TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Lək̓ʷəŋən (Songhees and Esquimalt) Peoples on whose territory the university stands, and the Lək̓ʷəŋən and WSÁNEĆ Peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.
HELPFUL THINGS

- **UVIC MAPS QR CODE** - Interactive maps to locate water fountains and recycling stations, covered bike facilities, and all-gender washrooms on campus.

- **GET YOUR ECO CARD** - Residence students get a Free Eco Card; otherwise, it is $5. When paying for your meal, hand over your card and leave with your meal in an ECO Box (a reusable/returnable food container).

- **BIKE RENTAL & STORAGE** - BIKEHUB is an on-campus bike service and storage centre. Also, a place to rent a bike if you need one! uvic.ca/bikehub

- **INDIGENOUS ACADEMIC & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** - Here to support all self-identifying Indigenous students - iaceservices@uvic.ca or 250-853-3730.

- **CENTRE FOR ACCESSIBLE LEARNING (CAL)** - Here to support students with disabilities and chronic health conditions. Email CAL Front Desk or call 250-472-4947

- **LGBTQIA2S+ Resources | UVic LGBTQIAS+ Resources Page | The GENDER EMPOWERMENT CENTRE | UVic PRIDE**

- **GET INVOLVED** - Club and course union days occur in the Student Union Building (SUB) this Fall! Over 150 clubs on campus dedicated to environmental, cultural, political, religious, and recreational causes.

- **GET LOCAL DISCOUNTS** - Use your ONECard at local businesses for deals on everything from groceries to hotel stays.

- **FREE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS** - are located in washrooms on the first floor of many academic buildings.

- **ALL GENDER WASHROOMS** - are available in many buildings at UVic.

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### In Canada for promoting INDIGENOUS VISIBILITY - Maclean’s 2022

### In the WORLD for CLIMATE ACTION - 2023 THE Impact Rankings

### In the WORLD for contributions to SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES - 2023 THE Impact Rankings
THIRD OUTDOOR SPACES
UVIC CAMPUS

THIS LAND HAS A STORY

WE ARE GUESTS ON THIS LAND
UVic is located on the territories of the lək̓ʷəŋən people.

The lək̓ʷəŋən people (Songhees and Esquimalt Nations) and the W̱SÁNEĆ peoples worked closely with one another on the land currently known as Victoria, BC.

A SECOND GROWTH FOREST
Before UVic purchased the land, the Hudson’s Bay Company and the army base had almost entirely logged it, making UVic mostly a second-growth forest.

A "GARDEN" CAMPUS
The original campus designers devised a scheme for a "garden campus."

While deviations have been made from the original 1961 campus plan, key elements have remained true for 60 years:

- Ring Road
- A compact campus (centralized academic buildings)
- The quad as a central feature and green spaces

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

It is essential to understand how colonization has changed the land and how post-secondary institutions have perpetuated colonial systems, both historically and in contemporary times.

To learn more, please read UVic’s Indigenous Plan.

CLICK FOR INDIGENOUS PLAN

INDIGENOUS BUILDING NAMES

There are two new student residence buildings on campus.

Čeqʷəqin ʔełən̓ (Cheko’nien House) is named after the territory that is now known as Oak Bay.

Sŋéq ʔełən̓ (Sngequ House) is named after a village that is now known as Cadboro Bay. The name means “snow patches” in lək̓ʷəŋ.

CLICK FOR CAMPUS PLAN

PROTECTED & NATURAL AREAS

Just outside of Ring Road, explore diverse and beautiful green spaces on campus.

- Bowker Creek
- Finnerty Gardens
- Garry Oak & Camas Meadow
- South Woods
- Mystic Vale

JOGGING TRAILS

There are many walking/jogging trails close to campus including the Alumni Trail and the Mystic Vale Trail.

CLICK FOR JOGGING ROUTE MAP

The banners found along the Campus Greenway are the artistic creations of Margaret August, a Two-Spirited, Coast Salish, multi-media artist from shíshálh Nation.

CLICK FOR CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN

In 2022, UVic published the Climate and Sustainability Action Plan (2030) as a new and unique approach to sustainability and climate action at UVic.

CLICK FOR JOGGING ROUTE MAP

If you are ever in need of assistance, Campus Security Services offers a number of programs — available 24/7 and free of charge.

SAFEWALK SERVICE
250 721 7599

CAMPUS ALONE SERVICE
250 721 7599

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www.uvic.ca/sustainability
CLIMATE ACTION ON CAMPUS

UVic has been measuring and offsetting its fossil fuel emissions to achieve carbon neutrality since 2010. In 2021, UVic signed the "Race to Zero (RtZ)" global campaign hosted by the United Nations for organizations worldwide to commit to achieving Net Zero carbon emissions by 2050. The Climate and Sustainability Action Plan (2030) sets our path to climate action on campus.

UVic has reduced campus emissions by 30%, with the next target as a 50% reduction by 2030.

