

# UVIC

## 2021-2022 INDIGENOUS STUDENTS VIEWBOOK



We acknowledge with respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory the University of Victoria stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.





## YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING GREAT; BRING IT TO UVIC.

You already have something amazing to offer; bring it to UVic! Here, your knowledge, experiences and perspective will shape the UVic community. At the same time, you'll have opportunities to develop a deeper appreciation of your own culture and your place within it. At UVic, Indigenous cultural activities and academics go hand-in-hand, so you don't need to leave your culture behind to pursue your university education.

## "NEW'EPS SN ʔEYʔ ŠWELEQWƏNS"

(Bring in your good feelings)

UVic is committed to creating better opportunities for Indigenous students, building and improving respectful partnerships with Indigenous communities and encouraging everyone to be part of a shared vision for the future as part of our response to Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The Lekwungen Elders of this territory share with us teachings of "New'eps sn ʔeyʔ šweleqwəns" (bring in your good feelings) and "Nəcə māt gwens čey'í" (work together). We invite you to reflect on these teachings as you explore the next step of your educational journey.

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Following in the footsteps of her grandfather, UVic Elders' Voices member Dr. Skip Dick, Brianna Marie Bear (Songhees) offers guests at a UVic ceremony a welcome to the traditional territory of the Lekwungen people.

# BE AT HOME HERE

At UVic, you'll be part of our welcoming community of students and professors who come from diverse communities across Canada and from over a hundred countries. Wherever you're from, you'll soon feel at home at UVic.

## FIRST PEOPLES HOUSE

The First Peoples House is your cultural and social centre at UVic and your home away from home. Here you'll find a study area, ceremonial hall, computer lab and an Elders-in-residence room.

## INDIGENOUS ART ON CAMPUS

Discover an inspiring collection of Indigenous art in buildings like the First Peoples House and the Cornett Building, and throughout our outdoor spaces. Totem poles, welcome figures, prints, button blankets and sculptures are reminders that we live and work in traditional Indigenous territories. Take a self-guided walking tour and discover the works of many prominent Indigenous artists.

## CENTRE FOR ATHLETICS, RECREATION AND SPECIAL ABILITIES (CARSA)

No matter what your sport or recreational activity, you'll find it at CARSA. Here you can use the state-of-the-art gymnasium, indoor field house, climbing tower, rowing centre, fitness and weight-training centre and sports injury clinic. It's just one of many places on campus to train your mind and body.

## MYSTIC VALE

Lekwungen and WSÁNEĆ oral traditions tell us that this is a sacred site and a hunting and harvesting area. Popular walking trails wind through the forest where you'll find cedar, Douglas fir, arbutus, camas, deer, many bird species and traditional plant medicines.



Designed by Indigenous architect Alfred Waugh, the First Peoples House is located in the heart of campus and features house poles carved by Tsawout artist Doug LaFortune.

**1,400+**  
**INDIGENOUS**  
**STUDENTS**  
**AT UVIC**

Enjoy the quiet walking trails through the trees in Mystic Vale.



# OPPORTUNITIES MATTER

Choose from over 100 undergraduate academic programs and 120 graduate programs, some of which emphasize Indigenous language and culture, health and social welfare, and governance and leadership.

- Certificate in Indigenous Language Revitalization
- Certificate in Foundations in Indigenous Fine Arts
- Diploma in Child and Youth Care in Indigenous Communities
- Diploma in Indigenous Community Development and Governance
- Diploma in Indigenous Language Revitalization
- Bachelor of Child and Youth Care (Indigenous Specialization)
- Bachelor of Education in Indigenous Language Revitalization
- Bachelor of Social Work (Indigenous social work or Indigenous child welfare)
- Bachelor in Health and Community Services (Indigenous Peoples' Health Specialization)
- Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Language Revitalization
- Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Nationhood
- Master of Arts in Indigenous Governance
- Master of Arts in Indigenous Language Revitalization
- Master of Education in Indigenous Language Revitalization
- Master of Social Work (Indigenous Specialization)

In addition to the programs listed above, UVic offers nearly 100 undergraduate courses that contain content with an Indigenous focus. UVic is committed to having Indigenous educators in all faculties.



## INDIGENOUS STUDIES (BA) PROGRAM

Indigenous Studies is an exciting area of study that emphasizes Indigenous ways of knowing and learning. Open to Indigenous and non-Indigenous students, the program explores the social, political, cultural and historical contexts that shape the lives and resurgence of Indigenous peoples—here and around the world. The program is offered as a minor and a major.

