



January Orientation

Sunday, January 10, 2021

We acknowledge with respect the Lekwungen-speaking peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

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Time (PST)	Session		
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Optional: Virtual tours		
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Opening celebration: #ThisIsUVic		
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	First-year students workshop: Getting started with online learning	Transfer students workshop: Transfer student panel	Graduate student workshop: Welcome to graduate studies
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Break		
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Undergraduate speed friending	Graduate student social	

Session descriptions

Opening celebration: #ThisIsUVic

Live Stream Link: <https://youtu.be/CDXqs2iGS3Q>

Join the entire incoming class at our opening ceremony to celebrate this major milestone - you're now a UVic student! You'll learn about the UVic community, participate in UVic traditions, meet Thunder and leave feeling like you're a part of Vikes Nation.

*If you do not have access to YouTube, please access the video here: www.uvic.ca/orientation/this-is-uvic-live

Getting started with online learning

Zoom Link: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/87610775125?pwd=ZjZCMUQ1OFo3TnNyWXVyZlhESldvZz09>

Meeting ID: 876 1077 5125

Password: uvic2021

It's highly likely that, before this year, you've never completed a course online, much less your entire course load. Come learn about what online learning might look like for you and how you can best prepare. We'll talk about some of the benefits of online learning, the challenges (and how to overcome them!), and introduce you to some of the tech tools you'll be using throughout the term.

Transfer student panel

Zoom Link: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/85359590753?pwd=NjZQVyswUWUvMjdoa0RTZVVxOVhhUT09>

Meeting ID: 853 5959 0753 **Password:** uvic2021

Transferring to a new institution can have its own unique challenges and rewards. Though you already have experience as a post-secondary student, systems, services and campus culture at UVic may be different. Come hear from a panel of current students who previously transferred to UVic to find out what their experience was like. Learn tips and tricks to help adjust to UVic experience and get answers to any of your burning questions.

Welcome to graduate studies

Zoom Link: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/81061294272?pwd=NIJIOWV2L3JzaGtobmN3MWt4QmtBUT09>

Meeting ID: 810 6129 4272 **Password:** uvic2021

You've made it through your undergraduate studies and have taken the exciting next step into graduate studies. What now? In this workshop, you will hear from an Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and a representative from the Graduate Students' Society (GSS). You will learn how you fit in to UVic as a graduate student, how to maintain a healthy relationship with your graduate supervisor, where and how to get the help you may need and what services the Faculty of Graduate Studies and GSS can provide you.

Undergraduate speed friending

Zoom Link: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/81442038935?pwd=SGp1Z0E5YmIBcW5PeHdyamttTmZYUT09>

Meeting ID: 814 4203 8935 **Password:** uvic2021

Meeting new people during a virtual semester can be tough. Kick the year off with this interactive speed friending session! You will get the opportunity to connect with your peers and make connections that will hopefully last throughout your entire undergraduate experience. Learn how to maintain social connection throughout the semester through the New Student Connect program.

Graduate student social

Zoom Link: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/88918415698?pwd=QnpZY3ZOU2IOSGM5djQxaUZrbllSdz09>

Meeting ID: 889 1841 5698 **Password:** uvic2021

Join Neil from the Graduate Students' Society for an informal virtual hangout with your fellow new graduate students. Bring your own coffee or tea and kick back and relax while you get to know your peers before heading in to your first term.

Virtual Tours

Whether you are on campus this semester or not, virtual campus tours are a great way for you to get connected with your UVic community. We have put together a [list of virtual tours](#) for you to explore in your own time as you begin your journey here at UVic.

[UVic campus tour](#)

Learn about UVic's buildings, services and programs as you walk around the beautiful campus with Erin and Eduardo, your virtual tour guides.

[UVic Libraries tour](#)

While UVic's main library remains physically closed, that doesn't mean that you can't access many of the resources. Join Moira in a tour of the UVic McPherson library. In this video, you can drag and move around to see the full space while the tour is happening.

[Student Wellness Centre tour](#)

Join Rowan on a guided tour around the facilities at UVic's brand new Student Wellness Centre – Counselling, Health, Multifaith. Find out about your options for emotional, physical and spiritual health support.

[Vikes Athletics and Recreation tour](#)

While many students are not on campus this semester, we still wanted you to be able to take a glimpse at our on-campus fitness and weight centre and get a glimpse of the many activities and opportunities you will, eventually, be able to take part in.

[First Peoples House tour](#)

The First Peoples House (FPH) is a social, cultural and academic centre for Indigenous students at UVic and serves as a safe and welcoming place that encourages the building of community. We encourage you to come in and be part of creating a supportive space for Indigenous students on campus. We ask that all those who enter the First Peoples House do so with respect for the ancestors, the original care takers of this land, and for each other.

[Student Union Building tour](#)

Take a tour of the home of the University of Victoria Students Society called the Student Union Building, or the SUB.

[Finnerty Gardens virtual visit](#)

Take a relaxing walk through UVic's gardens to admire the rhododendrons in full bloom.

Technology Instructions

Using Zoom

Sessions will be facilitated virtually via Zoom. To access your sessions, you should first log in to Zoom (uvic.zoom.us) with your NetLink ID and password, and then click the session link in the schedule.

If you have not previously logged in to your UVic Zoom account, we encourage you to log in (uvic.zoom.us) as a test prior to your first session, in order to ensure everything is working for you. For the best experience, please ensure you have the most up to date version of Zoom. If you encounter any difficulties, please reach out to the Computer Help Desk (helpdesk@uvic.ca).

Help Centre

The Help Centre is available virtually from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. throughout January Orientation (January 10). If you are having trouble accessing sessions, please contact the Help Centre for assistance.

Zoom link: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/82007475027?pwd=b2pzbGo3V25nUk9XQmpHcVFKczVOdz09>

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