EXPLORE UVIC

All of UVic. All in one day.

Saturday, November 28, 2026

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

WHAT CAN I DO AT EXPLORE UVIC?

Check-in & information	Visit our tables outside of **Sngequ House** to get your Explore UVic welcome package, which includes your prize draw ballot. We'll help you plan your day and find your way around campus.
Campus tours	Take a campus tour guided by a current UVic student. Tours start outside **Sngequ House** and leave every 15 minutes. Visit the tours tent to book your tour time.
UVic overview presentations	For high school students and recent high school graduates, learn more about UVic during presentations held at **Bob Wright Centre**.
Specialty presentations	Learn about transferring to UVic, residence, co-operative education and the International Centre for Students. Presentations take place at **Sngequ House**.
Student experience panels	Check out a panel at **Sngequ House** to meet current UVic students, learn about their experiences and ask your questions about life at UVic.
Lectures	Attend a lecture by a UVic professor at **Sngequ House** or **Bob Wright Centre** and get a real classroom experience.
Student supports information fair	Drop by the information fair in Sngequ House to learn how we support students.
Faculty tours and events	Get an up-close look at the buildings and classrooms where you'll learn. Faculty tours are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, and space is limited. **Refer to the schedule and map** for times and locations.
Enter to win a UVic prize pack!	Find your prize draw entry form in your welcome package at check-in, fill it out and drop it in the box at the **Sngequ House** information table by 3:00 p.m.

Free all-day parking

Scan to connect to Wi-Fi

Join our email list

Don't miss out on events, tips and reminders.

Visiting Victoria for the weekend? Check out a Vikes varsity game!

Before you arrive

Getting to UVic from Tsawwassen (Lower Mainland)

If you're taking the ferry from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay on Saturday, November 28, please allow 75 minutes to travel by bus from Swartz Bay to UVic or 45 minutes by car. We encourage you to take the 7:00 a.m. ferry from Tsawwassen so you can make the most of your day in Victoria, but there are also ferry departures at 8:00 a.m and 9:00 a.m. The ferry takes approximately 95 minutes. Please see bcferries.com for the most up-to-date schedule. For bus schedules, see bctransit.com/victoria.

Get your ticket ready for check-in

- Add your Explore UVic ticket to Apple Wallet or Google Wallet.
- Or print your ticket and bring it with you.

Have your QR code ready to scan when you arrive.

Free all-day parking

Scan the 'Free all-day parking' QR code to register your vehicle for free parking. Park in lots 1, 2, 4, 5 or 6.

When you arrive

Check-in

When you arrive, be sure to check in at the **Sngequ House** courtyard. There you'll receive your welcome package with a viewbook, bookstore coupon, prize draw entry form and schedule. Check in from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Student supports information fair

Visit the Student supports information fair in Sngequ House any time between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

High-five Thunder!

Keep an eye out for Thunder, UVic's mascot.
Say hello, share a high-five and snap a photo together!



Schedule

Time	Specialty pesentations Sngequ House Meeting Room A	UVic overview presentations Bob Wright Centre Room B150	Student panels and Residence presentation Sngequ House Conference Room B	Lectures Sngequ House Lecture theatre 131	Lectures Sngequ House Lecture theatre 133	Lectures Bob Wright Centre Room A104	Campus tours Tent outside Sngequ House	First Peoples House & Library tours First Peoples House and McPherson Library
9:30								
10:00		For high school students and recent grads 10:00 – 10:45	Student experience panel 10:00 – 10:45	Chemistry Comes to Life: Making the Invisible Visible 10:00 – 10:45			Campus tours every 15 minutes 10:00 – 3:00 Book your tour time at the tours tent. Last tour returns at 4:30	
					Exploring Wild Chimpanzee Cultures 10:15 – 11:00	The Power of Story 10:15 – 11:00		
10:30								Library tour 10:30 – 11:00
11:00	International Centre for Students for international students 11:00 – 11:45							
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11:30					Make Your Own Odyssey! From Homer to Christopher Nolan 11:30 – 12:15	Health + Wellness = Potential 11:30 – 12:15		Tour the First Peoples House 11:30 – 12:00
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	For transfer students 12:15 – 1:00		Residence presentation 12:15 – 1:00					
12:30		For high school students and recent grads 12:30 – 1:15		The Apple Blueprint: How to Build a World-Class Business 12:30 – 1:15				
					What Does It Mean to Be a Leader? 12:45 – 1:30			
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		For high school students and recent grads 1:45 – 2:30		Earthquake and Tsunami Hazards in Cascadia 1:45 – 2:30				
2:00					Tariffs: Who Really Pays? Why Economists Love Trade but Worry about Tariff 2:00 – 2:45	Aging and Living Well in Communities 2:00 – 2:45		Tour the First Peoples House 2:00 – 2:30
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					The Power of Multilingualism in an Ever-Expanding World 3:15 – 4:00	AI and Your Brain: Can GenAI Support Learning at University? 3:15 – 4:00		
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Faculty tours, information fairs and lectures

GUSTAVSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

INFORMATION FAIR
10:00 – 1:45 | David Strong Building, lobby

The Apple Blueprint: How to Build a World-Class Business

How did a company started in a garage become the most valuable brand on earth? Short answer: Apple doesn't just sell phones; it sells an ecosystem. Find out what it takes to build a trustworthy, successful brand from scratch, and walk away with a blueprint for your own future startup or business career.

12:30 – 1:15 | Sngequ House, lecture theatre 131
Dr. Mia Maki, Gustavson School of Business

Open Doors with Gustavson

Are you a high school student with big dreams and a passion for business? If so, our Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) program is your gateway to a world of opportunities, where you can acquire valuable skills and carve out your unique path to success.

Meet Natalie Crawford, our dedicated Gustavson Education and Recruitment Advisor, and hear directly from recent BCom students as they share their journeys, achievements and the exciting opportunities that have shaped their experiences.

2:00 – 2:45 | David Strong Building, room C103

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

INFORMATION FAIR
10:00 – 3:00 | Sngequ House, first floor lobby

What Does It Mean to Be a Leader?

When you think of a leader, who comes to mind? A politician? A teacher? Someone in your community? Leadership takes many forms, and not all of them involve being in charge. In this lecture, we'll explore different ways of understanding leadership, including perspectives grounded in Indigenous knowledge, community relationships and everyday experiences.

12:45 – 1:30 | Sngequ House, lecture theatre 133
Dr. Christine Webster, Faculty of Education

AI and Your Brain: Can GenAI Support Learning at University?

Generative AI can break down difficult concepts, summarize information, and generate content in seconds. But when does GenAI actually help learning and when does it just get in the way? In this session, we'll discuss a framework for making smart choices about whether, when, why and how to use GenAI to support your learning journey.

3:15 – 4:00 | Bob Wright Centre, room A104
Dr. Mariel Miller, Faculty of Education

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

INFORMATION FAIR
10:00 – 3:30 | Engineering Lab Wing, lobby

CLUBS FAIR
10:00 – 3:30 | Engineering & Computer Science Building, lobby

BUILDING TOURS
10:30 | 11:45 | 1:00 | 2:15 | Engineering Lab Wing, lobby

AI Is Changing Software Engineering: Humans Matter More Than Ever

AI tools can help people write computer programs, but asking for code is only the beginning. In this talk, we'll explore how these tools can help make things, why they sometimes give confident but incorrect answers, and how people can guide them toward useful results. We'll look at a simple approach: explain what you want, give the AI helpful information, work in small steps, and check that the result works. No coding experience is needed. AI can speed things up, but human curiosity, judgment, and testing still matter.

11:15 – 12:00 | Sngequ House, lecture theatre 131
Dr. Neil Ernst, Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

From Wi-Fi to X-Rays: The Invisible World of Electromagnetic Waves

What do microwave ovens, Wi-Fi routers, rainbows and X-rays have in common? They all rely on the same phenomenon: electromagnetic waves! But why can some waves cook your food while others carry information or let us see inside the human body? Explore the invisible world of electromagnetic waves, discover why we can only see a tiny fraction of them and learn how engineers put them to work.