HOW UVIC WILL REACH NET ZERO EMISSIONS?

1. **FUEL SWITCHING**
   - The energy management team is preparing to replace two natural gas boilers with electric boilers in the District Energy Plant near Finnerty Gardens, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 5000tCO2e.
   - **That is the equivalent to the volume of carbon sequestered by 5409 acres of forest in one year.**

2. **GREEN BUILDINGS**
   - UVic requires all new buildings and major additions to existing campus buildings to meet LEED V4 Gold or equivalent certification standards.
   - The three newest buildings increase the campus floor area by 7.5% but only increase GHG emissions by 1%.
   - **9 LEED GOLD CERTIFIED BUILDINGS.**

3. **OPTIMIZATION**
   - Your indoor experience from room temperature, lighting, and air quality is optimized and standardized to reduce greenhouse gas emissions yearly. UVic can reduce GHG emissions by approximately 1000tCO2e by metering and automating energy use.
   - **That is the equivalent of the electricity use of 177 homes for one year.**

EMBODIED CARBON

Mass timber construction has a smaller carbon footprint than steel or concrete due to the "embodied carbon" associated with extracting and disposing raw material.

PASSIVE HOUSE

Solar shading reduces the heat gain from the sun, making the new Cheko'nien ʔéʔał̓ŋ (Cheko'nien House) & Sngéqu ʔéʔał̓ŋ (Sngequ House) 90% more energy efficient than regular buildings.

ELECTRIFICATION

Heat Pump installations around campus allow operations to switch from natural gas to electricity.

Carbon-neutral means to balance out the total amount of carbon emissions with offsets. Net Zero carbon means no carbon was emitted, so no carbon needs to be offset.

In 2010, UVic’s carbon emissions were 13,753 tonnes of CO2, the equivalent of 13,753 hot air balloons.
RING ROAD IS A PEOPLE’S PLACE FOR WALKING, CYCLING, LINGERING, & SOCIALIZING.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

GETTING TO CAMPUS

- Download the NEXTRIDE BC Transit Bus App
- Check out the Capital Regional District Bike Map [crd.bc.ca/service/commuting-cycling/bike-maps]
- Try EVO and MODO Carsharing. Download their apps to learn more. Cars are located by the bookstore.
- Electric vehicle parking is available. Visit www.plugshare.com to view EV parking across Canada.
- Need to drive? But only some of the time? The Flex 25 permit bundle is 25 daily single-use General Parking Permits with no expiry date for $150.

RESOURCES ON CAMPUS

- Bike Loan Program through Bike Hub
- Covered bike parking & shower facilities HERE
- Bike lock rental at the Library
- Register your bike through Campus Security or project529.com/garage

WHERE IS BIKE HUB?

UVic Campus Bike Centre is located in the Jamie Cassels Centre (JCC), the same building as Mystic Market.

Here you can access secure covered bike parking, bike lockers, benches, and UVic's bike loan program through BikeHub.

SHARE THE SPACE

Pedestrian and cyclist safety is our priority. Outside of Ring Road, the focus is to support safe and separate modes of use for vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists.

INSIDE RING ROAD

PEDESTRIANS ALWAYS GET THE RIGHT OF WAY.

NEED A BIKE?

BIKEHUB

A bike-share program where volunteer mechanics give new life and use to old bikes. Open Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. www.uvic.ca/bikehub

SAFETY FIRST

WEAR A HELMET

RIGHT TURN

LEFT TURN

STOP

STAY VISIBLE
PLANT-FORWARD FOOD BY DESIGN

UVic Food Services follows the Greener by Default food architecture model, where plant-based foods are the default, and diners can opt into meat/dairy options.

UVic recognizes that substantial reductions in demand for animal-based foods are vital for achieving climate targets and keeping food production within planetary limits. To act on this, Food Services reduced beef, pork, poultry, and dairy in menus by 50% in 2020.

LOCAL FOOD

UVic Food Services works with the FeedBC program to prioritize and source locally grown and produced foods.

Local suppliers provide more than 50% of UVic’s food.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

TREAT YOURSELF

UVic is a FAIRTRADE-CERTIFIED campus, meaning you can enjoy most of the coffee, tea, and chocolate sold on campus, feeling good about the people and processes that made them.

GET AN ECO BOX

The ECO BOX is an opt-in returnable food container program on campus that seeks to reduce the need for single-use packaging.

BRING A REUSABLE MUG

UVic sends approximately 40 tonnes of coffee cups to the landfill each year, approximately 3,000 cups a day.

Bring your mug and receive a $0.25 discount on coffee or tea at any UVic Food Services outlet.
RESPONSIBLE WASTE DIVERSION

The first step to becoming a zero-waste campus will be sorting 100% of the waste on campus and diverting it from the Hartland Landfill.

WHAT DOES WASTE DIVERSION MEAN AT UVIC?

1. **Performing waste audits** to understand what products are going into our bins. From here, we can work with suppliers and create policies to minimize these materials (such as single-use food packaging) from entering campus in the first place.

