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IT'S GREAT TO BE
BACK TOGETHER!



Welcome to our new and returning students for the Fall 2022-2023 academic year! The School of Health Information Science continues to be a leading innovator in the field of Digital Health. Our students and faculty are advancing health care across the country and internationally through our technology, practice and research innovations in the digital health space. If you are a new student, take this opportunity to learn about digital health from our faculty and your new student colleagues - ask questions and envision a new future for health care!

**Andre Kushniruk, PhD, Director and
Professor School of Health Information
Science**

News and Events

Health Information Science Info Booth

SEPT 21, 2022 10AM-2 PM

The Health Information Science Info Booth will be outside the McPherson Library on Wednesday, September 21st from 10 AM until 2 PM.

Join us for some snacks and to find out about our undergraduate programs: BSc in Health Information Science and BSc Combined Major in Computer Science and Health Information Science. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the rapidly expanding field of information technology in healthcare and the rewarding careers our graduates experience.

We will also be holding a raffle for a chance to win \$25 UVic Bookstore giftcards.

For more information about the program visit uvic.ca/hinf or contact his@uvic.ca for additional information.

**Looking for help with your academic journey?
Ask our Health Information Science
Staff and Advisors!**

Welcome to New Faculty and Staff!



Dr. Claudia Lai

We welcome Dr. Claudia Lai to UVic and to the School of Health Information Science as an Assistant Professor. Claudia earned a PhD from the University of Toronto and her doctoral dissertation explored how digital tools engage patients in health and information exchange processes. She has a professional background as a Senior Pharmacist with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in Ontario where she developed and implemented several high-profile initiatives with technology

solutions to streamline government process and decrease administrative burden of providers.

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Caleb Chan

We welcome Caleb Chan as our new Marketing and Recruitment Assistant. Caleb is here to apply his visual design experience to help further the reach and awareness of the HINF program. He will be creating HINF graphics for use on the digicasters around campus, HINF social media accounts, as well as the HINF Newsletter.

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Office Staff



Erin Sebastian

Manages the School's finances, academic reporting and programming.

Administrative Officer

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Sandy Polomark

Assists undergraduate students with academic policies/procedures such as admissions, course registration, program adjustments.

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Andrea Guzman

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Jesse Gardner

Teaches many of the HINF Undergraduate Labs, and provides technical and curriculum support for the Lab Instructors who teach the remainder.

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Maria Orrego

Assists with the School's social media content and presence.

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Jenna Dobson

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Coop and Careers Staff



Jason Bond

Assists HINF students through the co-op process, starting with application/interview preparation, also meeting with students/employers on site visits.

Co-op Coordinator

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Selina Jorgensen

Provides administrative support to HINF students with the Learning in Motion Co-op and Career Portal, co-op registration and interview coordination.

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Academic Advising



Helen Monkman

Provides academic/program planning advice to undergrad students.

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Karen L. Courtney

Provides academic advice to graduate students.

Graduate Advisor

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Tips For Students!

Find a study space on campus [HERE](#)

Want to take your assignment or class project to the next level? Use the resources available through the [Centre for Academic Communication](#) and the [UVic Libraries Digital Scholarship Commons](#)

Numbers not adding up? Check out the [Math and Stats Assistance Centre \(MSAC\)](#) for drop-in tutoring.

Get personalized help with your research from **Jessica Mussell** the Health Information Science librarian by email at jmussell@uvic.ca

The Student Wellness Centre provides holistic care to support students' wellbeing. Visit the [Student Wellness Centre](#) online or drop by the new [Health and Wellness \(HWB\) Building](#)

[Counselling appointments](#) and [Support Connect](#) are available for mental health support throughout your academic journey. It is common to feel overwhelmed or stressed and very important to seek professional support to get the most out of your university experience.

The [Office of Student Life](#) is a great resource for student clubs & activities, student conduct and student initiatives such as student mental health, sexualized violence prevention & awareness, bystander intervention, pride week and much more.

Your emotional, physical and spiritual [well-being](#) are extremely important and resources are available for you.

We are excited to welcome students from around the world. The [International Centre for Students](#) provides international student services, advising and programs.

[Student Awards and Financial Aid](#) – is your resource for scholarships, awards, bursaries, work study opportunities, loans, grants and much more.

The [Computer Help Desk](#) is your primary point of contact for computing service and support.

Be sure to check out the [Academic Important Dates](#) for tuition deadlines and academic holidays

Model Program Plan

HINF undergraduate students! Check the model program to make sure you are on track!

[BSc - Health Information Science](#)

[BSc - Combined Major Computer Science and Health Information Science](#)

Educational Program Deadlines

Undergraduate Degree Admission

Learn more about:

BSc in Health Information Science

BSc in Health Information Science and Computer Science

Apply by September 30th 2022 for January 2023 entry

[Read more](#) and [Apply Now](#)

or contact his@uvic.ca for application information

Graduate Degree Admission

Learn more about:

MSc in Health Informatics

Master of Nursing and MSc in Health Informatics

PhD in Health Informatics

Apply by December 1st 2022 for September 2023 entry

[Read more](#) and [Apply Now](#)

Health Terminology Standards Graduate Certificate

Apply by June 1st 2023 for September 2023 entry.

[Read more](#) and [Apply Now](#)

Academic Year Important Dates

September

First term classes begin for all faculties

Wednesday, September 7th

Last day for 100% reduction of tuition fees for standard first term and full year courses

Tuesday, September 20th

Last day for graduate students to register in a personal leave in first term

Tuesday, September 20th

Last day for adding courses that begin in the first term

Friday, September 23rd

Last day for paying first term fees without penalty

Friday, September 30th

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Friday, September 30th

October

Thanksgiving Day

Monday, October 10th

Last day for 50% reduction of tuition fees for standard courses

Tuesday, October 11th

Last day for withdrawing from first term courses without penalty of failure

Monday, October 31st

November

Fall Convocation

Wednesday, November 9th - Thursday, November 10th

Reading Break for all faculties

Wednesday, November 9th - Friday, November 11th

Remembrance Day

Friday, November 11th

Faculty of Graduate Studies deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation

Tuesday, November 15th

December

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

Monday, December 5th

Last day of classes in first term for all faculties

Monday, December 5th

Undergraduate deadline to apply to graduate for Spring Convocation

Thursday, December 15th

University closed

Sunday, December 25th - Saturday, December 31st



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We acknowledge and respect the ləkʷəŋən peoples on whose traditional territory the University of Victoria stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

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