



Exchange Program Factsheet 2019-2020

About Us

The University of Victoria (UVic) is one of Canada's leading research-based institutions and offers innovative programs for more than 20,000 students on our diverse and welcoming west coast campus.

UVic is located in Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, and is on the southern tip of Vancouver Island. Residents enjoy a mild climate year round and the warmest winters in Canada. Victoria has a reputation for beautiful gardens, breathtaking vistas of ocean and mountains, a wide variety of outdoor activities, distinctive architecture, a vibrant culture, and excellent cuisine. For more information see www.tourismvictoria.com.

UVic Law is one of Canada's leading law schools, known for the strength of our academic program, instruction in Indigenous law, approach to experiential learning, inclusive environment, and our commitment to community engagement and social justice.

Important Websites

UVic: www.uvic.ca
 Faculty of Law: www.uvic.ca/law
 International Student Services: www.uvic.ca/international/inbound-students/living-canada

Academic Term Dates

Fall Term: September – December 2019

Orientation: September 3
 Classes: September 4 – December 3
 Exams: December 6 - 20

Spring Term: January – April 2020

Orientation: within the week of Jan 6th
 Classes: January 6 – April 3
 Exams: April 6 - 24

Attendance at orientation is mandatory. Each term consists of 13 weeks of classes followed by a formal examination period of approximately two weeks during which there are no classes.



View of Victoria courtesy of Luke Wolfe while on exchange from Limerick, Ireland



Studying on UVic's campus

Application Process

- 1) Apply to your home university for Law Exchange at UVic and they will select students based on criteria in exchange agreements between the two institutions.
- 2) Your home university will advise us of their nominations.
- 3) We will contact nominees by email with instructions on how to apply to the UVic Law Exchange Program.

Application Deadline

May 15th is our preferred deadline for submission of applications for both terms. If you cannot meet this deadline please contact us. Applications must be received three months prior to the start of term.

Course Information

Course Credits	Courses are valued in terms of units and vary between 1.0-2.0 units. A 1.0 unit course meets 2 hours per week; a 1.5 units course meets 3 hours per week; and a 2.0 unit course meets 4 hours per week. One hour of class time requires approximately 1-2 hours of study or reading.
Course Load	Full-time study requirements for domestic students is 7.0-8.5 units per term. This is a heavy workload and is not expected of exchange students. Approval for course load taken at UVic must come from your home university.
Language	All courses are instructed in English
Course Selection	A full list of courses which indicate pre and co-requisites is available in the academic calendar . Exchange students are eligible to take 300-level courses. Please see Course Registration and Details for course offerings in specific terms, timetables and Preliminary Course Information Summaries. Lastly, please refer to the Course Registration Caution and Exemption Guide for Exchange Students.
Registration	Your course selection must be approved by your home institution and by the Associate Dean's (AD) Office at UVic Law. Once approved and in mid June, the AD's Assistant will register you for courses and confirm your schedule. All registration changes must be approved by both universities and updates will be completed by the AD's Assistant.

Netlink ID Before you can be registered for courses, you must activate your [Netlink ID](#). This also gives you access to your UVic email, on-campus Wi-Fi, academic records, etc.

Additional Information

Study Visa You must obtain a [study permit](#) if you intend to study and live in Canada for more than six months. If you are coming to Canada for one term only (four months), you do not require a permit. However, we do recommend that you get one in case you want to extend your stay or work on campus. You may need a [temporary resident visa](#) to enter Canada from certain countries.

Housing You are responsible for making your own accommodation arrangements. If you are interested in campus housing, apply directly to [Residence Services](#) as soon as possible. Campus housing is in extremely high demand. Residence Services also provides a listing of [off-campus housing](#) and if English is your second language you may be eligible for the [Homestay Program](#).

Health Insurance The cost of medical treatment in Canada is extremely high if you are not covered by insurance. As a result exchange students are required to have coverage through the ["guard.me@UVic" plan](#).

Fees Although tuition fees are paid to your home university, you will still be responsible for student fees such as textbooks, course materials, and the photocopy fee. Exchange students may opt in to the UPass, Athletics and Recreation, and the UVSS Extended Health Plan.

International Office The [International Student Services](#) supports incoming international students and UVic students who wish to study abroad.

Orientation On the first day of fall term there is a mandatory orientation for new upper year students including visiting and exchange students. There will also be other activities hosted by the [Law Students' Society](#) and the [University](#).

In the spring, the Manager Academic Administration and Student Services hosts a short, mandatory orientation session for new students.

Contact Us

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