STUDENT REGISTRATION TUTORIAL:
HOW TO READ THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR
UVic’s Academic Calendar

• The Uvic Academic Calendar is the official guide to all programs, services and regulations of the University
• It will help you determine which courses you want and need for your program and your life and career goals
• The current Calendar is always online at:

www.uvic.ca/calendar
Academic Calendar: uvic.ca/calendar

- Calendars from previous years
- PDF version
Academic Calendar: uvic.ca/calendar

Check your browser bar to determine which Academic year you’re in
Welcome to UVic!

The University of Victoria is a great place for learning. It’s not surprising that Maclean’s magazine consistently ranks UVic as one of the top comprehensive universities in Canada. With over 20,000 students, UVic combines the best features of both small and large universities.

If you are a new student, you probably have a lot of questions about student life at UVic. Here are some answers to get you started.

How Do I Apply for Admission?

The easiest way to apply is through our website at <www.uvic.ca/apply>. You can link to other information you’ll need, like program requirements, deadlines, course descriptions and all the other services at UVic. If you don’t have internet access, please contact Undergraduate Admissions.

Keep in mind that as well as completing an application form and paying application fees, you’ll have to provide your marks and/or official transcripts from secondary school and any post-secondary institutions you’ve attended. You’ll find more details about admission requirements starting on page 37.

How Do I Choose What to Study?

Your choice of courses will depend on your academic goal. Most programs at UVic lead to a degree, but there are also many diploma and certificate programs. You’ll find a list of these on page 36.
Academic Calendar: Important dates

- How you make sure you only pay for a course you’re planning to complete
- When to drop a course to avoid a fail
- When classes start each term
- Last day to add classes
- Last day to drop classes
Academic Calendar: Regulations, tuition and fees

- Regulations about attendance, repeating courses and more
- Grade scale
- Tuition and fee schedule
Academic Calendar: Programs and requirements

Undergraduate Programs

This section of the Calendar provides general information for under graduates about attending UVic and descriptions of the undergraduate programs offered by UVic’s faculties and schools.

- All faculties are listed here
- Choose the faculty that you're interested in and from the menu
Faculty of Science

The Sciences encompass the various disciplines concerned with the study of the terrestrial and cosmic world, applying the methods of enquiry and critical thinking. Ocean Sciences, engage in scientific preparation.

- Choose the department that you’re interested in
- Scroll down to find the requirements for Honours, Major, Minor or General programs
Academic Calendar: Finding course descriptions

Courses of Instruction

- Read the course description **before** registering for classes to ensure that the course is right for you and that you meet the prerequisites
- The **Courses** section describes all courses offered at UVic
- View courses by Subject Area or by Faculty
Courses by Subject Area

Choose a Subject Area to see courses offered by a particular department

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### Biology Courses (BIOL)

#### Undergraduate Courses

Courses offered by the Department of Biology, course code: MRNE (Marine Sciences and Natural Resources Engineering)

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Choose a course to see the course description
Academic Calendar: Course descriptions

**BIOL 184**
**Evolution and Biodiversity**

Units: 1.5 Hours: 3.3

An introductory course in the biological sciences. Evolution, Mendelian genetics, mitosis and the cell cycle, meiosis and and diversity of prokaryotes, protists, plants, fungi, invertebrates, and craniates.

Notes:
- Credit will be granted for only one of 184, 190B.
- 184 and 186 may be taken in any order.

Formerly: part of 190B

Prerequisites: One of Biology 11, Biology 12, BIOL150A, 1

Undergraduate course in Biology offered by the Department of Biology in the Faculty of Science.

Choose a Course to see:
- Course abbreviation
- Course name
- Hours of lecture per week
- Hours of lab or tutorial per week
- Number of units

Schedules:

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**Notes:**
- Credit will be granted for only one of 184, 190B.
- 184 and 186 may be taken in any order.

**Formerly:** part of 190B

**Prerequisites:** One of Biology 11, Biology 12, BIOL150A, 150B, 186, passing a placement exam.

Undergraduate course in Biology offered by the **Department of Biology** in the Faculty of Science.

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Choose a course to see:

- Links to Summer, Fall and Spring Timetable entries

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Academic Calendar: Search and header

The header links to
- Campus maps, buildings and directions
- A UVic people directory
- My page portal - where you’ll find your registration information, email record and more

- Use the search to find what you need to know