



# International Student Pre-Arrival Guide



University  
of Victoria

# CONTENTS

- |   |                         |    |                                   |
|---|-------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Welcome                 | 10 | Course Selection and Registration |
| 2 | Immigration             | 12 | Travelling to Canada              |
| 4 | Health Insurance        | 16 | Important Dates                   |
| 6 | Accommodation           | 17 | Campus Map                        |
| 8 | Finances and Employment |    |                                   |

This guide contains valuable information to help international students prepare for a strong start at UVic. We encourage you to read it carefully and to contact the International and Exchange Student Services office if you have any questions.



# Welcome.

Welcome to the University of Victoria; to that space between where you've been and where you want to go. You're on the doorstep to your future, to becoming part of a legacy of success that dates back more than a century on our campus but gives you the opportunities and the creative tools to make it all your own.

Welcome again to your diverse and inspiring new home. We can't wait for you to start.

## International and Exchange Student Services

Studying abroad may seem like a big jump at first but the International and Exchange Student Services (IESS) office is dedicated to helping you get the most from your Canadian student experience. Our services include:

**Orientation** that has your every need covered, including arrival assistance, a welcome package and a reception for international students starting in September and January.

**Drop-in appointments** with a student advisor every weekday between 2:00p.m. and 4:00p.m. We can answer your questions about immigration, employment, health insurance, housing, banking and cultural transitions.

**The IESS Buddy Program**, a community-building project that hosts social events and connects you with both current UVic students and other new international students.

**Conversation Cafés** that provide the opportunity to improve your English language skills and explore Canadian slang, idioms, customs and current events.

Phone: 250-721-6361

Fax: 250-472-5440

Online: [iess@uvic.ca](mailto:iess@uvic.ca) | [www.iess.uvic.ca](http://www.iess.uvic.ca)

Location: University Centre, 9:00a.m. – 4:30p.m.



# Make yourself at home.



So you're headed to Victoria, a celebrated cultural hot spot at the southern tip of Vancouver Island. A new place to call home on the edge of the ocean between rainforest and rugged mountains. We are thrilled you want to bring your experience and goals to Canada.

Before you arrive, you will need to get your documents in order and this first step depends on what country you're coming from, what you're coming here for and how long you plan to stay.

## Where do I start?

It is your responsibility to obtain the correct documents from Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) and to abide by their conditions.

From outside Canada, you can contact the visa office at the nearest Canadian embassy, high commission or consulate for assistance. Refer to the Canadian Visa Offices webpage for a list of visa offices around the world and visit your visa office's website for specific local instructions. From within Canada, you can visit a CIC office or phone the CIC call centre toll free at 1-888-242-2100.

If you plan to visit other countries, either on your way to Canada or during your time at UVic, you should also inquire about the necessary documents before leaving home.

## What will I need?

### Study permit

Most international students will need to obtain a study permit before beginning their studies in Canada. Visit the Study Permit Requirement webpage to verify whether or not you require a study permit. Even if you don't, we recommend that you apply for one. It will make things much easier if you want to extend your stay in Canada, continue your studies or search for employment on campus. Detailed instructions and application kits are available on the Study Permit Application webpage.

When your application is approved, you will receive a letter of introduction confirming the approval. This letter is not a study permit. It is proof that your study permit application was approved, and it authorizes the issue of a study permit at any Canadian port of entry.

The application process for CIC documents can take a long time in some countries, so it is important to apply as soon as you receive your admission letter from UVic.



**I already have a study permit:** Be sure to check the expiry date of your study permit as it may need to be extended. If you are coming to UVic from a Canadian high school, you will also need to change the conditions of your study permit before starting classes at UVic. Detailed instructions and application kits are available on the Study Permit Extension Application webpage.

### Temporary resident visa

Students from many countries will require a temporary resident visa (TRV) in order to enter Canada.

Visit the Temporary Resident Visa Requirement webpage for a list of countries and territories whose citizens require a TRV. Detailed instructions and application kits are available on the Temporary Resident Visa Application webpage.

When your application is approved, your passport will be returned to you with a TRV sticker inside.

**I am also applying for a study permit:** Students who are applying for a study permit do not need to apply for a TRV separately; one will be issued automatically.

