



UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA 🍁 CANADA



ATHLETIC
FACILITY

MOVIE
THEATRE

LIVE MUSIC

FIRST
PEOPLES
HOUSE

LIBRARY

STUDENT
HOUSING

ASTRONOMICAL
OBSERVATORY

ENGINEERING &
COMPUTER SCIENCE
COMPLEX
EXPANSION

15-MIN WALK
TO BEACH

200 ACRES OF PUBLIC
GREENSPACE & TRAILS

10-MIN WALK
ACROSS CAMPUS

LIVE THEATRE

ART GALLERY

15-MIN BUS RIDE
DOWNTOWN

GUIDE FOR
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS
2026-2027

Small school vibe

A friendly, welcoming
community where you'll
feel at home from day one

18,500

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

(Canadian universities range
from 2,000 to 70,000 students)

**GET REAL-WORLD
EXPERIENCE WITH
EASY ACCESS TO
PROFESSORS**

1:21

**PROFESSOR-TO-
STUDENT RATIO**

**15-MINUTE WALK
FROM ONE END
OF CAMPUS
TO THE OTHER**



Big school advantage

Get a career head start with one of Canada's largest and most established co-op work programs. Access top employers, gain real-world experience and graduate career-ready.

Ranked #5
**IN THE WORLD FOR CLIMATE
ACTION—A U.N. SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOAL**

Times Higher Education
Impact Rankings 2025

Ranked #1
**IN NORTH AMERICA
FOR INTERNATIONAL
RESEARCH
COLLABORATION**

Leiden Rankings 2024

**LOCATED IN A HUB OF RESEARCH,
INDUSTRY, TECH AND GOVERNMENT**

130
**UNDERGRADUATE
PROGRAMS**

150
**STUDENT
CLUBS**

CULTURAL DIVERSITY:

17%

**OF STUDENTS ARE INTERNATIONAL
OR SELF-IDENTIFY AS INDIGENOUS**

The best of both worlds

UVic's perfectly sized campus gives you the close-knit community of a small university with all the opportunities of a big one.

On the stage of UVic's Farquhar Auditorium, students Kira Gill, Kevin Xiaofei Du and Gabi Haslett rehearse in a place where ambition has room to breathe.

Study in the world's best small city: Victoria, BC

Victoria is home to many international communities and is enriched by people from all backgrounds. Whether you're looking for a place of worship—be it a mosque, synagogue, church or temple—or simply a taste of home, you'll find welcoming spaces and familiar flavours throughout the city.

Victoria's food scene offers everything from Latin American arepas and Indian curries to Middle Eastern shawarma, Japanese ramen, Vietnamese phở, Chinese dim sum and classic European cafés. International grocery stores and cultural festivals make it easy to stay connected to your roots while experiencing new traditions.

Whether you're looking for cultural organizations, community groups or student clubs, you'll find people who share your background and interests. In Victoria, you won't just study—you'll belong.



Why study in Canada?

- An internationally recognized degree from UVic and Canada's top-tier education system opens doors to career prospects worldwide.
- Work on or off campus during your degree.
- Post-Graduation Work Permit offers employment opportunities for eligible international graduates.
- Exceptional value compared to tuition and fees in USA, UK and Australia.
- Feel welcome and supported—Canada is known for its diverse, inclusive and respectful communities.
- Live in one of the world's safest countries—Canada offers a peaceful, stable environment where you can focus on your studies and future.

VICTORIA WAS RANKED BEST SMALL CITY IN THE WORLD

Condé Nast Traveler Readers'
Choice Awards 2024

VICTORIA WAS RANKED CANADA'S 3RD MOST LIVEABLE CITY BY CANADA'S NATIONAL NEWSPAPER

The Globe and Mail 2024

GREATER VICTORIA POPULATION 423,000

SUNNIEST MAJOR CITY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

22°C
(72°F)
AVERAGE
HIGH SUMMER
TEMPERATURE

8°C
(46°F)
AVERAGE
HIGH WINTER
TEMPERATURE

64%
LESS RAINFALL
THAN NEARBY
VANCOUVER

42%
LESS RAINFALL
THAN NEARBY
SEATTLE





Tanvir Kahlon

INDIA

Software Engineering

As a student from India, Tanvir chose UVic for more than its Software Engineering program—he came for the hands-on experience integrated into it. Through UVic's co-op program, Tanvir spent eight months working as a web analyst with the BC Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

"My co-op gave me practical experience that bridged the gap between theory and real-world application," he says. "It shaped my career path and prepared me for the challenges and opportunities ahead."