## THE WORLD'S FIRST JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM IN CANADIAN COMMON LAW (JD) AND INDIGENOUS LEGAL ORDERS (JID)

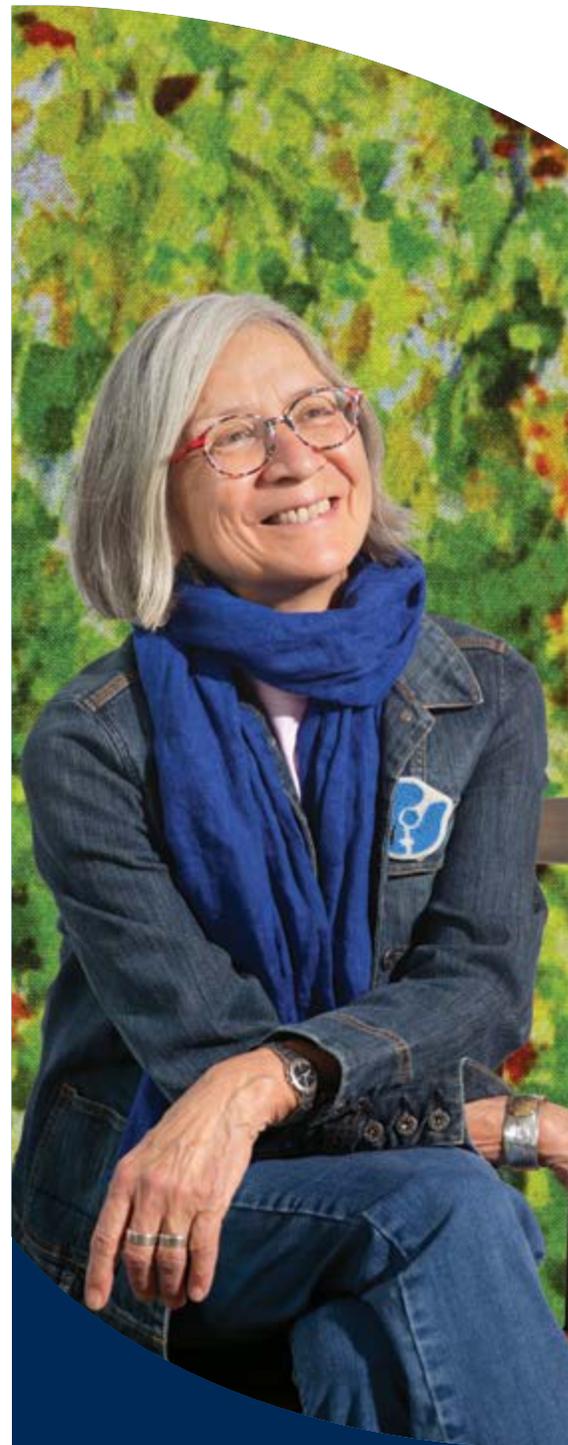
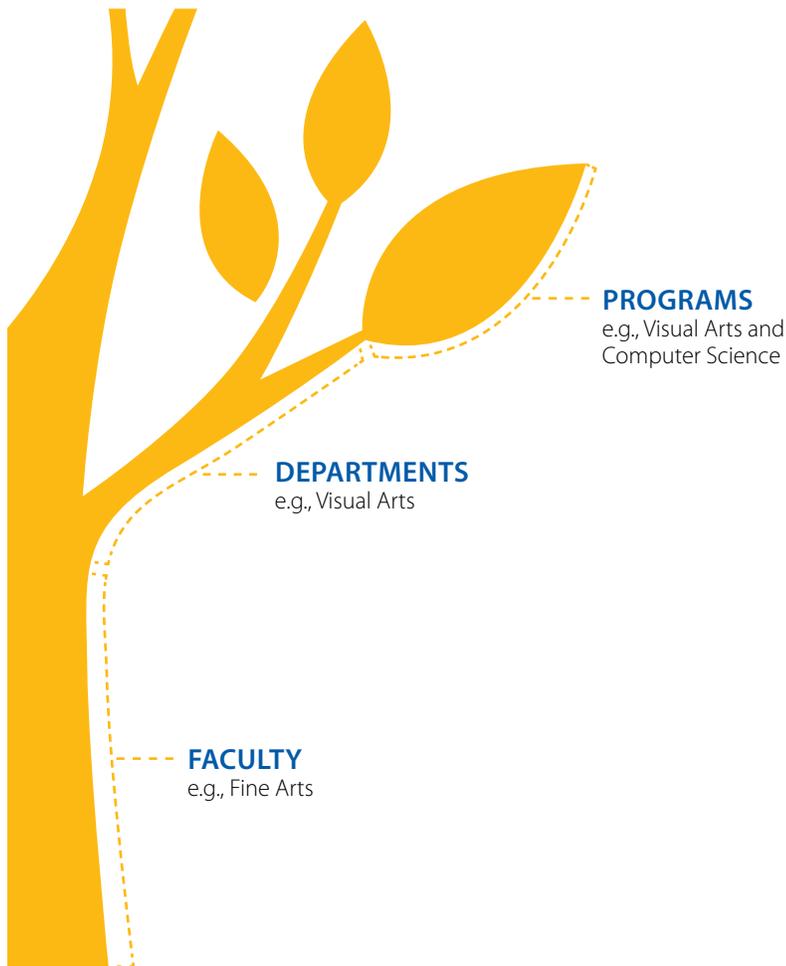
Combining intensive study of Canadian Common Law and deep engagement with the laws of Indigenous peoples, you'll develop the skills needed to practice within Canadian Common Law, within Indigenous Legal Orders, and at the interface between them.