### Double-check your documents.

To avoid problems later on, make sure your name is spelled correctly on all documents and that all other information is accurate. If anything is incorrect, request that the issuing visa office correct the document before you travel to Canada. Unless you are a citizen of the United States, Greenland or St. Pierre and Miquelon you must not travel to Canada until you have obtained your letter of introduction and your TRV (if required).

### Important websites

Canadian Visa Offices

[www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/missions.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/missions.asp)

Study Permit Requirement

[www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/study-who.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/study-who.asp)

Study Permit Application

[www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/student.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/student.asp)

Study Permit Extension Application

[www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/extend-student.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/extend-student.asp)

Temporary Resident Visa Requirement

[www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp)

Temporary Resident Visa Application

[www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/visa.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/visa.asp)

Work for Partners

[www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work-spouse.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work-spouse.asp)



If family members will accompany you to Canada you should include them in your study permit application. The spouse or common-law partner of an international student with a study permit can apply for a work permit after entering Canada as a visitor. More information is available on the Work for Partners webpage.

# The picture of good health.



Health insurance is an important investment for all international students in Canada, so important that UVic requires all its students to have ample insurance for the entire time they plan to study on campus. Extraordinary goals can only be achieved when you're in top form in every way so consider your options and make the best insurance choice for your needs.

## Basic health insurance

Basic health insurance is required for all student studying in BC and covers most physician and hospital services.

**I am staying in BC for more than six months:** You will need to enrol in the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP) within the first 10 days of your arrival in BC. Instructions, application forms and information about premiums are available on the BC Medical Services Plan website.

After you've applied, there is a waiting period of approximately three months before your coverage begins. During this period you will need to arrange for coverage through an alternate insurance provider. We recommend that you make arrangements before you leave home.

AON is a company that UVic has selected to provide basic health insurance for new international students during the waiting period. Application forms are available on the AON Medical Insurance Program website.

**I am staying in BC for less than six months:** You will not be eligible for the BC Medical Services Plan. We recommend that you make arrangements for basic health insurance before you leave home.

**I am already covered by BC MSP:** Check the expiry date on your Care Card. If necessary, send a copy of your new study permit to BC MSP so they can continue your coverage and be sure to provide your current mailing address. You will receive a new Care Card in approximately six weeks.

UVic operates an on-campus health centre with services available to international students who have health insurance. Visit the Health Services website for more information.



## Extended health insurance

Extended health insurance covers a portion of vision and dental care, prescription drugs and paramedical services from specialists such as a chiropractor, a naturopath or a psychologist.

The University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS) and the Graduate Students' Society (GSS) provide extended insurance for most students. If you are eligible for either plan, you will be automatically enrolled and the charge will appear on your UVic fee statement. The coverage offered by these plans does not replace basic insurance.

Students who already have equivalent extended health or dental insurance can opt out of the UVSS or the GSS health and dental plan during the first month of their first term at UVic.

For more information, visit the UVSS Health and Dental Plan webpage or the GSS Health and Dental Plan webpage.

**Exchange students:** Exchange students are not eligible for the UVSS or the GSS extended health and dental plan. Please contact your UVic exchange advisor for more information.

## Important websites

BC Medical Services Plan

[www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/msp/infoben/index.html](http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/msp/infoben/index.html)

AON Medical Insurance Program

[www.uvic.aon.ca](http://www.uvic.aon.ca)

Health Services

[www.uvic.ca/health](http://www.uvic.ca/health)

UVSS Health and Dental Plan

[www.ihaveaplan.ca](http://www.ihaveaplan.ca)

GSS Health and Dental Plan

[web.uvic.ca/~gssweb/health](http://web.uvic.ca/~gssweb/health)



It is essential that your family members also obtain adequate health insurance. You can add them to your plans for an additional cost. More information is available on the UVSS and GSS websites.

# A place to call home.



This year UVic will be a place for you to call home, whether you live on campus for your first year or not.

Living in residence has its advantages: your meals come prepared, your friends are right next door and you're only steps away from class when you've slept through your alarm clock on Monday morning. But living off campus means more personal space, your own kitchen and time away from school to explore everything Victoria has to offer.

## Living on campus

UVic operates three types of on-campus accommodation for students: dormitory buildings, cluster units and family housing. For information about each of these options, as well as important dates, deadlines and online application forms, please visit the Residence Services website.