Mentored by supportive colleagues, Tanvir took on meaningful work that improved systems supporting British Columbians in need. Along the way, he built confidence, learned professional skills and discovered the value of using technology to make a difference.

Now back on campus, Tanvir is specializing in areas of software engineering that focus on innovative and impactful technologies, such as artificial intelligence and sustainable computing.

Tanvir's ultimate goal is to take on global challenges with real-world experience behind him. What started as a co-op term has become a calling—to use technology for good and build a future that matters.

Launch your global career with co-operative education

- **Test-drive your future career while studying in Canada:** Get hands-on work experience in real-world settings, ensuring your dream job is the right fit before you graduate.
- **Earn while you learn:** International students can get up to 16 months of paid work experience during their degree, earning an average of \$58,000.
- **Competitive salaries:** UVic co-op students earn an average of \$3,636 per month.
- **Graduate career-ready:** In addition to your academics and co-op experiences, get expert career coaching, résumé-building workshops and job-search support to maximize your success.
- **Open doors to top employers:** Work for globally recognized companies like the Canadian Space Agency, Meta (Facebook), Warner Brothers, BC Cancer Agency, and the United Nations Environment Programme—valuable experience that makes your résumé stand out worldwide.
- **Work anywhere—Canada and beyond:** Co-op opportunities are available locally, nationally and internationally, giving you the flexibility to get work experience in Canada or abroad.

Learn more at uvic.ca/coop.

SAMPLE UVIC CO-OP SCHEDULE

Alternate terms in school with terms in a job related to your program.

YEAR	SEPT-DEC	JAN-APR	MAY-AUG
1	STUDY	STUDY	FREE SUMMER
2	STUDY	STUDY	WORK 4 MONTHS EARN ≈ \$14,544
3	STUDY	WORK 4 MONTHS EARN ≈ \$14,544	STUDY
4	WORK 4 MONTHS EARN ≈ \$14,544	STUDY	WORK 4 MONTHS EARN ≈ \$14,544
5	STUDY/GRADUATE		

Hands-on experience that builds your career

At UVic, you'll get real-world skills through hands-on learning that helps you stand out to employers.

FIELD SCHOOLS THAT OPEN DOORS

Take short, immersive courses in Canada or abroad. Earn credit while gaining practical experience that connects your studies to careers.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES THAT SET YOU APART

Study at partner universities around the world while paying UVic tuition. Build global experience, grow your network and boost your career potential.

RESEARCH TO ENHANCE YOUR CAREER PROSPECTS

Work on research with expert professors. Develop strong problem-solving skills and show employers your ability to tackle real-world challenges.

70%

**OF CO-OP STUDENTS
GET JOB OFFERS
BEFORE THEY
GRADUATE!**

#1 in Canada FOR OCEANOGRAPHY

Shanghai Global Ranking
of Academic Subjects 2024

#2 in Canada FOR RESEARCH IN PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

Leiden Rankings 2024

This isn't your average lab! Students Emma Caldwell (left) and Emerald Robinson are out on the open water with UVic's research vessel, the *John Strickland*, for their Introductory Chemical Oceanography course. Both are majoring in Biology with a concentration in Marine Biology, and both are taking a minor in Ocean Sciences. If getting your hands dirty (or wet) with research sounds like your kind of adventure, imagine what you could discover here.