3:00 – 3:45 | Sngequ House, lecture theatre 131
Dr. Levi Smith, Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

ISLAND MEDICAL PROGRAM

INFORMATION FAIR
10:00 – 3:00 | Sngequ House, first floor lobby

Did you know you could go to medical school on Vancouver Island? Thanks to a partnership between UBC, UVic and Island Health, the Island Medical Program delivers the UBC MD undergraduate program right here at UVic. Island Medical Program students receive the same world-class education as UBC medical students, but in a smaller class and with access to clinical experiences across Vancouver Island. Our close-knit cohorts also take part in plenty of hands-on learning, extracurricular and research opportunities, and mentorships with people working in our region's medical community.

FACULTY OF FINE ARTS

INFORMATION FAIR
10:00 – 3:00 | Fine Arts Building, lobby

ART HISTORY AND VISUAL STUDIES TOURS
11:15 | 12:15 | 1:15 | 2:15 | Fine Arts Building, rooms 115 and 117

DARKROOM PHOTOGRAPHY DEMONSTRATION
11:30 | 12:30 | Visual Arts Building, room A130A

MUSIC INFO SESSION
12:00 | 1:00 | MacLaurin Building, B-Wing, room B037

MUSIC TOURS
11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | MacLaurin Building, B-Wing, upstairs lobby

STUDENT WRITING SHOWCASE
11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30 | Fine Arts Building, room 103

THEATRE TOURS
11:00 | 11:30 | 12:00 | 12:30 | 1:00 | 1:30 | 2:00
Phoenix Theatre, lobby

VISUAL ARTS TOURS
10:30 | 12:00 | 2:00 | Visual Arts Building, lobby

VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: DROP-IN CREATIVE WORKSHOP
12:00 – 3:00 | Visual Arts Building, room B102

The Power of Story

Has a story ever changed your mind or made you want to act? Reporter and filmmaker Sean Holman has helped people who've lived through injustice and disaster tell their stories on stage, on screen and in books. You'll explore what makes those stories stay with you and how your own writing can make the world better for everyone.

10:15 - 11:00 | Bob Wright Centre, room A104
Sean Holman, Faculty of Fine Arts



FACULTY OF HEALTH

INFORMATION FAIR
10:00 – 3:00 | Sngequ House, first floor lobby

Health + Wellness = Potential

Starting university is exciting—and a big change. Join Dr. Lara Lauzon and a former student to discover how the popular first-year course "Personal Health, Wellness, and Potential" helps you find balance, build healthy habits and feel your best at UVic. You'll explore the seven dimensions of wellness and take part in a fun, interactive activity with other students and parents.

11:30 – 12:15 | Bob Wright Centre, room A104
Dr. Lara Lauzon, Faculty of Health

Aging and Living Well in Communities

What does it mean to age well, and how can we create communities that support people to live healthy, meaningful lives as they grow older? In this lecture, we'll explore the factors that influence healthy aging, challenge common assumptions about growing older, and consider how we can support older adults to live well in their communities.

2:00 – 2:45 | Bob Wright Centre, room A104
Dr. Mariko Sakamoto, Faculty of Health

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

INFORMATION FAIR
10:00 – 3:00 | McPherson Library, student lounge to the right of the main entrance

BUILDING TOURS
11:00 | 12:45 | 2:30 | McPherson Library, Room 129, opposite the Humanities information fair

Make your own Odyssey! From Homer to Christopher Nolan

This year's blockbuster movie, *The Odyssey*, has captivated audiences worldwide. Why does a 2,800-year-old story of one man's journey home still resonate today? How might reading Homer's original epic transform your understanding of the world—and yourself? Greek and Roman Studies will help you discover new worlds and new disciplines to explore. Where will your own academic odyssey take you?

11:30 – 12:15 | Sngequ House, lecture theatre 133
Dr. Brendan Burke, Faculty of Humanities

The Power of Multilingualism in an Ever-Expanding World

Learning another language can open up your world and even boost your dating life! Discover how speaking two or more languages can help you connect with new people, explore different cultures and see beyond stereotypes. You'll learn how it can expand your career options, help keep your brain healthy as you age and give you new ways to express who you are.

