

UVic Bound Destination Victoria: Pre-Departure Prep





Territory Acknowledgement



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





UVic Bound Student Leaders



- **FAITH** (3rd year, Social Sciences)
- **HARSHIKA** (2nd year, Chemistry and Ocean Sciences)
- **MATEO** (4th year, Psychology)
- **OM** (3rd year, Microbiology)
- **PHEBE** (3rd year, Sociology)
- **AVNI** (2nd year, Computer Science)





Settlement Advisers



We support students with:

- Housing
- Health Insurance and Accessing Care
- Banking & Finances
- ID & Documentation
- Community Connections

How to contact us?

icsinfo@uvic.ca | 250-721-6361

Daily drop-in appointment hours:

- Monday-Friday
- 1:30-3:30 pm (PT)





Agenda



BREAKOUT
ROOMS!

What will we cover today?

- Getting ready
- Travelling to Canada
- Getting Settled
- Breakout Rooms
- Chat with our Student Leaders!





Destination Victoria!





Victoria – what to expect



Geography

- On the West Coast of Canada
- Beaches, mountains, and forests
- 440,000 people in Greater Victoria

Climate

- Mild weather year-round
- Dry summers, rainy winters, snow is rare

UVic

- 20 mins from downtown Victoria
- Spacious and green campus
- Over 22,000 students
- 4,000 int'l students from 110 countries



Packing

What to pack:

- Medications: 3-month supply
- Weather appropriate clothes
- Specialty toiletries
- Reminder of home

What not to pack:

- Large amounts of cash
- Parkas, snow boots may not be necessary
- Agricultural food items: check CBSA guidelines
- General housewares



Important documents

In addition to your immigration docs, bring:

- Prescriptions
- Medical and vaccination records
- Payment methods
- Identity documents
- Driver's license (or Int'l Driver's Permit)

Important: translating all medical documents in your home country will save you money and time



Travelling to Canada



Located at Vancouver, Halifax,
Montreal, Quebec City, and Winnipeg

Travel Documentation checklist:

- ☐ Valid passport or other acceptable travel document
- ☐ Valid study permit or letter of introduction
- ☐ Valid temporary resident visa OR eTA (unless exempt)
- ☐ Verification of enrolment ([Online Tools](#))
- ☐ Proof of funds
- ☐ Letter of acceptance or [study permit information letter](#) from UVic
- ☐ Proof of a valid [immigration medical examination](#) (if required)
- ☐ Advance Declaration confirmation email (Optional)

For detailed information, visit ICS website – [Travelling to Canada](#).



Letter of Introduction

 Citizenship and Immigration Canada / Citoyenneté et Immigration Canada
June 09, 2016

Unique Client Identifier: [Your Universal Client ID] Application Number: [Your Application Number]



[Your Name]
[Your Address]

Dear [Your Name],

Your application to study in Canada has been approved. An authorization to enter Canada following an examination by an officer of the Canada Border Services Agency, subject to your compliance with the requirements of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and its Regulations. The officer will ask to see this letter, your passport, and any request to see your supporting documents, such as the letter of acceptance from your educational institution. Do not pack these or other valuable papers in your checked luggage. You can find out more about the documents you will need to bring with you by visiting www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp.

As you gather your documents, please take note of the following:

- **This letter is not a passport or travel document.** You will not be permitted to board your flight without your passport, even if you have this letter with you.
- **This letter is not an authorization permitting you to enter or remain in Canada.** An officer of the Canada Border Services Agency will make that determination upon your arrival to Canada.
- **This letter is important** because it contains information that will be used by the Canada Border Services Agency to issue your study permit. Please do not misplace it.

You must seek entry to Canada to obtain your study permit by 2018/03/21 (yyyy/mm/dd). Your passport must be valid beyond the period you intend to remain in Canada. If not, the validity of your study permit will not be issued beyond the expiry date of your passport, or, for United States citizens and permanent residents, the validity date of your identity document.