International Centre for Students

Moving to a new country is exciting—but it can also be challenging. At UVic, we're here to support you every step of the way. After you have been admitted to UVic, the International Centre for Students helps you prepare for your journey to Canada and settle into life as an international student. Whether you need help with immigration documents, health insurance or finding a community, we're here to make your transition smooth and rewarding. uvic.ca/ics

GET SUPPORT BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

- Personalized pre-arrival guidance
- Step-by-step help with study permits and visas
- Special orientation programs and welcome events for international students

SETTLE IN WITH EASE

- One-on-one settlement services to help with housing, health insurance, banking and student life in Canada
- Expert advice from licensed immigration practitioners on study permit conditions, work permits and more

Find your global community at UVic

Adjusting to a new country is easier when you have friends and support. The UVic Global Community helps you feel at home, meet new people and gain confidence in your English skills.

- **Join our social drop-ins:** Play games, enjoy snacks and connect with other students
- **Practice English with a conversation partner:** Build confidence in a fun, relaxed setting
- **Explore Victoria with friends:** Grab coffee, attend festivals or go for a walk together
- **Get a mentor:** Meet an experienced student who can help you adjust to life at UVic

Learn more at uvic.ca/globalcommunity.

Guaranteed housing for first-year students

If you're graduating from high school in 2026, have never attended college or university, and apply for residence by **May 1**, you are guaranteed a place in on-campus housing for your first year of studies.

See **Residence tour videos** and **360° room tours** at uvic.ca/residence.

MEAL PLAN

When you move into a dormitory bedroom, you automatically receive a residence meal plan. This meal plan is added to your ONECard and has an allotment of money that you can use to easily tap-and-pay for food and beverages in University Food Services dining outlets. uvic.ca/food

Learn more at uvic.ca/residence.



Nanami Kanamori

JAPAN

Kinesiology '23

1ST YEAR

Transfers from UVic's Faculty of Social Sciences into the Kinesiology program.

2ND YEAR

Completes a co-op coaching at Victoria Gymnastics and Victoria Rhythmic Gymnastics. She takes her team to Austria to perform at an international gymnastics festival.

3RD YEAR

Completes two directed research projects at UVic's Motion and Mobility Lab, including one where she analyzes walking patterns of elderly participants.

4TH YEAR

During COVID, she completes two co-ops in a long-term care facility. She connects geriatric patients, including those with dementia, with their families to reduce their isolation.

5TH YEAR

Facing her own health challenges, Nanami is provided with accommodations by the Centre for Accessible Learning that allow her to bring an emotional support dog to classes.

6TH YEAR

Completes a co-op as an activity worker at a long-term care facility. She plans activities for groups and individuals including those who were isolated or bedridden.

TODAY

As a disability case manager at Manulife, she provides individuals with the personalized support they need to return to work after facing health challenges.

What program do you want to study?

NOT SURE WHAT TO STUDY? THAT'S OKAY!

Many students use their first year to explore different subjects before choosing a major. If you're not sure what you want to study, apply to Humanities undecided, Science undecided or Social Sciences undecided. This means you can explore disciplines and choose your major when you're ready—usually at the end of your first year.

CUSTOMIZE YOUR DEGREE WITH AREAS OF FOCUS

Many UVic programs offer specialized areas of focus that let you tailor your studies to your interests. For example, in Biology, you can specialize in Marine Biology, Neurobiology or Forest Biology. Programs that offer areas of focus are marked in this guide with a plus symbol (+). Explore all your options at uvic.ca/programs.