### WHAT IS A PROGRAM? WHAT IS A FACULTY?

Your **program** is a series of related courses you take to earn a degree.

Your **department** is the academic unit that offers your program.

Your **faculty** is a group of academic departments.



“There is a richness of history in Indigenous laws together with ways of managing that are thousands of years old. They not only help Indigenous peoples to govern ourselves today; they provide the foundation for a new relationship with Canada ... and that matters!”

**Val Napoleon**

Law Foundation Chair in Aboriginal Justice and Governance  
and Director of the Indigenous Law Research Unit



NEARLY  
**100**  
**COURSES**  
WITH INDIGENOUS CONTENT

Shireen Foroghi (Political Science) is a Cree-Métis woman who grew up in the Kwikwetlem First Nation, in Coquitlam, BC. Shireen was a visiting scholar in UVic's unique Indigenous International Work-Integrated Learning Exchange Program in Sydney, Australia. While on exchange, she participated in research, student camps and cultural-sharing workshops with the Walanga Muru Indigenous Engagement team. She also had the opportunity to wear this ceremonial possum-skin cloak made by students from Torres Strait Island and various nations across Australia.

# BRING YOUR LEARNING INTO PRACTICE

Your experience matters. That's why UVic offers many opportunities to take what you learn in the classroom into real life work and research environments through hands-on learning, co-op placements, internships, field schools and cultural and academic exchanges.

## CO-OP FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Take a break from your studies and try your hand at a potential career. Our co-op placements offer you culturally and professionally relevant work opportunities, and the chance to work with employers related to your program. Employers include community organizations, Indigenous governments, Indigenous companies and government agencies. Learn about many other co-op opportunities at [uvic.ca/coopandcareer](http://uvic.ca/coopandcareer). If you have a specific career position in mind, we will work with you to organize your own unique placement.

## SAMPLE UVIC CO-OP SCHEDULE

Alternate terms in school with terms in a job related to your program and get real-world experience as you learn.

	SEP-DEC	JAN-APR	MAY-AUG
YEAR 1	STUDY	STUDY	FREE SUMMER
YEAR 2	STUDY	STUDY	WORK 4 MONTHS EARN ≈ \$11,800
YEAR 3	STUDY	WORK 4 MONTHS EARN ≈ \$11,800	STUDY
YEAR 4	WORK 4 MONTHS EARN ≈ \$11,800	STUDY	WORK 4 MONTHS EARN ≈ \$11,800
YEAR 5	STUDY/GRADUATE		

Graduate with up to 16 months of **work experience** and earn up to **\$47,500** (on average) over the course of your degree.

## LE,NONET

During your time at UVic, you can access academic and leadership programs and needs-based financial aid offered by LE,NONET. You can use LE,NONET courses towards an Indigenous Studies degree or as electives in any other program. Learn more at [uvic.ca/lenonet](http://uvic.ca/lenonet).

## INDIGENOUS EXCHANGE IN AUSTRALIA

If studying abroad for a term interests you, you can apply for a co-op work placement at a partner institution in Australia through the Indigenous International Work-Integrated Learning Exchange.



# ABOUT THE FUTURE ... AND YOU

While none of us knows exactly how Covid-19 will shape our future, one thing is certain: there is nothing more important to UVic professors and staff than your success, and we'll support you every step of the way.

