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Indigenous Students

See what
your mind
can do

“UVic is like a big smorgasbord—your quest for knowledge is your appetite. You arrive hungry, with nothing but an empty plate and a huge buffet of classes, activities, sports and Indigenous events to choose from. The best thing is, you can put as much, or as little, on your plate depending on the size of your appetite. I have always filled my plate right up!”

Ricky Watts
Psychology (BSc)
Nuu-chah-nulth, Hupacasath First Nation
Port Alberni, BC

Ricky Watts graduated from his high school unsure if university was where he really wanted to be. He had recently lost his father to cancer, saw his grades plummet at school and was torn between university and a career as a professional video game player. “I thought of my older brother, who was a UVic law student at the time, and his success and happiness. It helped me to see that choosing university was by far the better choice for me.”

The 21-year-old says coming to UVic from a small community was a perfect fit. “I wanted to be away from home, but not too far. I found the transition really smooth,” he explains. “UVic is a little smaller than some of the larger schools, more friendly and certainly welcoming for Indigenous students. The amount of support at UVic is really incredible. I feel so much at home here.”

In his two short years at UVic he’s been a mentor in the Campus Cousins program, a residence community leader, volunteered for LE, NONET events and now is a campus tour guide. “I’m so passionate about our great community,” he proudly boasts, “I want to share it with everyone.”

Would he recommend UVic to others? “Oh yes, most definitely,” he says. “Everything you’ll need is here, and more. The faculty and staff love students and they really want you to succeed. You’ll be amazed at how much you’ll learn, about subjects, the world and most importantly, about yourself.”

WELCOME

Welcome to the University of Victoria, home to one of Canada’s most vibrant communities of Indigenous (First Nations status and non-status, Métis and Inuit) students, faculty, staff and visitors. Situated on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen-speaking peoples, our campus is a safe and welcoming home-away-from-home for close to one thousand First Nations, Métis and Inuit students.

UVic is an inclusive learning environment where students thrive both in and out of the classroom. We’re committed to community, Indigenous ways of learning and teaching and, most important of all, your success. With a dedicated community of Elders, professors and staff, we understand

the challenges of university life and work together to provide a wide range of academic, cultural and financial supports in a caring, respectful atmosphere.

No matter your age, educational background or family responsibilities, we’re here to support you in your university adventure—every step of the way.

We acknowledge with respect the history, customs and culture of the Coast Salish and Straits Salish people on whose traditional lands our university resides.



INDIGENOUS SUPPORT

At UVic, we understand the importance of community and are proud to provide Indigenous students with a welcoming campus environment for academic and non-academic support services, social activities and Indigenous programming. Stop by the First Peoples House—a central hub for the Indigenous community on campus.

IN-HOUSE SUPPORT

Office of Indigenous Affairs
Contact (250) 472-4913 | inafadm@uvic.ca
Office First Peoples House, Room 140
Web uvic.ca/inaf

Elders' Voices
Contact (250) 472-4106 | inafev@uvic.ca

First Peoples House
Contact fph@uvic.ca
Web uvic.ca/fphouse

STUDENT SUPPORT

Native Students Union
Contact nsu@uvicnsu.ca
Web uvicnsu.ca

Indigenous Counselling
Contact (250) 472-5119 | inafic@uvic.ca

LE,NONET
Contact lenonet@uvic.ca

Academic and Cultural Support Program (Law)
Contact (250) 472-4761 | achiever@uvic.ca
Web uvic.ca/lawssp

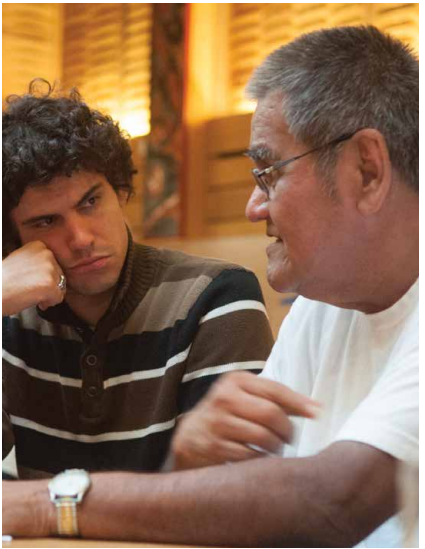
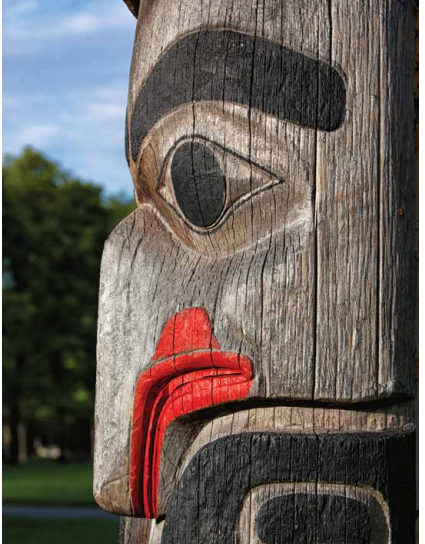
OUR PEOPLE

