University of Victoria
Faculty of Engineering
International Student Resources
2018-2019
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#1) Centre for Academic Communication

Email: thecac@uvic.ca  
**Phone number:** 250-853-3675  
**Location:** McPherson Library, rooms 135 J in the Academic Help corridor of the Learning Commons in the Mearns Centre for Learning  
**Website:** [http://www.uvic.ca/learningandteaching/cac/](http://www.uvic.ca/learningandteaching/cac/)

**Services available:**
- Support for academic expectations, writing, reading and speaking
- Seminars, workshops and group practice sessions
- One-on-one appointments with tutors

#2) Chemistry Drop-In Centre

Email:  
**Phone number:**  
**Location:** Elliot Office Wing, 2nd floor lobby  
**Website:**

**Services available:**
- Quiet space to study Chemistry alone or in small groups
- Upper year or graduate Chemistry student there to help with problems
- Check course spaces for all related course information including drop-in schedule, location and contact.

#3) Computer Science Assistance Centre

Email:  
**Phone number:**  
**Location:** Engineering & Computer Science Building, Room 251  
**Website:** [https://connex.csc.uvic.ca/](https://connex.csc.uvic.ca/)

**Services available:**
- Help with Computer Science or Software Engineering courses

#4) Counselling Services

Email: counsell@uvic.ca  
**Phone number:** 250-721-8341  
**Location:** University Centre, Room B270  
**Website:** [http://www.uvic.ca/services/counselling/](http://www.uvic.ca/services/counselling/)

**Services available:**
- Free, confidential counselling
- Individual appointments
• Counselling groups
• Anxiety and stress, relationship difficulties, depression, health and wellness, loss and grief, family, self-esteem, loneliness, compulsive behavior, panic attacks, learning difficulties, drug or alcohol problems, suicidal thoughts, career direction, self-awareness and values, academic performance, procrastination, time management, transition and adjustment
• Anger, assertiveness, body image and food, international/cultural issues, personal growth, relationships, stress and anxiety

#5) Engineering and Computer Science/Math Co-op

Email: engrcoop@uvic.ca       Phone number: 250-472-5800
Location: Engineering & Computer Science Building, Room 204
Website: http://www.uvic.ca/coopandcareer/engrcoop

Services available:
• Applying to the co-op program
• Obtaining work visas
• Preparing your resume
• Applying for jobs
• Interview skills
• Job-site visits during your work terms

#6) Health Services

Email: heal@uvic.ca       Phone number: 250-721-8492
Location: Petersen Health Centre, Lower Parking Lot #5
Website: http://www.health.uvic.ca/

Services available:
• All the standard services of a family doctor / general practitioner
• Fully confidential
• Emergency first aid
• Allergy shots
• Vaccinations
• Birth control advice
• Sexually transmitted infection tests
• Minor surgery
• Specialist referrals
#7) International Commons

Email: issinfo@uvic.ca  Phone number: 250-721-6361  
Location: McPherson Library, Room 151A  
Website: [http://www.uvic.ca/international/students/home/international-commons](http://www.uvic.ca/international/students/home/international-commons)

Services available:
- A welcoming place within the Learning Commons to study and connect
- Programs and initiatives to support academic success

#8) International Student Association

Email:  
Phone number:  
Location:  
Website: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/432425033470357](https://www.facebook.com/groups/432425033470357)

Services available:
- Campus-wide student-run group
- Platform to meet people from all across the globe and celebrate cultural diversity
- International Representative program to connect new international students with current UVIC students from their homeland
- Campus tours in multiple languages
- Social events
- Facebook group: UVic International Student Association

#9) International Student Services (ISS)

Email: issinfo@uvic.ca  Phone number: 250-721-6361  
Location: University Centre, Room B272  
Website: [http://www.uvic.ca/international/students](http://www.uvic.ca/international/students)

Services available:
- International student advising for degree program students, exchange students and visiting students
- Answers to your questions about Canadian immigration documents, health insurance, housing, social insurance numbers, income tax, identification cards, banking and other non-academic issues
- Information sessions on topics related to your international student experience
- Referrals to helpful resources, both on and off campus
- UVic Global Community
- Student Exchange Program
- International Commons
#10) Leadership Through Diversity in Engineering

Email: ltd.UVic@gmail.com  
Phone number:  
Location:  
Website: [https://onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca/ltd/](https://onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca/ltd/)

Services available:
- Faculty of Engineering student-run group
- Mission to engage minority groups and promote equality and inclusivity throughout the Faculty of Engineering and within its industry
- Social and networking events
- Tri-mentorship program to connect first year students, senior students, and industry mentors
- Chances to get involved in leadership-building opportunities and develop your soft skills
- Facebook group: UVic Leadership Through Diversity in Engineering (LTD)

#11) LeAnne Golinsky, Engineering First Year Advising Officer

Email: engradav@uvic.ca  
Phone number: 250-721-6018  
Location: Engineering Office Wing, Room 206  
Website: [https://www.uvic.ca/engineering/](https://www.uvic.ca/engineering/)