3:15 – 4:00 | Sngequ House, lecture theatre 133
Dr. Pierre-Luc Landry, Faculty of Humanities

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

INFORMATION FAIR
10:00 – 3:00 | Bob Wright Centre, lobby

BIOLOGY TOURS
10:45 | 11:15 | 11:45 | 12:15 | 1:15 | 1:45 | 2:15 | 2:45
Bob Wright Centre, lobby

CHEMISTRY TOURS
11:00 | 12:00 | 1:30 | 2:30 | Bob Wright Centre, lobby

EARTH AND OCEAN SCIENCES LAB TOURS
10:45 | 11:15 | 11:45 | 12:45 | 1:15 | 1:45 | 2:15 | 2:45
Bob Wright Centre, lobby

MOLECULAR LIFE SCIENCES TOURS
10:30 | 11:30 | 1:00 | 2:00 | Bob Wright Centre, lobby

PHYSICS – TELESCOPE TOURS
10:30 | 11:30 | 1:00 | 2:00 |
Meet at the telescope in the Bob Wright Centre, 5th floor

Chemistry Comes to Life: Making the Invisible Visible

Discover how we bring chemistry to life in first-year courses at UVic! From eye-catching demonstrations and interactive laser-pointer activities to 3D-printed orbital models, we explore ways to make the invisible world of atoms and molecules visible and engaging. Along the way, we'll connect fundamental chemistry concepts to real-world applications and share some of the fun, surprising ways we help students experience chemistry.

10:00 – 10:45 | Sngequ House, lecture theatre 131
Dr. Tasha Jarisz, Faculty of Science

Earthquake and Tsunami Hazards in Cascadia

What would a major earthquake off Vancouver Island mean for you? Just offshore, the Cascadia subduction zone stretches 1,000 km to northern California and can unleash magnitude 9+ earthquakes and destructive tsunamis. Discover the powerful forces at work beneath the ocean, why earthquakes and tsunamis happen here, and where and when they could strike. Explore what you might experience during an event—and how you and your family can prepare and respond.

1:45 – 2:30 | Sngequ House, lecture theatre 131
Dr. Stan Dosso and Dr. Lucinda Leonard, Faculty of Science


First Peoples House

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

INFORMATION FAIR
10:00 – 3:00 | David Strong Building, lobby

ANTHROPOLOGY TEACHING LAB TOURS
11:15 | 12:15 | 1:15
David Strong Building lobby, Anthropology table

ECONOMICS LAB TOURS
11:15 – 11:45 | 1:15 – 1:45
David Strong Building lobby

PSYCHOLOGY LAB TOURS
11:30 | 12:30 | 1:30
David Strong Building lobby, Psychology table

VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY LAB TOURS
11:15 | 12:15 | 1:15
David Strong Building lobby, Anthropology table

Exploring Wild Chimpanzee Cultures

Did you know chimpanzees have the most diverse cultural behaviours of any nonhuman animal? They are one of our closest living relatives, but how do they compare to the other great apes? Explore research on how wild chimpanzees use tools and communicate, and discover the methods used to study their behaviour in the field.

10:15 – 11:00 | Sngequ House, lecture theatre 133
Dr. Ammie Kalan, Faculty of Social Sciences

Tariffs: Who Really Pays? Why Economists Love Trade but Worry about Tariffs

Your phone, your sneakers and your family's car have probably all crossed a border to reach you. Economists overwhelmingly agree that trade makes countries better off, so why do governments keep slapping taxes called tariffs on trade? With tariffs constantly in the news, we'll explore why economists get so worked up about them, who wins, who loses and who really pays. (Spoiler: it might be you.)

2:00 – 2:45 | Sngequ House, lecture theatre 133
Dr. Jason Hicks, Faculty of Social Sciences

LIBRARY

BUILDING TOURS
10:30 – 11:00 | 1:30 – 2:00 | McPherson Library

FIRST PEOPLES HOUSE

BUILDING TOURS
11:30 – 12:00 | 2:00 – 2:30 | First Peoples House

Student supports information fair

Academic Advising for Humanities, Science & Social Sciences

It can be hard to decide which program and courses to choose. You're not alone, though. Academic advisers are here to help you match programs and opportunities to your abilities, interests and career goals. We provide guidance on academic requirements to make sure you have the information you need to make decisions that are right for you.