If you would like to live on campus, submit your application as early as possible. Each year the numbers of applications exceed available space.

**Exchange students:** A limited number of spaces in UVic housing are reserved for exchange students. Contact your UVic exchange advisor for more information.

### When should I arrive?

If your residence application is accepted, you will receive an email confirmation that includes your move in date. If you wish to request an earlier move in date or if you intend to arrive at UVic when the office is closed contact Residence Services and identify yourself as an international student. If you plan to arrive after the start of term, your residence assignment will be cancelled.

Residence fees can be paid by credit card prior to your arrival on campus. Contact Residence Services for more information.



## Living off campus

If you prefer to live off campus, Residence Services at UVic maintains a list of available off-campus rental opportunities, including suites, apartments, houses and shared living situations. You can view this list on the Off-Campus Housing Listings webpage.

You should only agree to rent an accommodation after you have inspected it yourself. Potential dwellings should not be rented by someone else on your behalf as standards of accommodation vary and only you can determine the suitability of a potential home.

### When should I arrive?

It can be very difficult to secure rental accommodation from out of town, so plan to arrive in Victoria at least two or three weeks before the start of term to allow plenty of time for searching. We recommend you reserve temporary accommodation before you arrive. For temporary on-campus options, check out the Visitor Housing webpage. Victoria also has many hotels, hostels and bed and breakfast inns. You can find them listed on the Tourism Victoria website.

### Homestay

If you are interested in living with a Canadian family, visit the Homestay Program webpage.

## Know your rights

There are many things to learn about renting in British Columbia so be sure to familiarize yourself with the legal rights and responsibilities for tenants and landlords. You can find this information on the Residential Tenancy Branch website. The Tenant Survival Guide is another great resource and is available in several languages on the Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre website.

## Important websites

Residence Services

[www.housing.uvic.ca](http://www.housing.uvic.ca)

Off-Campus Housing Listings

[www.housing.uvic.ca/offcampus](http://www.housing.uvic.ca/offcampus)

Visitor Housing

[www.housing.uvic.ca/visitor](http://www.housing.uvic.ca/visitor)

Tourism Victoria

[www.tourismvictoria.com](http://www.tourismvictoria.com)

Homestay Program

[www.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc/homestay](http://www.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc/homestay)

Residential Tenancy Branch

[www.rto.gov.bc.ca](http://www.rto.gov.bc.ca)

Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre

[www.tenants.bc.ca](http://www.tenants.bc.ca)

The International and Exchange Student Services office can help you find off campus accommodation, but only after you arrive in Victoria.



# Your important investment.



Your education is a vital investment in your future goals and right now the most important investment you can make in your education is your time – time to carefully plan your budget, consider your financial options and explore what assistance is available to you.

## Tuition and student fees

Students who do not have Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status are required to pay international tuition fees at colleges and universities across Canada. Visit the Tuition and Fees webpage for details. Other fees that will be charged to your UVic account include student society fees, athletics and recreation fees and the UVic bus pass. You will also be expected to pay for all required textbooks and course materials.

**Exchange students:** You will pay tuition fees at your home institution. Contact your UVic exchange advisor for more information.

## Living expenses

Living expenses include food, clothing, accommodation and utilities, transportation, health insurance, recreation, entertainment and personal or family care. For an estimate of living expenses in Victoria check out the Annual Costs webpage. Keep in mind that your living expenses will depend on your lifestyle and be sure to allow for unexpected costs.

If you have a study permit and are registered in full-time studies you can work on campus without a work permit. If you want to work off campus, you will need to apply for a student work permit.



### Average costs for international students:

Costs listed are for eight months of study.  
Tuition and student fees will vary for graduate students.

**\$15,560**



Tuition & fees  
(Intl)

**\$1,700**



Books and Supplies  
(up to)

**\$6,318 to \$8,196**



Residence  
(room and board)

## Financial assistance

Financial assistance for international students can be very limited as you are not eligible to apply for Canada's student loan programs. Some awards and scholarships available to international students studying in Canada are listed on the International Scholarships website. UVic also offers a number of awards, scholarships and bursaries. Visit the Student Awards and Financial Aid webpage for more information.

**Graduate students:** Grants, fellowships, and research awards are available for graduate students. More information is available through the Faculty of Graduate Studies website. You should also contact your department to inquire about the possibility of obtaining a teaching or research assistantship.

