MOVE-IN GUIDE
Everything you need to know about moving to UVic | RESIDENCE SERVICES
This guide has all the information you need to know about moving into Residence this September!

- Move-in begins at 8:00 a.m.
- If you are driving to campus, please follow the directions to the parking lot you have been assigned and place your parking pass postcard on your dash.
- A limited number of moving carts are available to assist you with moving in. We recommend bringing a portable moving cart if you have one. Please note, not all buildings have elevators.
- Volunteers will be in the parking lots to assist you with finding a spot and directing you to the Residence check-in area. Staff and volunteers are not able to assist you with moving your belongings.
- Please do not bring your family pet. Residences are animal-free (except for approved service animals).
- Recycling stations will be set up throughout the Residence complex. Please be sure to sort your recycling and garbage prior to disposal.
Students should check into their assigned Residence between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Remember to print off your Orientation schedule prior to arrival.

Residence check-in will be located in the Cadboro Commons dining hall on move-in day.

Government issued Photo ID is required to collect your keys and check-in.

Sign in to the Housing Portal and complete your online “Room Condition Report” within 48 hours of arrival. This will create a record regarding the condition of your accommodation (i.e., any existing damage), and the condition of and/or any missing inventory items. If there is a question regarding responsibility for damages to the room or unit or furnishings, this record will be used in determining responsibility for the damages.

Your Orientation Schedule will be e-mailed to you the week prior to move-in day. Remember to print it off prior to your arrival. This has important information such as when and where your first building/floor meetings will be, and where you are having dinner on your first night in residence!

Once you’ve checked in, find your room and move in! Make sure to introduce yourself to your neighbours and Community Leader.

Check out the move-in day Info Fair. Here, you can:

- Connect with UVic groups such as Academic Advising, UVic Food Services, VIKES Athletics, and the UVic Student Society
- Buy items for your room from pop-up vendors
- Grab a burger from the Food Services BBQ
- Visit booths to get entered in a draw for prizes
- Meet at UVic Orientation for family tours of campus

**IMPORTANT** If you are arriving later than our official move-in day, please notify Residence Admissions by email at resadmin@uvic.ca otherwise, your room may be cancelled and re-assigned.
From Vancouver, BC

**Ferry/Driving:** Take the Swartz Bay ferry from Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal (1 hour and 35 minute sailing time). You will exit the ferry terminal on the Patricia Bay Highway (Highway 17 South). After 29 km take Exit 7, McKenzie Avenue. Turn left onto McKenzie Ave. After about 8 km you will see directional signs to your assigned parking lot (lot 1 or 5).

**From Victoria International Airport**

**Driving:** Follow the signs to Victoria or City Centre from the airport parking area. Once on the Patricia Bay Highway (Highway 17 South) drive approx. 18 km and take Exit 7, McKenzie Avenue. Turn left onto McKenzie Ave. After about 8 km you will see directional signs to your assigned parking lot (lot 1 or 5).

**Bussing:** The YYJ Airport Shuttle offers service from the airport directly to UVic (parking lot 5). Shuttles leave every half hour between 4:00 a.m. and midnight, 7 days a week.

From Nanaimo, BC

**Driving:** Take Highway 1 south towards Victoria. Drive approx. 100 km. Once you reach the McKenzie Ave and Admiral Road intersection (Exit 6), turn left. Follow McKenzie Avenue east for 9 km. You will see directional signage to your assigned parking lot (lot 1 or 5).

From Sooke, BC

**Driving:** Take Highway 14 east towards Victoria. In Colwood, turn onto Highway 1 south to Victoria. Once you reach the McKenzie Ave and Admiral Road intersection (Exit 6), turn left. Follow McKenzie Avenue east for about 9 km. You will see directional signage to your assigned parking lot (lot 1 or 5).

From Downtown Victoria

**Driving:** Take Blanshard Street north for approximately 10 km. Take the McKenzie Ave exit (Exit 7) and turn right onto McKenzie Ave. After about 8 km you will see directional signs to your assigned parking lot (lot 1 or 5).
Move-in day traffic flow and designated parking areas.
Please plan well in advance of your arrival. Students who arrive early will be turned away until 8:00 a.m. on the official move-in day.

For a list of places to stay, check out Tourism Victoria.

**PLEASE NOTE**

Residence rooms are not available until 8:00 a.m. the morning of move-in day, not even for storage of items. If you require accommodation prior to the official move-in day, please book off-campus accommodation early as local hotel and motels book up quickly.
Bring the things that make you feel at home.

**Don’t forget:**
- Bedding and a favourite pillow (all rooms in the dormitories and cluster units have twin extra-long beds with a mattress size of 78” x 39” x 8”)
- Clothing for all types of weather
- Books and pictures
- Hangers
- Alarm clock
- A small emergency kit (can be purchased at the UVic Bookstore)
- Dishware and eating utensils (cluster and apartment)
- Laundry bag
- Bathrobe, shower shoes and container for soap, shampoo, etc.

