

Getting Started





International Centre for Students (ICS)

Hours: 9:00am to 4:30pm (PT)
Monday - Friday

Phone: +1 250 721 6361

Email: icsinfo@uvic.ca

Website: <http://www.uvic.ca/ics>

**Office B202d
Jamie Cassels Centre (JCC)
2nd floor**

Exchange

International exchange
opportunities
goglobal@uvic.ca

International Student Advising

Immigration and
settlement support
icsinfo@uvic.ca

Global Community

Social events and
community engagement
gcmentor@uvic.ca



**University
of Victoria**

International Centre
for Students

We acknowledge and respect the Ləkʷəŋən (Songhees and Esquimalt) Peoples on whose territory the university stands, and the Ləkʷəŋən and WSÁNEĆ Peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.



Welcome to the ICS & Victoria

- Meet our team
- Arriving on campus
- Getting around
- Getting set up
- Contact us





International Student Advising

We provide information and resources on non-academic matters, including topics like:

- Immigration
- Housing
- SIN & income tax
- Identification documents
- Connecting to community

Virtual, phone and in-person appointments

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Arriving on campus

- Get your [OneCard](#)
- Opt-in for the [U-Pass](#) (optional)
- Check your [UVic Online Tools](#) for helpful links and resources
- Check out the [Student Union Building \(SUB\)](#)
- Join [Clubs and Course Union days](#)
- Attend [International Student Orientation events](#)
- Join [Global Community Programs](#)



Exploring campus

- Sign up for a [campus tour](#)
- [Download the UVic Safety App](#) and [visit Campus Security](#)
- Visit the [UVic Student Wellness Centre](#)
- Visit the [UVic Multifaith Centre](#)
- Visit the [ICS!](#)



First Days in Victoria

- Open a bank account
- Connect a local phone line or eSIM
- Apply for MSP
- Apply for SIN (if you plan to work and meet conditions to do so)
- Get a BC ID
- Set up your new home
- Explore Victoria and meet new people





Getting Around

By Bus:

- To ride the bus, set up your Umo app or card and activate your benefit code
- BC Transit Trip Planner
- Google maps

By Bike:

- Bike friendly campus
- Bike share/loan program at Campus Bike Centre

On Foot/Driving:

- Many students live on or near campus so they can walk to class/surrounding amenities
- Driving/Parking information at UVic

Getting Set Up

You can find most things you need close to campus:

- **Grocery stores:** Fairway, Thrifty Foods, Save on Foods, Country Grocer
- **Pharmacies:** Shopper's Drug Mart, Pharmasave, Rexall, UVic Campus Pharmacy
- **Dollar stores:** Dollarama, Dollar Tree
- **Thrift Stores:** Value Village, Salvation Army
- **Online used items:** FB Market Place, Used Victoria



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Immigration Drop-in hours

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