Note: As an international student in Canada, it is your responsibility to ensure that you continue to meet the conditions of your study permit, including the requirement to actively pursue studies. Your study permit will automatically become invalid 90 days after you complete your study program, regardless of the expiry date indicated on your study permit. For more information, please consult: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp>

Be sure to:

- review information and arrival deadline carefully
- follow the instructions to prepare your arrival to Canada
- consult with us if you have questions





Study Permit

Canada Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada / Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada

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CANADA

EB [REDACTED]
F [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Application/Demande: S [REDACTED]
UCI/IUC: [REDACTED]

STUDY PERMIT/PERMIS D'ÉTUDES

CLIENT INFORMATION/INFORMATION DU CLIENT

Family Name/Nom de Famille: [REDACTED]
Given Name(s)/Prénom(s): [REDACTED]
Date of Birth/Date de naissance: [REDACTED] (yyyy/mm/dd - aa/mm/aa)
Sex/Sexe: MALE
Country of Birth/Pays de naissance: KOREA, SOUTH
Country of Citizenship/Citoyen de: KOREA, SOUTH
Travel Doc No./N° du document de voyage: [REDACTED] PASSPORT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/INFORMATION SUPPLÉMENTAIRE

Date Issued/Déposé le: 2025/02/20 (yyyy/mm/dd - aa/mm/aa)
Expiry Date/Date d'expiration: 2026/12/03 (yyyy/mm/dd - aa/mm/aa)
Case Type/Genre de cas: 30
Institution Name/Nom de l'institution: UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
Field of Study/Domaine d'études: SCIENCE, APPLIED
Level of Study/Niveau d'étude: UNIVERSITY - MASTER'S DEG. / UNIVERSITÉ - MAÎTRISE
In Force From/En vigueur le: 2025/02/20 (yyyy/mm/dd - aa/mm/aa)

Conditions:

1. MUST LEAVE CANADA BY 2026/12/03
2. NOT VALID FOR EMPLOYMENT IN BUSINESSES RELATED TO THE SEX TRADE SUCH AS STRIP CLUBS, MASSAGE PARLOURS OR ESCORT SERVICES.
3. MAY ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT ON OR OFF CAMPUS IF MEETING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AS PER R186(F), (V) OR (W). MUST CEASE WORKING IF NO LONGER MEETING THESE CRITERIA.

Remarks/Observations:
TEMPORARY RESIDENT STATUS MAINTAINED AS PER R183(6).
STATUT DE RÉSIDENT TEMPORAIRE MAINTENU SELON R183(6).

*****THIS DOES NOT AUTHORIZE RE-ENTRY/CECI N'AUTORISE PAS LA RÉ-ENTRÉE*****

THIS FORM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES AND CITIZENSHIP CANADA - THIS DOCUMENT IS THE PROPERTY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
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Canada

Be sure to:

- Review all information carefully before you leave the Custom area
- Check your institution name and the conditions
- Consult with us if you have questions

Arrival Tips

- Allow time to complete your immigration screening and document creation process
- Answer questions honestly and be ready to explain your purpose of visit and provide information as required
- Review your physical immigration documents carefully before you leave



Arriving in Victoria



Most students will arrive to Victoria by:

- [Plane](#) (Victoria International Airport, YYJ)
- [Ferry](#) (Vancouver - Tsawwassen Terminal to Victoria - Swartz Bay Terminal)

Services at the Victoria airport:

- Currency exchange, Wifi, Information

Transit options to where you are staying:

- [BC Transit Bus](#) (\$6 for day pass, or by cash/credit card)
- [BC Connector](#) (Vancouver Airport to Victoria)
- Uber, Lyft
- Taxi/cab (~\$75 cash/credit – airport or ferry terminal)



UVic does not provides
airport pick-up service



Getting Set Up



First days:

- [Open a bank account](#)
- [Connect a local phone line or eSIM](#)
- Set up your new home, bills, services
- Explore Victoria and meet new people!