Academic Writing Requirement

To graduate from UVic, all undergraduate students need to complete the Academic Writing Requirement. This helps build strong reading, writing and research skills for your degree—and for success in any field. Come by to find out how we support you every step of the way!

Bookstore

UVic's one-stop shop for books, tech, stationery, clothing and gifts. Bring your bookstore coupon to the Bookstore from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. to get 20% off any one piece of regularly priced UVic-branded apparel.

Career Services

Throughout your degree, Career Services can help you plan a future you love. Your career educator can help you discover your strengths, search for jobs and connect your passion with the right career.

Centre for Accessible Learning

Are you a student with a documented learning disability, ADHD, mental health issue or long-term recurring physical or sensory disability? Do you have chronic health issues? If you do, come meet us and learn about the many supports you'll enjoy at UVic.

Co-op

What if you could take what you love learning in class and try it out in the workplace before you graduate? At UVic, co-operative education—also known as co-op—helps you make sure your dream job is a good fit. You'll gain real-world experience and can earn up to $62,000 over your degree. **Learn how co-op works and explore co-op programs from 1:30–2:15 p.m. in Sngequ House Meeting Room A.**

Food Services

Discover UVic's Food Services. With diverse dining options, from global flavours to healthy choices, we ensure you're well-fed and energized throughout your academic journey. Enjoy sustainable, locally sourced ingredients and menu options that accommodate a variety of dietary preferences.

International Centre for Students

If you're a prospective student from another country, we're here to support your global journey. The Centre offers programming, support and resources for students from pre-arrival to post-degree. **Meet our friendly staff in Sngequ House Meeting Room A from 11:00–11:45 a.m. and bring your questions!**

Library

The Library is a knowledge hub at the heart of UVic. With vast resources, cutting-edge technology and tranquil study spaces, it's the ideal place to explore, discover and excel. Meet our friendly staff to learn how we can help unlock your academic potential.

Office of Student Life

The Office of Student Life has a wide range of opportunities for students to get involved and stay connected to the UVic community. Whether you're interested in developing your leadership, volunteering, getting funding for a student-led project or checking out our student jobs, the Office of Student Life has something for everyone.

Residence

Learn about the first-year residence guarantee, room types, our residence buildings and communities, programming and more! **Join our presentation in Sngequ House Conference Room B from 12:15–1:00 p.m.**

Student Awards & Financial Aid

Your UVic education is a valuable investment in your future that will reward you throughout your life. UVic offers opportunities to offset the cost of university through scholarships, awards, bursaries, co-op, work study and more.