## Work permits and employment

The immigration regulations that allow for international student employment can be found on the Work Opportunities webpage. Read these regulations carefully, and do not work without the proper authorization. If you do, you may be asked to leave Canada.

Although employment opportunities are available, there is no guarantee you will find a job and there are restrictions on the number of hours you can work while studying. Also, Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) will not consider potential employment income as proof of sufficient funds for a study permit application. For these reasons, it is unwise to rely on potential employment income when preparing your budget.

## Important websites

Tuition and Fees Schedule  
[web.finance.uvic.ca/tuition](http://web.finance.uvic.ca/tuition)

Annual Costs  
[registrar.uvic.ca/safa/annual-costs.html](http://registrar.uvic.ca/safa/annual-costs.html)

International Scholarships  
[www.scholarships.gc.ca](http://www.scholarships.gc.ca)

Student Awards and Financial Aid  
[registrar.uvic.ca/safa](http://registrar.uvic.ca/safa)

Faculty of Graduate Studies  
[web.uvic.ca/gradstudies](http://web.uvic.ca/gradstudies)

Work Opportunities  
[www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work.asp)

Service Canada  
[www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/sin](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/sin)

\$6,000



Room and board  
off campus

\$149



Athletics and  
Recreation

\$288



Health and  
Dental Plan

\$152



Bus Pass

\$24,167 to \$26,045



Total

# Charting your course.



When it comes to picking your classes, we've got a few resources to help make course registration clear – from a dictionary of university terms to tips on what a reasonable course load looks like. Familiarize yourself with the basics of course selection below and start thinking about what you need to do in preparation for your registration date.

## The academic year

At UVic, the academic year is divided into a winter session (two terms) and a summer session. Courses that last for one term normally have a value of 1.5 units. Courses that span two terms normally have a value of 3.0 units. Some courses may have a lab or tutorial component with no additional unit value.

March	June	May-August	September-December	January-April
Registration for summer session courses	Registration for winter session courses	<b>Summer session</b> UVic offers a four month term as well as condensed, shorter terms with various start and end dates.	<b>Winter session</b>	
			Fall term	Spring term

Universities use a language that is sometimes difficult to interpret. When you find words and terminology you do not understand, refer to the University Vocabulary webpage for definitions.



## Registering for courses

You are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of your registration and for ensuring that the courses you select match all program requirements and university regulations as outlined in the UVic Calendar. All students are encouraged to register for classes as soon as they are eligible. Most courses fill quickly so students who register after their assigned registration date will have fewer course options.

Visit the Registration 101 website for help with paying your acceptance depot, selecting your courses and registering online. Students who need further assistance with registering online can phone the registration helpline at 250-721-8142 or email [reghelp@uvic.ca](mailto:reghelp@uvic.ca).

## Course load

In general, international students with a study permit should maintain full-time status at their institution.

**Undergraduate students:** For each winter session term, undergraduate students should be registered in courses totaling a minimum of 6.0 units or in a co-operative education work term. Undergraduate students who do not register in courses during the summer session, or who register in fewer than 6.0 units, maintain their overall full-time status at UVic.

**Graduate students:** For each term, graduate students must be registered in courses totaling a minimum of 3.0 or 4.5 units (depending on the program) or in a dissertation, thesis, project or co-operative education work term. Graduate students must maintain continuous full-time registration.

**Exchange students:** Your UVic exchange advisor will provide you with registration instructions and information about recommended course loads.

## Undergraduate English requirement

Visit the Undergraduate English Requirement webpage to verify whether or not you must write the Language Proficiency Index (LPI) test for placement in an English course. A list of test dates and locations is available on the Language Proficiency Index webpage.

## Important websites

UVic Calendar

[www.uvic.ca/calendar](http://www.uvic.ca/calendar)

University Vocabulary

[registrar.uvic.ca/vocabulary](http://registrar.uvic.ca/vocabulary)

Registration 101

[web.uvic.ca/reg101](http://web.uvic.ca/reg101)

Undergraduate English Requirement

[www.uvic.ca/english-requirement](http://www.uvic.ca/english-requirement)

Language Proficiency Index

[www.lpitest.ca](http://www.lpitest.ca)

## Pack your bags.

Wondering if you should pack along your treasured first edition book collection or leave it at home under your bed? Some things (like your passport and study permit) are must-haves in the suitcase, while others (like your pet lizard) are best left at home.