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Contact (250) 853-3599 | inafco@uvic.ca

Indigenous Adviser, Human and Social Development
Contact (250) 472-5431
Office HSD Building, Room A322

Indigenous Adviser, Education
Contact (250) 721-8389 | iedadv@uvic.ca
Office MacLaurin Building, Room A263



INDIGENOUS PROGRAMMING

UVic is committed to having Indigenous educators from diverse backgrounds. Some of our represented Nations include Coast Salish, Straits Salish, Nuu-chah-nulth, Lyackson, Lil'wat, Gitksan, Haisla, Tlingit, Kwak waka'wakw, Cherokee, Dakota, Cree, Ojibway, Mohawk, Odanak, Saulteau and Métis.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

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| Bachelor of Education in Indigenous Language Revitalization | uvic.ca/indundergrad |
| Indigenous specializations in the School of Social Work | uvic.ca/indundergrad |
| Minor in Indigenous Studies (Humanities and Social Sciences) | uvic.ca/indundergrad |
| Nursing | uvic.ca/indundergrad |
| Indigenous Law program | uvic.ca/indundergrad |
| Indigenous specialization in the School of Child & Youth Care | uvic.ca/indundergrad |

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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| Master of Arts in Counselling for Indigenous Communities | uvic.ca/education/psychology/programs/graduate |
| Master of Arts in Indigenous Governance | uvic.ca/maig |
| Master of Social Work – Indigenous Specialization | uvic.ca/mswi |
| Masters programs in Indigenous Language Revitalization | uvic.ca/education/prospective/indigenous |

CERTIFICATE AND DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

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| Certificate in Foundations in Indigenous Fine Arts | enowkincentre.ca/programs_fifa.html |
| Certificate in Aboriginal Language Revitalization | uvcs.uvic.ca/calr |
| Certificate in the Administration of Indigenous Governments | uvic.ca/caig |
| Diploma in Child and Youth Care in Indigenous Communities | uvic.ca/cycid |

In addition to the programs listed, many UVic courses have Indigenous content or focus. For course information, please refer to the UVic Calendar at uvic.ca/calendar.

APPLYING TO UVIC

We're committed to your success in education and offer a number of flexible entry pathways. Whether you're applying directly from high school, a college program or have been away from school for years, we encourage you to connect with us.

1 HOW TO APPLY

The University of Victoria welcomes applications from First Nations status and non-status, Métis and Inuit peoples of Canada.

All admission information can be found online at uvic.ca/apply. Some programs have a specific application process for Indigenous applicants (e.g. Faculties of Law and Education). For more information, contact the individual program advisers.

2 VOLUNTARY DECLARATION

The category of an "Indigenous person" is designed to be inclusive of all Indigenous peoples of Canada, including Métis, Inuit, First Nations status and non-status Indigenous people. When applying to UVic programs, if you indicate that you are an "Indigenous person", you'll receive information on Indigenous specific services, events and programming.

3 DEDICATED INDIGENOUS HOUSING

Fully furnished apartment and townhouse units are available for students who are at least twenty years old or have second-year standing. Each unit has four private bedrooms plus a shared living room, dining area, kitchen and washroom. The Office of Indigenous Affairs has partnered with Residence Services to provide dedicated Indigenous housing units—one cluster unit (4 single units) and one family unit (two bedroom plus den townhouse) are available each year.

Applications will be available in May 2015. For more information, contact (250) 472-4913.

4 ONCE YOU'VE APPLIED

Visit uvic.ca/applied to check the status of your application and for more information on housing, scholarships and course registration.



LEARN MORE

To start exploring how you can tailor your degree to your interests, check out uvic.ca/calendar and uvic.ca/interdisciplinary.

Connect to the UVic Indigenous community at uvic.ca/inaf.

CONNECT ONLINE

-  My First Year @ UVic
-  UVic INAF
-  @MyUVic
-  @UniversityOfVictoria
-  uvic.ca

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