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

### May Orientation
**Monday, May 3, 2021**

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### Session descriptions

**Opening celebration: #ThisIsUVic**

Live Stream Link: [https://youtu.be/xHM5N-vLzwg](https://youtu.be/xHM5N-vLzwg)

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](http://www.uvic.ca/orientation/this-is-uvic-live)*

**Getting started with online learning**

Zoom Link: [https://uvic.zoom.us/j/87393781141?pwd=K3o3UWsyZW9IRIQ1WU1TYm1ENUNVZz09](https://uvic.zoom.us/j/87393781141?pwd=K3o3UWsyZW9IRIQ1WU1TYm1ENUNVZz09)

Meeting ID: 873 9378 1141  
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/89967315948?pwd=aUlobVhkL3BVMHBId09YKzVVczhvdz09
Meeting ID: 899 6731 5948  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/88299183480?pwd=WGxLVUd5NWFFa1VoUmpDL09QZFlh0UT09
Meeting ID: 882 9918 3480  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/83021570874?pwd=UDJucHMxQW5qc2ZleXk1UG8yc2k3UT09
Meeting ID: 830 2157 0874  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.

Undergraduate speed friending – transfer/mature students

Zoom Link: https://uvic.zoom.us/j/86479518488?pwd=blpjR1ZiMGVOWnpQRIQyQzdhSEtBUT09
Meeting ID: 864 7951 8488  Password: uvic2021

Meeting new people during a virtual semester can be tough. Kick the year off with this interactive speed friending session specific for undergraduate transfer and mature students! 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/85172656770?pwd=aGN0TW81eUMxY1dWdzhnSGNwQVVqQT09
Meeting ID: 851 7265 6770  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 May Orientation (May 3). If you are having trouble accessing sessions, please contact the Help Centre for assistance.

Zoom link: https://uvic.zoom.us/j/86757884892
Meeting ID: 867 5788 4892

Email: orientation@uvic.ca