Whether your UVic education is 100% in-person, fully online, or a blend of in-person and virtual, our extensive student supports will help you thrive and make the most of your university experience.

Here are some of our more popular Indigenous programs and supports. During Covid-19, we will offer virtual versions of these and other services to help your transition to university life.

## PEOPLE

### Campus Cousins

Campus Cousins are friendly upper-level Indigenous students who will welcome you at exciting social, cultural and recreational activities on and off campus.

### Native Students Union

The Native Students Union (NSU) hosts weekly meetings to plan activities, connect socially, and discuss issues of interest to Indigenous students. As an NSU member, you'll have the opportunity be part of an active Indigenous community on campus.

### Elders-in-Residence

Elders are the keepers of sacred stories, songs, language, culture and traditions. You can stop by and visit one of the Elders at the First Peoples House for a friendly chat or cultural guidance.

**Dhakāle, Hayle Gallup**  
**Tahltan**  
**Elementary Education, 2019**  
Film Producer and Indigenous  
Support Teacher – Victoria, BC

Hayle found her sense of community in the First Peoples House on-campus, and the Department of Indigenous Education inspired her to become an Indigenous educator. She advocates for culturally relevant and place-based education through film and in the classroom setting.

## Indigenous Counsellors

To help you navigate your transition to university life, and to support you throughout your journey, our Indigenous counsellors are here to listen. This free service is open to all Indigenous students.

## SERVICES

### On-campus housing

If you're coming to UVic directly out of high school, you can apply for a place in residence, including dedicated Indigenous housing. This includes accommodation for single undergraduate students and for a family with children. First-year students will receive priority. Graduate students may also apply for on-campus housing. For more information and residence application deadlines, see [uvic.ca/residence](https://uvic.ca/residence).

### Academic Supports

If you need extra support in math and academic writing, our tutors are here to help you improve your skills with no cost to you. You can connect with the Office of Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement in the First Peoples House to learn about academic supports.

## EVENTS

### Indigenous Week of Welcome

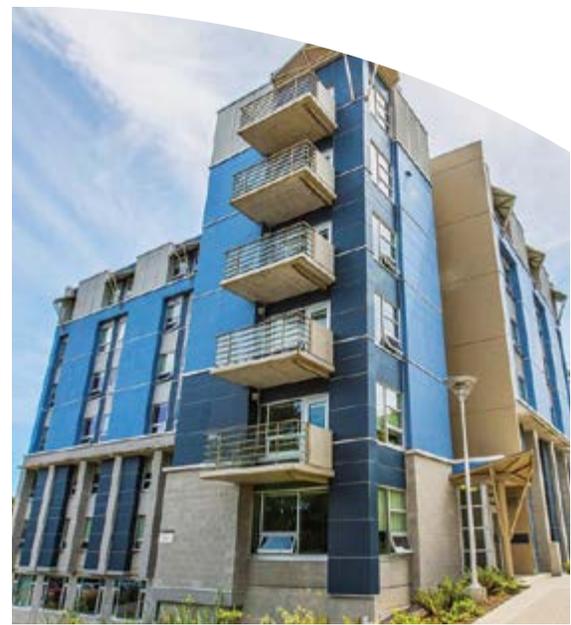
At the beginning of the September and January terms, you can take part in the Indigenous Week of Welcome, which includes activities like welcome feasts and cultural workshops. Meet the Elders-in-Residence, the Indigenous staff and generally start your term in a good way.

### Wellness events

Throughout the year you can take part in wellness activities at the First Peoples House that can help reduce the stress that sometimes comes with being a student.

### Cultural activities

You can connect with Indigenous cultural practices by taking part in activities like preparing traditional foods and learning to make a drum or ribbon skirt at the First Peoples House.



Child and Youth Care graduate student Keenan Andrew (Ahousaht) volunteers with the Campus Cousins program while pursuing his studies.



Cedar weaving is an important traditional practice of the Lekwungen peoples, on whose traditional territory the university is located.



# INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

Your UVic education is a valuable investment that will reward you throughout your life. Finances should not be a barrier. No matter your financial situation, UVic offers opportunities to offset the cost of university through scholarships, bursaries, co-op, work study and more.

SAMPLE FIRST-YEAR COSTS*	
Domestic tuition for all programs except Engineering	\$5,810
Engineering tuition (domestic)	\$6,429
International tuition for all programs except Engineering	\$25,860
Engineering tuition (international)	\$27,903
Books and supplies (estimated)	\$1,800
Student fees	\$1,122
Single-occupancy room with a standard meal plan	\$11,424
Double-occupancy room with a standard meal plan	\$8,867 or \$10,014
Cluster room (does not include meal plan)	\$6,954

\*Tuition and student fees are based on September to April 2020-2021 rates. Eight months of study (five courses per term). On-campus residence rates based on September to April 2020-2021 rates. All figures in Canadian dollars.

