rim community, rich with international and Indigenous perspectives. You’ll also have opportunities to make a vital impact through research and outreach, and to participate in dynamic, hands-on learning. This combination of experience and opportunity is what we call the UVic Edge, and it’s a combination you won’t find anywhere else.

- UVic students have a 94% employment rate two years after graduation.
- 1 in 3 undergraduates participate in co-op.
- Over 3,000 international students from over 100 countries.
- Global research hub.
- Seven Rhodes Scholars in the last 15 years.
- A UVic degree is recognized worldwide.

About Victoria
With its idyllic backdrop of ocean and mountains, old world charm and relaxed West Coast character, it’s no wonder Victoria is a destination for so many students. Here you’ll find a diverse job market, a high employment rate, and a rich cultural scene that’s uniquely Victoria.

- Greater Victoria population—more than 360,000.
- Ranked one of the best cities to live in Canada.
- Voted Canada’s smartest, fittest and most walkable city.
- Cycling capital of Canada.
- Victoria has the mildest climate in Canada.
- We’re the second sunniest city in British Columbia with an average high summer temperature of 22°C and an average high winter temperature of 6.9°C.
**EXPERIENCE UVIC’S EXTRAORDINARY ENVIRONMENT IN 18 Stops**

1. **UNIVERSITY CENTRE**
   - Get caffeinated at Mystic Market, pay your tuition, apply for student awards and financial aid, attend concerts at the Farquhar Auditorium and pick up your UVic ONECard. You’ll also find Counselling Services, International Student Services, Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions, Graduate Studies, Academic Advising and the Welcome Centre to help you feel at home.

2. **CENTRE FOR ATHLETICS, RECREATION AND SPECIAL ABILITIES (CARSA)**
   - In a campus that loves to play, CARSA is a landmark. Whether your favourite workout activity is basketball, yoga or rowing, we have you covered. Don’t miss our tasty smoothie bar and 16 m climbing wall—the tallest climbing wall at any Canadian university!

3. **CAMPUS SERVICES**
   - Buy your textbooks at the UVic Bookstore, fuel up at Finnerty Express Café, and find spiritual care at the Multi-Faith Centre. Visit Co-operative Education and Career Services to learn about UVic’s extensive co-op program—one of Canada’s best—and how you can test-drive your career while getting paid work experience in your field of study. You’ll also find the Resource Centre for Students with a Disability.

4. **STUDENT UNION BUILDING (SUB)**
   - Join one of UVic’s 200+ clubs and advocacy groups or get involved with our campus newspaper or radio station. You can also visit the dentist, chiropractor, pharmacy, hair stylist, movie theatre and other services here. Don’t forget to check out Felicitas’ Pub (ages 19+!) for Battle of the Bands, Quiz Night and Open Mic!

5. **RESIDENCES**
   - Living in residence is an exciting part of the university adventure and a great way to integrate within UVic’s welcoming community from day one. UVic offers residence to undergrads, graduate students and families, and living learning communities to students with special academic and personal interests.

6. **BOB WRIGHT CENTRE (SCIENCES)**
   - Home to the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences and the Canadian Centre for Climate Modelling and Analysis, the Bob Wright Centre houses one of the world’s highest resolution microscopes and the largest on-campus telescope in Canada. Join the community for free stargazing most Wednesdays.

7. **ENGINEERING**
   - If your field is engineering or computer science, here’s where you’ll study. The engineering complex includes the Engineering Office Wing, the Engineering Lab Wing, and the Engineering/Computer Science building. If you’re interested in video games, artificial intelligence, robotics, infrastructure design, or biomedical instrumentation, these will be the buildings for you!

8. **PETCH BUILDING AND CUNNINGHAM BUILDING (SCIENCES)**
   - The Petch Building is home to the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology, the Interdisciplinary Centre for Biomedical Research, and the Centre for Earth and Ocean Research. The Biology Department occupies the Cunningham building along with the interdisciplinary Centre for Forest Biology and a 32,000-plant herbarium.

9. **WILLIAM C. MEARNS CENTRE FOR LEARNING (MACPHERSON LIBRARY)**
   - The Mearns Centre for Learning offers more than its two million books; it’s an engaging space, with extensive special collections and countless resources and services such as the research desk that will help you thrive throughout your academic career.

10. **CLEARHUE BUILDING, PETCH FOUNTAIN AND QUAD**
    - If you study Humanities, you’ll be spending lots of time here in the Clearhue Building. This highly regarded faculty, which offers studies in many cultures, languages, literature and history, will set you on a path to becoming an engaged citizen of our complex world. Have some spare time? Relax around Petch Fountain or on the greenspace known as the Quad.

11. **FIRST PEOPLES HOUSE**
    - We acknowledge with respect the history, customs and culture of the Coast Salish and Straits Salish people on whose traditional lands our university resides. This home-away-from-home for Indigenous students includes spaces for ceremony, teaching, study and cultural activities. The House also provides academic and support services to Indigenous students.

12. **BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS BUILDINGS**
    - This is where you’ll find the Department of Economics and the Peter B. Gustavson School of Business, widely recognized for their strength in research and teaching. Both programs offer hands-on experience through co-op placements. As a co-op grad, you’re more likely to land a job sooner, be promoted faster and earn a higher salary than non-co-op grads.

13. **DAVID TURPIN BUILDING**
    - In the David Turpin Building—one of the most environmentally sustainable building on campus—you’ll attend lectures and seminars in our Faculty of Social Sciences. Help make a difference by understanding how society operates in this ever-changing world. The Department of Mathematics and Statistics is also housed here.

14. **FRASER BUILDING (LAW)**
    - The Fraser Building is home to UVic’s highly regarded Law School. If you’re interested in law with a focus on academic excellence and social justice, especially in constitutional, Indigenous, criminal, economic regulation, Asian or environmental law, within a collaborative and collegial environment, then this is the school for you.

15. **FINE ARTS BUILDING, PHOENIX THEATRE, VISUAL ARTS BUILDING**
    - A UVic Fine Arts degree can take you places. Our graduates have careers as artists, writers, musicians, actors, museum educators, archivists, teachers, scholars, entrepreneurs and more. In every field, students work closely with instructors—many of whom are award-winning professionals—to bring their creative passions to life.

16. **HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT BUILDING**
    - Here you’ll find tomorrow’s social and health-care workers, and other helping professionals. This building is home to the schools of Child and Youth Care, Health Information Science, Nursing, Public Administration, Public Health and Social Policy, Social Work, and the Indigenous Governance program.

17. **MACLAURIN BUILDING AND MUSIC WING**
    - The University of Victoria has one of Canada’s most beautiful campuses; think of it as one big, gorgeous outdoor classroom. Within UVic’s boundaries, Finncity Gardens is a great place to relax within a beautiful natural environment, but it’s not the only outdoor space to visit on campus.

18. **FINNERTY GARDENS**
    - Here, the Faculty of Education offers many degree programs so whether you see yourself teaching in a classroom, coaching on the playing field or designing educational software, UVic Education is for you. The School of Music is also in this building, where you can enjoy free, lunchtime concerts in the Philip T. Young Recital Hall!
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