Make sure to bring your curiosity and determination, but for everything else, take a look through our suggestions below.

### When should I arrive?

We recommend that you plan to arrive in Victoria at least one week before the start of term so you have time to settle in and recover from travelling. Arriving early will also let you participate in orientation events designed to help you have a smooth (and fun) transition to UVic. Visit the New Student Orientation website for more information.

### Arriving in Canada

When you arrive in Canada, you will be greeted by a Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) official. You may then be sent to meet with a Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) official. These officials will ask to see the documents listed below, so be sure to carry them with you (do not pack them in your checked luggage). You could be refused entry into Canada if any of these documents are missing or if any of the information on them is incorrect:

- valid passport or travel document
- valid temporary resident visa (if required)
- valid study permit or letter of introduction from a Canadian visa office
- admission letter from UVic
- all other documents included in your study permit application
- typed list of items you are bringing into Canada, including all items sent separately

If you miss orientation events, or if you start at UVic during the summer session, visit the International and Exchange Student Services office to pick up a welcome package.



## Additional documentation

**Other documents you should bring if they apply to your situation:**

- birth certificate or baptismal certificate
- driver's license
- vehicle registration, license and insurance papers
- immunization, vaccination, dental and health records
- health insurance documents
- marriage certificate or proof of common-law status
- separation or divorce papers
- adoption papers
- language proficiency scores
- official school records or academic transcripts
- letters of reference from former employers
- documents required for entry into other countries you plan to visit

We recommend that you have your documents translated in to English by a qualified translator before coming to Canada.

## Travel options

Victoria is located in the province of British Columbia (BC) on the southern tip of Vancouver Island. Please consult the Directions to UVic webpage for travel options.

Ideally, the final destination for air travel should be Victoria International Airport (Airport Code: YYJ). If you end your air travel at the Vancouver International Airport (Airport Code: YVR), you will need to take a ferry boat or book another plane ticket to get over to Vancouver Island. Travelling by ferry boat is scenic and possibly less expensive than flying. However, the ferry trip will add more than three hours to your overall travel time. If you decide to purchase a plane ticket after you arrive in Vancouver, it can cost considerably more than if that flight was included when you originally booked your ticket.

Allow at least two hours for Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) formalities when making travel arrangements for connections from your initial Canadian port of entry.



## What should I bring?

You are allowed to bring a reasonable quantity of personal items into Canada, but there are restrictions on things like weapons, narcotics, fireworks, pets, plants, food products and herbal remedies. Current regulations are available on the Canada Border Services Agency website. If you plan to bring many personal items to Canada, consider having them shipped or mailed after you arrive in Victoria.

### Clothing

Students at UVic tend to dress casually with an emphasis on comfort and practicality. If you plan to work, you will need business attire for interviews and certain job placements. You may also wish to bring some formal or traditional clothing for special occasions.

Victoria has the mildest climate in all of Canada, but we do have four distinct seasons, and appropriate clothing is required for each. The west coast of Canada is famous for its rain, so you will need a raincoat, waterproof shoes or boots, and an umbrella. For winter months, you will also need a warm jacket, gloves or mittens, a scarf and a hat.

### Vehicles

Canada has safety and pollution control standards for imported vehicles. Visit the Transport Canada website to inform yourself about whether or not your vehicle will be allowed into the country. Your vehicle should be inspected and then registered, licensed and insured in British Columbia (BC). You must also make sure you are legally allowed to drive in BC. Visit the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia website for more information.

### Money

Exchange enough currency to cover your immediate expenses in Canada such as airport taxes, food and transportation. Ask for Canadian dollars in denominations of less than \$50. Major credit cards are also widely accepted and are a good option for your initial expenses.

Ask your bank at home about the best way to transfer money to Canada. Many international students use a bank draft for large dollar values. You may also wish to purchase traveller's cheques to cover your expenses for the first month, since most Canadian banks hold bank draft funds for up to four weeks.

If you arrive in Canada with more than \$10,000 Canadian dollars in cash, stocks, bonds, bank drafts, traveller's cheques or money orders, you must disclose this information to the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) official at your Canadian port of entry.