Plan your budget at [uvic.ca/whatdoesitcost](https://uvic.ca/whatdoesitcost).

## HOW WILL I FUND MY EDUCATION?

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

A scholarship is a payment awarded on the basis of your academic achievement. A bursary is a payment awarded on the basis of financial need. For a complete list of scholarships and bursaries, visit [uvic.ca/safa](https://uvic.ca/safa).

#### Basic academic entrance scholarships

If you are a high school student and have an overall admission average of at least 85%, you are guaranteed between \$2,000 to \$28,000 when you self-report your grades. You do not need to apply for these scholarships. If you are a transfer student or other non-high-school applicant, see [uvic.ca/safa](https://uvic.ca/safa).

#### Specific-criteria entrance scholarships

If you are a high school student and have an overall admission average of at least 85%, you can apply for these scholarships between **February 15** and **April 30**.

#### In-course scholarships

In-course scholarships become available once you begin taking classes as a full-time student.

#### Athletic awards

UVic encourages you to participate in athletics and offers over 100 athletics awards.

#### Indigenous student awards

UVic offers over 50 scholarships and bursaries to First Nations (status/non-status), Inuit and Métis students. To be eligible, you will need to self-identify as Indigenous on your scholarship application.

#### Scholarships and bursaries from your academic department

Once you're a UVic student, you can apply for scholarships and awards from your faculty.

#### BC provincial tuition waiver program

If you have been a youth in care in BC for at least 24 months and you're between 19 and 26 years old, you are eligible for the BC Provincial Tuition Waiver. This program covers the cost of tuition and fees charged by the post-secondary institution for any credit or non-credit courses leading to a certificate, diploma, credential or undergraduate degree.

## External awards

Visit [uvic.ca/safa](http://uvic.ca/safa) for a list of external awards.

## Bursaries

Indigenous students with identified financial need are eligible to apply for LE, NONET bursaries. Visit [uvic.ca/safa](http://uvic.ca/safa) bursaries open to all UVic students.

## Emergency Funds

If you face unexpected financial hardships while attending UVic, you can meet with the Office of Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement to apply for emergency funding.

## Nation or band funding

Some bands and nations have funding to support your education. Contact your band, Nation or Indigenous recruiter to learn more.

# 54 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

## EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

### Co-op

Alternate work terms and school terms, and graduate with up to 16 months of paid work experience and as much as \$47,500 in co-op earnings. Graduate from university knowing what you want to do and have the skills and contacts to make your dream job a reality. See page 5 for more details.

### Work Study

If you are a full-time student and demonstrate financial need, you're eligible to participate in the Work Study program, which offers part-time employment on campus. This is a great way to earn while you learn.

## YOUR FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES IN ACTION

BURSARIES AND EXTERNAL AWARDS, e.g., IRVING K. BARBER AWARD

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP

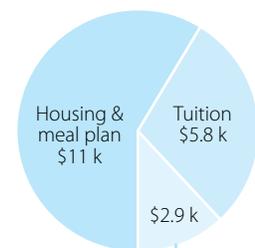
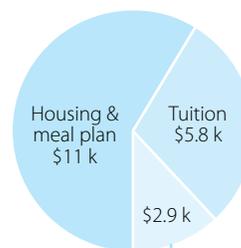
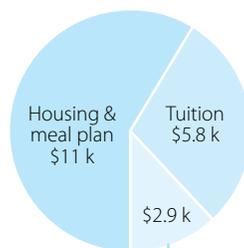
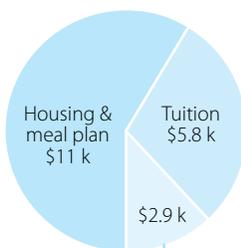
CO-OP, IN-COURSE SCHOLARSHIPS, RESEARCH AWARDS

YEAR 1

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

YEAR 4



Books, supplies & fees

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VICTORIA NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

MÉTIS NATION BC

BAND FUNDING

STUDENT LOANS AND WORK STUDY

----- Available to all indigenous students    - - - - - Status or band-funded    - - - - - Non-status or non-band-funded    - - - - - Métis students (BC)



**Get your questions answered. Speak with a recruiter.**  
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