First weeks:

- [Apply for MSP](#)
- [Apply for SIN](#) (if you plan to work)
- [Get a BC ID](#)



First days at UVic



- Get your [ONECard](#)
- Check out the [Student Union Building](#)
- [Clubs and Course Union days](#)
- Attend [orientations](#) and events:
 - Residence
 - UVSS
 - New student events
- Attend [International Student Orientation](#) programs and the [International Student Welcome!](#)

Learn where to find the ICS!

2nd floor of the Jamie Cassels Centre: B 202d





Getting around

Starting **September 1**, most UVic students are automatically enrolled in the [U-Pass](#), a discounted student bus pass

To ride the bus:

1. Get your benefit code through your “online tools”
2. Set up your [Umo app](#) or get a card
3. Activate your code

Other useful tools for getting around:

- [BC Transit Trip Planner](#)
- [Google maps](#)

Other types of transport:

- [Biking: maps and bike loan program](#)
- [Driving: parking information](#)





Safety and emergencies



UVic Campus security

- Phone: 250 721 7599
- Resources: [SafeWalk](#), [Campus Alone](#), [Uvic SafetyApp](#)

Emergencies:

- **911:** for ambulance, fire, police
- **Hospitals:** [Royal Jubilee](#) and [Victoria General](#)

UVic Student Wellness Centre: medical care, counselling, mental health supports and spiritual care for UVic students

Virtual health

- [Mobile Doctor](#): free virtual health w/ GuardMe plan
- [SupportConnect](#): free, confidential mental health support 24/7
- 811 to talk to a nurse for free



Health insurance reminder



- You will be automatically enrolled in the [Mandatory Temporary Medical Insurance plan / GuardMe](#)
- Coverage dates: August 18 – December 31, 2026
- If you are arriving early, [apply online](#) for additional coverage
- [Apply for MSP](#) when you arrive in BC

Join our upcoming sessions:

- **Health Insurance** August 25, 9am (PT)
- **[BC MSP Application Drop-in](#)** Sep 4, 10 am – 3 pm PT
- **[SIN Application Drop-in](#)** Sep 4, 10 am – 3 pm PT





Taking off – last tips!



- Write important phone numbers and addresses down on paper or on your phone
- Carry original travel and immigration documents with you!
- Pre-load a translator app on your phone
- Bring petty cash in CAD
- Reach out prior to your arrival to Canada if you have questions or need any help

Travel tip: pack your most important items in your carry on!

International Student Advising

ICS Website

- Information, resources, connection!

International Programs & Student Support

International Student Advising

- Immigration & Settlement
- Email: icsinfo@uvic.ca
- Phone: 250-721-6361

Daily Drop-in Hours

- Virtual, phone or in-person at JCC B202d
- Monday-Friday, 1:30pm-3:30pm (PT)



Let's chat!

Room 1:
Getting ready!

Room 2:
Getting settled





Upcoming sessions



- Join us on August 19 at 6:00 PM (PDT) for our final [Send-off Social](#) event
- Our last Off the Syllabus Student Leader Drop-in: August 20th 9:00am-10:00am (PDT)



Instagram: @uvicinternational
Email: uvicbound@uvic.ca



In-person Meet and Greet



- In-person Meet and Greet
 - Tuesday September 1st 2:30pm-4:00pm



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International Student Orientation Programs



- August 24 to August 28
 - Online programming
- August 31 to September 11
 - In-person programming



Instagram: [@uvicinternational](https://www.instagram.com/uvicinternational)
Email: uvicbound@uvic.ca



International Student Welcome



- Thursday, September 3
- Full day of in-person programming designed for you!



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Email: uvicbound@uvic.ca



Conversation Partners and Mentorship Program



- Get matched with a student volunteer in September
- Practice conversational English and build confidence
- Explore intercultural connections, make new friends, and receive support as you navigate transition to UVic

- **Applications are open now!**



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Thank you!