Services available:
- Advice on choosing first year Engineering courses
- Adding and dropping first year Engineering courses
- Modifying your first year Engineering program (for example, to reduce the number of courses you’re taking each term)
- Other questions about the Engineering program

#12) Mathematics and Statistics Assistance Centre

Email: msacc@uvic.ca  
Phone number:  
Location: Various locations  

Services available:
- Quiet space to study Math and Stats alone or in small groups
- Upper year or graduate Math and Stats student there to help with problems
- Job opportunities
#13) Multifaith Services

**Email:** chaplain@uvic.ca  
**Phone number:** 250-721-8338  
**Location:** Multifaith Services Centre at the UVic Interfaith Chapel, Finnerty Gardens  
**Website:** [http://web.uvic.ca/multifaith/](http://web.uvic.ca/multifaith/)

**Services available:**
- Religious support and spiritual care
- Prayer and meditation groups
- Retreats and workshops
- Counselling
- Muslim prayer
- Catholic mass
- 11 chaplains from various traditions

#14) Office Hours

**Email:**  
**Phone number:**  
**Location:** Various  
**Website:**

**Services available:**
- All professors who teach courses offer office hours — see the information they provide on the first day of class for times and locations
- Time to meet one-on-one with your professor for help and guidance
- A chance to get to know your professor better (and for them to get to know you!)
- One of the best ways to help you succeed in a course

#15) Physics Aid Service

**Email:**  
**Phone number:**  
**Location:** Room 129 of the C.W. Lui Learning Commons in the McPherson Library  

**Services available:**
- Quiet space to study Physics alone or in small groups
- Upper year or graduate Physics student there to help with problems
#16) Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL)

**Email:** infocal@uvic.ca  
**Phone number:** 250-472-4947  
**Location:** Campus Services Building, Room 150  
**Website:** [www.uvic.ca/cal](http://www.uvic.ca/cal)

**Services available:**
- Services for students with chronic health issues, learning disabilities, ADHD, mental health issues and long-term recurring physical or sensory disabilities
- Works with students and instructors to create learning environments that are equitable, inclusive and usable
- Coordinates academic accommodations including special exam arrangements
- Provides alternate text formats and assistive technology
- Learning strategists and tutor programs

#17) Study Solutions Office

**Email:** learning@uvic.ca  
**Phone number:** 250-721-8743  
**Location:** McPherson Library Learning Commons, Room 135F  
**Website:** [http://www.uvic.ca/services/counselling/success/study/index.php](http://www.uvic.ca/services/counselling/success/study/index.php)

**Services available:**
- Research-based learning strategies and study solutions
- Individual sessions based on your unique learning needs
- Regular drop-in hours
- Learning Strategist Program

#18) Susan Butler or Irene Statham, Computer Science Undergraduate Advising Officer

**Email:** cscadvisor@uvic.ca  
**Phone number:** 250-472-5757  
**Location:** Engineering and Computer Science Building, Room 512  
**Website:** [http://csc.uvic.ca/Student_Information/undergraduate_advising_centre.htm](http://csc.uvic.ca/Student_Information/undergraduate_advising_centre.htm)

**Services available:**
- Advice on choosing Computer Science courses
- Adding and dropping Computer Science courses
- Modifying your Computer Science program
- Declaring your Computer Science program
- Other questions about the Computer Science program
#19) Tracy Kirkendale, Faculty of Engineering

**Email:** engr@uvic.ca  
**Phone number:** 250-721-6023  
**Location:** Engineering Office Wing, Room 206  
**Website:** [https://www.uvic.ca/engineering/current-students/advising/index.php](https://www.uvic.ca/engineering/current-students/advising/index.php)

**Services available:**
- General support for international students  
- Referrals to other groups and people on campus

#20) UVic Global Community

**Email:** acirillo@uvic.ca  
**Phone number:** 250-853-3959  
**Location:** University Centre, Room B272  
**Website:** [http://www.uvic.ca/international/students/home/global-community/index.php](http://www.uvic.ca/international/students/home/global-community/index.php)

**Services available:**
- International, indigenous and domestic students, staff and faculty working together to celebrate diversity, advance inter-cultural competency and cultivate an inclusive and globally minded campus  
- Arrival programs and orientation events  
- UVic Global Community facebook group with daily updates  
- Bi-weekly newsletter to help you stay informed  
  Socio-cultural programs and events  
- Volunteer and leadership opportunities

#21) UVSS Student Clubs

**Email:**  
**Phone number:** (250) 721-8355  
**Location:**  
**Website:** [http://uvss.ca/student-groups/clubs/current-clubs/](http://uvss.ca/student-groups/clubs/current-clubs/)

**Services available:**
- Student-run clubs, supported by the University  
- Cultural clubs include the Bangladeshi Students Association, Chinese Students and Scholars Association, Indian Students Association, Korean Students Association, Persian Club, Pakistani Students Association, Saudi Student Society, Taiwanese Association, and others  
- Also many religious, sports and special interest clubs  
- You can start your own club!