2. **Developing education and opportunities** for staff and employees to reduce, reuse, and recycle items without barriers.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. **Utilize the Sort-it-Out bins**

2. **Eat in or enjoy the Eco Box Program**

3. **Bring a Reusable Mug**

4. **Bring a Water Bottle**

5. **Remember... The Blue Bin is for Paper!**

6. **Check out the Free Store in the Student Union Building (SUB)**

**265 LBS WASTE/PERSON/YEAR = HARBOUR SEAL**

Based on our data, the average campus user produces 265 lbs of waste per year, which is the equivalent to a Harbor Seal.

**IMAGINE CARRYING A HARBOR SEAL ON YOUR BACK ALL YEAR.**

There are approximately 100 custodians managing 22 000 people’s waste on campus. That is 22 000 harbor seals of weighted waste. Waste Reduction Services manages all waste and recycling at UVic.

**SORT-IT-OUT**

You will see Sort-it-Out bins throughout campus. These bins divert rigid plastic, metal, paper, and compost from the Hartland landfill.

Correctly using the Sort-it-Out bins reduces our contamination rate and supports our goal of 82% waste diversion.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Surfrider UVic Club collected 175 disposable cups and lids from a Sort-it-Out station on campus in 45 minutes. They arranged the cups into their logo (a wave) and are using this art piece to advocate banning single-use packaging on campus.

**YOU CAN RECYCLE SO MUCH ON CAMPUS**

You can recycle almost anything on campus, including special items like glass, soft plastic, electronics, batteries, etc.
RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION ARE LED BY:
SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING

UVic is invested in:

HIGH POSITIVE SOCIAL IMPACT
- Purchasing from local suppliers
- Being a certified Fairtrade Campus
- Supporting human rights and animal welfare

LOW NEGATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
- Conducting a lifecycle assessment analysis (LCA) on products purchased
- Choosing products and services that consider the complete life cycle of the product (from raw ingredient, to transportation, to end-of-life disposal)

UVIC IS THE 1ST UNIVERSITY IN CANADA TO ADOPT ECOVADIS

DID YOU KNOW
ECOVADIS is the world’s largest third-party service provider that screens and rates millions of suppliers across 21 criteria grouped into four themes: environment, labour and human rights, ethics, and sustainable procurement.

CLEANING
The UVic janitorial team uses Green Seal, Ecologo, & Forestry Stewardship Council certified products whenever possible.

FURNITURE
All furniture in Cheqʷəŋín ?é?ílən is Green Guard Certified meeting strict requirements for low chemical emissions.

GREEN COMPUTING
UVic purchases computer products that are EPEAT Gold certified.
EPEAT is a global ecolabel for the IT sector that identifies the best electronics to purchase based on a Lifecycle analysis (LCA).

WHAT YOU CAN DO

LEARN WHAT A SUPPLY CHAIN IS
Asking the simple questions of: “Where and how are my products made?” is the first step in sustainable purchasing.

GO PAPERLESS OR POST-CONSUMER
UVic measures greenhouse gas emissions related to paper supplies on campus. In 2022, they were the equivalent of running 13 gas-powered vehicles for one year.
**Greener Uvic**

**Green Labs**
The Green Labs program offers researchers the resources they need to minimize the hazardous and non-hazardous materials entering the waste and wastewater streams.

**Indigenous Plants**
The UVic campus has a growing population of indigenous/native plants on their campus grounds. Plants that are local to this land such as the beautiful Camas flower (kwetlal in lak *əqən*) are drought tolerant by nature.

**Stormwater**
Land development increases the volume of paved areas, sidewalks and roofs on campus. This results in much higher surface runoff (stormwater) when it rains in urban areas.

Rainwater can pick up chemicals, metals, dirt, and oils which can enter our waterways via our stormwater system.

UVic sits at the headwaters of 4 stream systems and is responsible to the greater Victoria community to protect these water systems from pollutants.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

65% of indoor water use occurs in the bathroom.

- 24% Toilet
- 19% Shower
- 19% Faucet

Uvic is incrementally updating all its toilet fixtures and shower heads on campus to be more energy efficient.

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**What is Source Control?**
Pollution prevention from what goes down the drain.

**What You Can Do**

**Short Showers**
Some showerheads produce water at 4L minute.

Taking shorter showers could preserve one milk jug container of fresh drinking water per minute.

**Report Leaks**
In 2019, UVic discovered an underground leak that accounted for around 30% of the water usage on campus, the equivalent of approximately 200 million litres of water.

To report a leak call 250-472-5168

**Don’t Put It Down The Drain**
- Floss
- Hair
- Menstrual products
- Medications, herbal supplements, eye drops, or creams
- Too much soap (due to our soft water, we can use 50% less)

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**Where Does Our Water Come From?**
Greater Victoria’s drinking water comes from Sooke Lake Reservoir.

It is one of the most stable drinking water sources in the Pacific Northwest.