SECOND-CHOICE PROGRAMS

The application will prompt you to select an optional second-choice program. You will only see second-choice programs that have lower admission requirements than your first-choice program. If you don't get accepted into your first-choice program, don't worry. There is a chance you can declare your first-choice program after your first year. Contact your student recruiter for more details. uvic.ca/undergraduate

MIX AND MATCH

At UVic, you can mix and match programs! Many majors can be combined into a double major, or you can take a major with a minor in another subject. Our academic advisers can help you plan your program once you have been admitted.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Child and Youth Care
Indigenous Language
Proficiency in SENCOFEN
Indigenous Language
Revitalization (enter in year 3)
Post-Degree Professional
Program (Elementary)
Post-Degree Professional
Program (Indigenous
Education - Elementary)
Post-Degree Professional
Program (Secondary)
Teacher Education:
Elementary Curriculum

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Biomedical Engineering+
Civil Engineering+
Computer Engineering+
Computer Science
Computing Gateway Program
(available only at UVic's
West Shore campus)
Data Science
Electrical Engineering+
Mechanical Engineering+
Software Engineering+

FACULTY OF FINE ARTS

Art History and Visual Studies
Composition and Theory (BMus)
Music (BA)
Music and Computer Science+
Music Education (BMus)
Musical Arts (BMus)
Musicology and
Sound Studies (BMus)
Performance (BMus)
Theatre+
Visual Arts+
Visual Arts and Computer Science
Writing+

*For all BMus programs, apply to Music
(BMus) in EducationPlannerBC.*

FACULTY OF HEALTH

Computer Science and Health
Information Science
Health Information Science
Kinesiology
Nursing (Must enter via a partner
institution. See uvic.ca/nursing)
Physical and Health Education+
Public Health+ (enter in year 2)
Recreation and Health Education
Social Work+ (enter in year 3)

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

Applied Linguistics
English
French and Francophone
Studies+
Gender Studies
Germanic Studies+
Greek and Latin Language and
Literature
Greek and Roman Studies
Hispanic Studies
History
Indigenous Studies
Latin American Studies
Linguistics+
Medieval Studies
Pacific and Asian Studies
Philosophy
Religion, Culture and Society
Slavic Studies (Russian and
Ukrainian)

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Astronomy
Biochemistry+
Biochemistry and Chemistry
Biology+
Biology and Earth Sciences
Biology and Mathematics and
Statistics+
Biology and Psychology+
Chemistry
Chemistry and Earth Sciences

Chemistry and Mathematics+
Chemistry and Ocean Sciences
Chemistry for the
Medical Sciences
Climate Science
Computer Science
and Mathematics
Earth Sciences+
Financial Mathematics
and Economics
Mathematics
Mathematics and Statistics
Microbiology+
Microbiology and Chemistry
Physics
Physics and Astronomy
Physics and Biochemistry
Physics and Computer Science
Physics and Earth Sciences
(Geophysics)
Physics and Mathematics
Physics and Ocean
Atmosphere Sciences
Statistics

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Anthropology+
Economics+
Environmental Studies+
Geography+
Geography and Computer
Science (Geomatics)
Physical Geography and Earth
and Ocean Sciences+
Political Science+
Psychology+
Psychology and
Computer Science+
Sociology+

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Commerce+

MINOR PROGRAMS

Looking for more options? Most of the
majors listed to the left are also available
as minors. The programs below can only
be taken as a minor, giving you even more
ways to customize your degree.

Applications of Psychology
and Leadership
Applied Ethics
Art Education
Business
Chinese Studies
Coastal Studies
Computer Systems
Creative Writing
Digital and Interactive Media
in the Arts
Education
Electrical Systems
European Studies
Film Studies
Geographic Information Technology+
Global Development Studies+
Health and Society
Human Dimensions of
Climate Change
Indigenous Community
Development and Governance
Indigenous Governance
Japanese Studies
Mechanical Systems
Museum Studies
Ocean Sciences
Physical Education
Professional Communication
Professional Writing
in Journalism and Publishing
Public Administration+
Social Justice Studies
Software Development+
Southeast Asian Studies
Technology and Society

Your viewbook, designed by you.

Scan to see what your experience could be
like in the program of your choice!



Estimated first-year fees

Our commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience, combined with our renowned reputation, abundant opportunities and stunning location, offers tremendous value for your investment in your future. At UVic, your education is not only enriching but affordable. Learn more about affordability at UVic at uvic.ca/affordability.