Wondering what else to bring with you? Here are a few suggestions:

- Items that will remind you of home and will help you feel comfortable in your new surroundings, such as photographs of friends and family and your favorite books and music
- Contact information for your family and friends so you can stay in touch
- A sleeping bag or blanket, sheets, a pillow and a towel or two
- A bilingual dictionary or electronic translator if English is not your first language
- A voltage converter and plug adapter if your appliances and electronic equipment are not compatible with Canadian electricity (110 volts, 60 Hz)
- A one month supply of any medications you require (all medications must be in the original packaging and should be accompanied by a prescription from your physician)

## Important websites

New Student Orientation  
[www.uvic.ca/orientation](http://www.uvic.ca/orientation)

Directions to UVic  
[www.uvic.ca/maps/directions.html](http://www.uvic.ca/maps/directions.html)

Victoria International Airport  
[www.victoriaairport.com](http://www.victoriaairport.com)

Vancouver International Airport  
[www.yvr.ca](http://www.yvr.ca)

Canada Border Services Agency  
[www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca](http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca)

Transport Canada  
[www.tc.gc.ca/eng/roadsafety](http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/roadsafety)

Insurance Corporation of British Columbia  
[www.icbc.com](http://www.icbc.com)

Family Centre  
[www.uvic.ca/family-centre](http://www.uvic.ca/family-centre)

Settlement Workers in Schools Program  
[www.sd61.bc.ca/swis.aspx](http://www.sd61.bc.ca/swis.aspx)



If family members will accompany you to Canada, you should allow more time for settling in. International students who plan to bring their children are encouraged to contact the Family Centre and the Settlement Workers in Schools Program for information and advice that will enhance the settlement process.



## 2011–2012 Important Dates

Late June, 2011	Online Registration for Fall and Spring Term Courses Begins
August 27 – September 3, 2011	Greeters at Victoria International Airport
August 31, 2011	Orientation Event for New International Students
Early September, 2011	Orientation Events for All New UVic Students
September 5, 2011	Labour Day*
September 7, 2011	Fall Term Classes Begin
October 10, 2011	Thanksgiving Day*
November 9 – 11, 2011	Reading Break*
November 11, 2011	Remembrance Day*
December 2, 2011	Fall Term Classes End
December 5 – 19, 2011	Exam Period
December 24, 2011	Winter Break Begins*
December 25, 2011	Christmas Day*
December 26, 2011	Boxing Day*
January 1, 2012	New Years Day*
January 3, 2012	Winter Break Ends
January 3, 2012	Orientation Event for New International Students
Early January, 2012	Orientation Events for All New UVic Students
January 4, 2012	Spring Term Classes Begin
February 13 – 17, 2012	Reading Break*
Late March, 2012	Online Registration for Summer Session Courses Begins
April 5, 2012	Spring Term Classes End
April 6, 2012	Good Friday*
April 9, 2012	Easter Monday*
April 10 – 25, 2012	Exam Period
May 7, 2012	Summer Session Begins
May 21, 2012	Victoria Day*
July 1, 2012	Canada Day*
August 6, 2012	British Columbia Day*
August 20, 2012	Summer Session Ends