**You might also want to bring …**
- A small energy-star rated fridge no larger than 3 cubic ft. (for dorm rooms only)
- Scotch 3m reusable hooks for decorations
- Semi-formal wear
- White board and dry erase markers
- Ear plugs
- Memory foam for your bed
- A small handheld vacuum

**We provide:**

**IN RESIDENCE AND CLUSTER ROOMS:**
- Bed and bed frame
- Desk and chair
- Reading lamp
- Closet or wardrobe with drawers
- Cable hookups are available in your room, however you need to arrange and pay for cable service in addition to providing your own television
- Wireless internet is available across campus and in your room. Internet ports are located in each room but residents need to provide their own Ethernet cable.

**RESIDENCE LOUNGES:**
- Cable television
- Lounge seating
- Microwave
- Vacuums

**CLUSTER:**
- Each kitchen has two fridges
- Stove
- Dishwasher
- Dining room table and four chairs
- Love seat and/or chairs in the living room
- Vacuum

**Please DO NOT bring:**
- Large volume containers of alcohol or drinking apparatuses (funnels, beer bongs, etc)
- Candles or incense
- Subwoofers and sound systems containing subwoofers
- Furniture (unless approved by Residence Services)
- Hotplates or any small cooking appliances
- Weapons or replicas of weapons (email housing@uvic.ca regarding storage of sports equipment)
- Pets with the exception of approved service animals (email prar@uvic.ca for information)

For complete information on specific items not permitted in residence, please see the Residence Contract and Community Living Guide.
WHAT TO DO BEFORE ARRIVING

Preparing your computer

✓ For PCs, apply all Windows Critical Updates just before leaving home through Windows Update so that your updates are current when you arrive.

✓ Ensure that your antivirus software is current. If you don’t have antivirus software we recommend that you download and install Microsoft Security Essentials from the Microsoft website. It’s free and protects your computer from viruses and spyware. Current antivirus software is required to register your computer on ResNet, our Residence Network.

✓ Ensure your Netlink ID is activated. You need an active Netlink ID and password to register your computer on ResNet, and to access many UVic computer services.

Insurance

The university does not provide you with third party liability or property insurance. The university recommends you obtain a residential tenant insurance policy that provides coverage for both:

- Loss or damage to personal property
- Third party liability coverage for personal injury and property damage

Insurance may be available as an extension of your family’s home insurance policy. Consult with your insurance agent to confirm that appropriate coverage is in place.

COMPUTER QUESTIONS

If you have questions or difficulty connecting to ResNet when you arrive, please contact the Computer Help Desk at 250-721-7687 or visit the office in CLE A037.
ON CAMPUS SUPPORT SERVICES

Academic Advising
The Academic Advising Centre for the faculties of Humanities, Science and Social Science provides undergraduate academic advising at all stages of a degree to help students develop personal academic plans that ensure graduation requirements are met.

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Counselling Services
Based on a commitment to student learning, as well as social, personal, and ethical development, Counselling Services fosters student success, engagement, and well-being through private and group sessions and programs.

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Health Services
Health Services provides a full service primary health clinic for students with access to physicians, nurses, psychiatry and specialists, and coordinates population health programs and healthy student and campus initiatives.

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International Student Services
International Student Services supports international degree-seeking students, visiting students and exchange students at UVic. We celebrate diversity, advance intercultural competency and cultivate an inclusive and globally-minded campus.

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Multifaith Services
Multifaith Services offers pastoral counselling, prayer and meditation groups, learning circles, religious education, retreats, and workshops on a variety of topics in order to support the faith development of the campus community.

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Centre for Accessible Learning
The Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) is responsible for leading the coordination of a student-focused accessible learning model and delivers training and education to further the University’s commitment to provide equal access to all academic programs. CAL is a core academic support unit for both students and faculty and contributes to the recruitment and retention of students as well as their academic and personal success. Students who are eligible to register with the CAL may request academic accommodations.

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Office of Student Life
The Office of Student Life (OSL) works with partners across the university to respond to critical and high-risk student incidents, develop and deliver student focused policies and create pro-active programs and services for students on key areas including student mental health and sexualized violence. The OSL also works with the university community to help resolve non-academic student conduct concerns in a consistent and fair manner.

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FOOD SERVICES

Food Services
Food Services manages 12 different outlets across the UVic campus, from the Cadboro Commons dining hall and Mystic Market to Arts Place and the Nibbles & Bytes Café. Students living in single or double dormitory rooms receive a Standard meal plan. Students who do not receive a meal plan with their housing can purchase a tax-exempt meal plan.

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