Student Wellness Centre

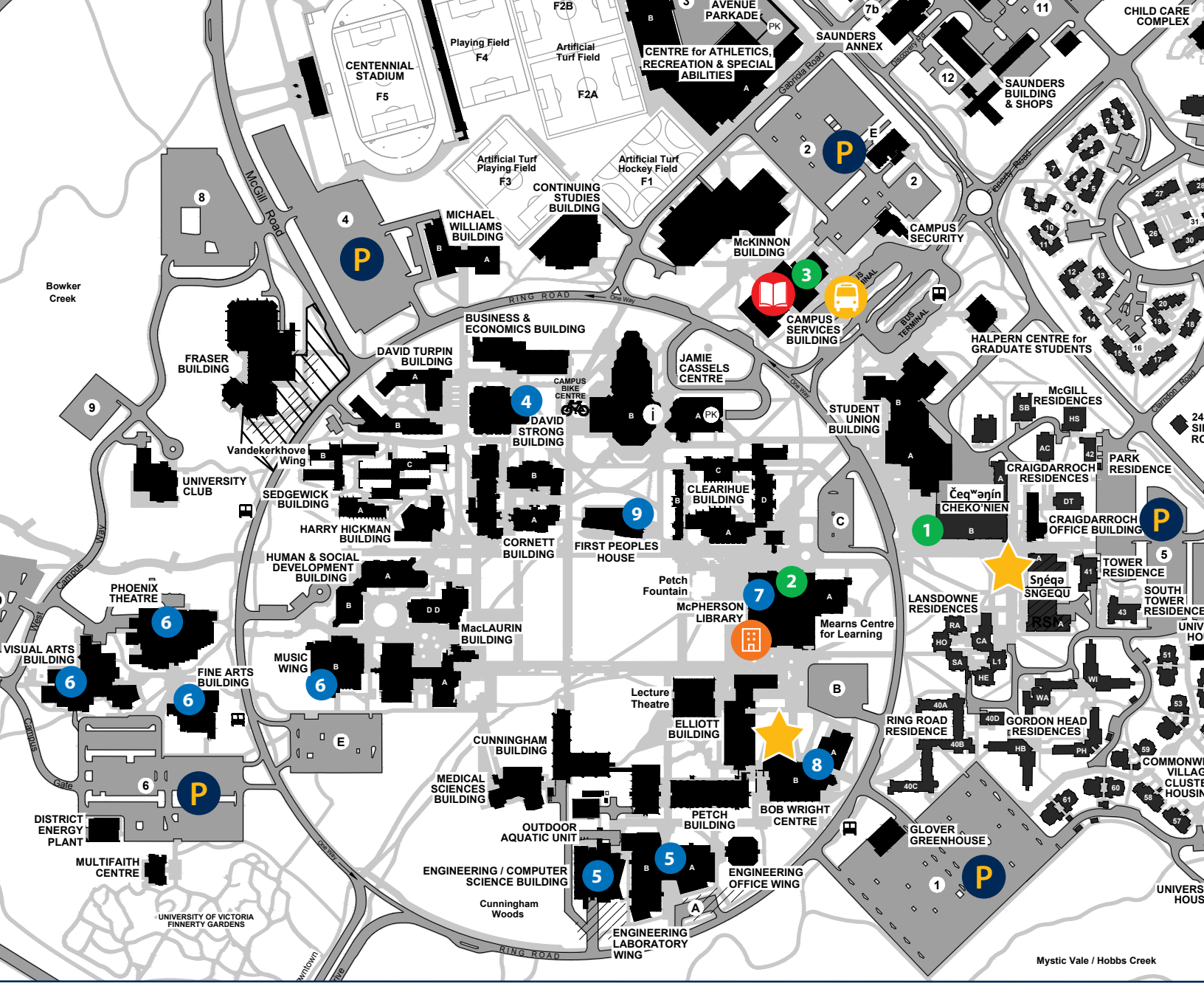
The Student Wellness Centre offers counselling and other services to support your physical and mental health throughout your studies. Meet our staff and learn how to access support.

Undergraduate Admissions

Don't hesitate to ask us questions about admission requirements, application dates and deadlines. We're here to help you take the first step toward an exceptional education.

Vikes Athletics & Recreation

Get ready to embrace an active, well-rounded student life at UVic with Vikes Athletics and Recreation. Explore our top-notch facilities, join teams and clubs, attend exciting events and stay fit. Feel free to ask us about all the ways you can make the most of your university experience.



Parking Lot · Bus Terminal · Bookstore 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. · McPherson Library tours

ACTIVITIES	LOCATION
Check-in & information desk	Sngequ House
Campus tours	Sngequ House
Recruitment overview presentations	Bob Wright Centre
Lectures	Sngequ House and Bob Wright Centre
Information fair and specialty presentations	Sngequ House

FOOD VENDORS	LOCATION
1 The Cove (7:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.)	Cheko'nien House
2 BiblioCafé (10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)	McPherson Library
3 Starbucks (10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.)	Campus Services Building

FACULTY FAIRS AND TOURS	LOCATION
4 Business	David Strong Building
4 Social Sciences	David Strong Building (lobby)
5 Engineering & Computer Science	Engineering Buildings
6 Fine Arts	Fine Arts Buildings
7 Humanities	Library lobby
8 Science	Bob Wright Centre (lobby)
9 First Peoples House	First Peoples House
Education	Sngequ House
Health	Sngequ House
Island Medical Program	Sngequ House