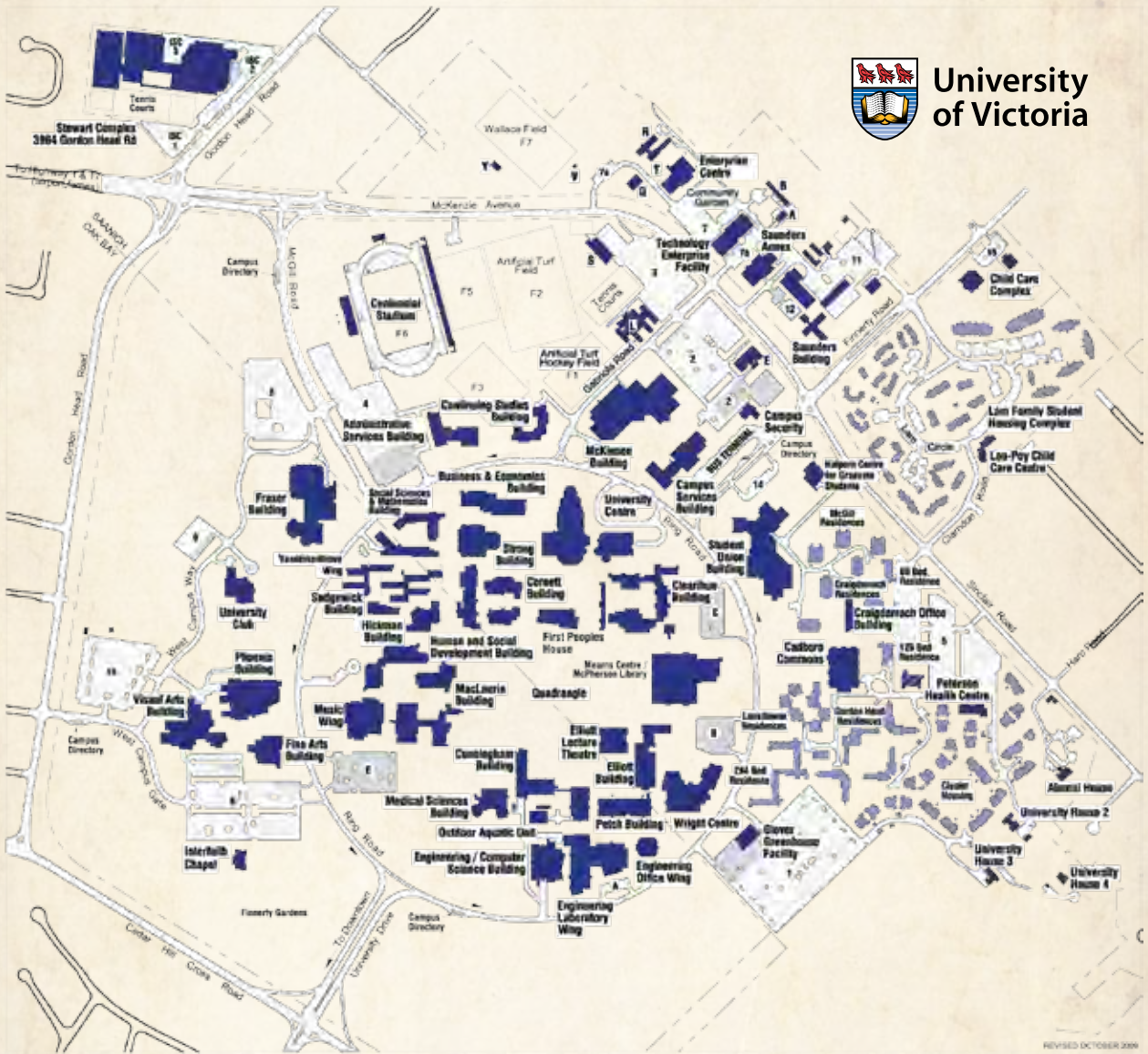
\* Classes are cancelled on all statutory holidays and during reading breaks. Administrative offices and academic departments are closed on all statutory holidays and during winter break. Holidays that fall on a weekend are observed on the following Monday.

Important academic deadlines: [www.uvic.ca/calendar](http://www.uvic.ca/calendar).

Days of religious observance recognized by UVic: [www.uvic.ca/eqhr/observances.htm](http://www.uvic.ca/eqhr/observances.htm).



University of Victoria



REVISED OCTOBER 2009

Maps and information about buildings on campus are available at [www.uvic.ca/maps](http://www.uvic.ca/maps)

## USEFUL WEBSITES

UVic Homepage [www.uvic.ca](http://www.uvic.ca)

Citizenship and Immigration Canada [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca)

Academic Calendar [www.uvic.ca/calendar](http://www.uvic.ca/calendar)

Campus Maps [www.uvic.ca/maps](http://www.uvic.ca/maps)

The International Student Pre-Arrival Guide was printed in the spring of 2011. If there are discrepancies between this publication and the University of Victoria Calendar, the calendar will take precedence.

## UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

International and Exchange Student Services

Phone: 250-721-6361 Fax: 250-472-5440

Online: [iess@uvic.ca](mailto:iess@uvic.ca) | [www.iess.uvic.ca](http://www.iess.uvic.ca)

Produced by: Student Marketing and Communications

Design: UVic Graphic Services

Photography: UVic Photo Services, [kaldor.com](http://kaldor.com), Aiden Arnold and University of Victoria students and staff.

Cover photo: Pravin Narsing