SAMPLE FIRST-YEAR FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS*

Tuition for all programs except Engineering and Computer Science programs	\$35,448
Tuition for Engineering programs	\$47,225
Tuition for Computer Science programs	\$40,841
Books and supplies (estimated)	\$2,100
Student fees (health and dental, bus pass, athletics, etc.)	\$1,138
Single-occupancy room with meal plan	\$16,102
Total (tuition, books, fees and residence)	\$54,787 – \$66,564

*Tuition calculated on eight months of study (five courses per term except for Engineering). Tuition fees are based on May 2025–January 2026 rates.

Residence and student fees are based on September to April 2025–2026 rates. If you hold Canadian citizenship or are a permanent resident of Canada, you will pay Canadian tuition regardless of where you completed high school. Tuition figures are estimates. Final costs will be determined by your actual registration. Some programs have different tuitions. Please see the tuition and fees schedule at uvic.ca/whatdoesitcost for details. These are only basic budgeting items and do not include additional funds for travel, recreation, clothing and pocket money. All figures may be subject to change. All figures in Canadian dollars.

Scholarships

High school applicants will be automatically considered for grades-based entrance scholarships upon admission if all documents are received by the deadline. uvic.ca/entrancescholarships

SPECIFIC CRITERIA SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are studying in a Canadian curriculum, UVic also offers many scholarships based on a combination of admission average and other criteria. While you do not need to apply for entrance scholarships based on admission average only, you do need to apply for specific criteria scholarships.

IN-COURSE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS IN YOUR 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH YEARS

UVic offers nearly 1,000 scholarships to eligible students who have completed their first year of study. To see a list of these and to learn which require applications, visit uvic.ca/scholarships (filter by “in-course scholarships”).

English language proficiency requirement

All applicants must meet UVic's English language proficiency requirement. There are several ways you can satisfy this requirement, including:

- Completion of four years of secondary and/or post-secondary full-time academic studies at a recognized institution in which all language of instruction is English.
- Completion of Grade 12 English or its equivalent in Canada with a final grade of 86% or higher within the last three years prior to admission.
- Score of 4 or higher on IB Higher Level English A.
- Score of 4 or higher on the Advanced Placement English Language and Composition Exam.
- British curriculum: minimum C in A-Level English.
- Sufficient score on an approved language-proficiency test (see below).

If you meet the English language proficiency requirement, you can apply for degree programs.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TESTS AND PROGRAMS

TOEFL UVic's institution code is 0989	IELTS ACADEMIC	CAEL	UVIC ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTRE
Minimum score of 90 (20 per section) REGULAR ADMISSION	Minimum overall band score of 6.5 (6.0 per component) REGULAR ADMISSION	Minimum band score of 70 (60 per component) REGULAR ADMISSION	Completion of UAP course with 80% or higher REGULAR ADMISSION
Minimum score of 79 (17 per section) CONDITIONAL ADMISSION	Minimum score of 6.0 (5.5 per component) CONDITIONAL ADMISSION	Minimum score of 60 (50 per component) CONDITIONAL ADMISSION	Registration in UAP course CONDITIONAL ADMISSION
Minimum score of 71 (15 per section) APPLY TO PATHWAY PROGRAM	Minimum score of 5.5 (5.0 per component) APPLY TO PATHWAY PROGRAM	Minimum score of 50 (40 per component) APPLY TO PATHWAY PROGRAM	Passing grade of 80% in level 300 in the Intensive English program APPLY TO PATHWAY PROGRAM

Learn about English language requirements and other acceptable language tests at uvic.ca/enpr.

Applying to UVic is easy

Once you've set up your EducationPlannerBC profile, your UVic application should take about 10 minutes to complete and submit. If your program requires supplemental information such as a portfolio, essay or an audition, it will take longer. **You do not need to submit your grades when you submit your application. Submitting your grades is a separate step you will do later.**

1. REVIEW ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Find out what is required for admission to your program. uvic.ca/programs

2. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

1. Start your application in EducationPlannerBC as early as possible. You can save it and submit it by the deadline. uvic.ca/apply
2. Add @uvic.ca to your safe-senders list to ensure that you receive emails from UVic.
3. Prepare your supplemental application (if required) and submit it by your program's supplemental application deadline. Some programs require you to upload your supplemental information at the time of application. uvic.ca/programs
4. Submit your application and pay the application fee online by credit card.
5. Receive a confirmation email with your UVic student number and next steps on how to submit required documents.

3. CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

1. Receive a confirmation email with your UVic student number. You will use this number to create your NetLink ID. uvic.ca/netlink
2. Receive an introductory email from your UVic admission assistant with instructions on how to access the UVic application portal. Use your NetLink ID to log in to the application portal to submit your grades and other required documents. You should receive these emails within two weeks of your application.

4. SUBMIT YOUR INTERIM GRADES AND OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- If you're a student in the BC curriculum, you must order your transcript through StudentTranscripts Service at the Ministry of Education website as soon as you apply. Choose the default option that allows updates for one year.
- If you're studying at a high school in Canada other than in BC, or at a Canadian-curriculum high school outside of Canada, you must self-report your interim grades or predicted IB scores via the link on your checklist in the UVic application portal.
- If you're studying at an international high school, you can upload your in-progress transcript showing your grades and/or predicted marks via the link in the UVic application portal. Instructions will be provided after you apply.
- If you're a high school graduate, arrange to have your official transcript sent directly to UVic. uvic.ca/finalgrades
- If required, submit proof of English language proficiency. uvic.ca/enpr

5. ACCEPT YOUR ADMISSION OFFER AND SUBMIT FINAL GRADES

1. Follow the instructions in your admission offer email. You must also submit your acceptance deposit by the deadline specified. The acceptance deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable.
2. After five business days have passed, confirm that UVic has received your acceptance deposit by logging into your online tools and viewing your account balance. Some international bank transfers may take longer to process. Once you have paid your deposit, we will send you a confirmation email. uvic.ca/accountsummary
3. Send an official transcript with your final grades plus any other requested documents by the deadline specified in your admission offer. uvic.ca/finalgrades
 - ▶ If you're a current BC high school student, we will obtain your final grades automatically as long as you keep the default one-year authorization date when you order your transcript through StudentTranscripts Service.
 - ▶ If you're a current Ontario high school student, you do not need to send official transcripts if you provide your OUAC number when you submit your application.

Dates and deadlines

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- **September 1 – January 31**
All students
Submit your application for Fall 2026 entry.
uvic.ca/apply
- **September – March 15**
International students
Submit your interim grades via the UVic application portal.
Submit proof of English language proficiency (if required).
uvic.ca/enpr
International Baccalaureate Students (inside and outside of Canada)
Submit your predicted IB scores via the UVic application portal.
- **January – April**
All students
Check your email for an admission decision. Most admission decisions are sent via email during this time.
- **January 1 – May 1**
All admitted students
Accept your admission offer by paying the acceptance deposit by the deadline specified in your admission offer email (May 1 for most students) and get ready to register for your courses—typically in mid-June.
uvic.ca/admitted
- **February 15 – March 15**
Students at Canadian-curriculum high schools outside of Canada except those in the BC curriculum
Self-report your grades.
- **July – August**
All students
Send your final official transcript and any other requested documents by the deadline specified on your application checklist. uvic.ca/finalgrades

SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

- **September – March 15**
International students
Submit your interim grades via the UVic application portal to be eligible for grades-based entrance scholarships.
- **February 15 – March 15**
All Canadian students outside of BC and Yukon
Self-report your grades to be considered for grades-based entrance scholarships.
- **February 15 – April 30**
Apply for specific-criteria scholarships.
uvic.ca/safa

RESIDENCE TIMELINE

- **February 2 – May 1**
Apply for the first-year residence guarantee if you are a current high school student.
- **February 2 – May 15**
Apply for the undergraduate residence lottery if you're not a current high school student.

Application deadline:

January 31, 2026



Get your questions answered.
Speak with a recruiter.
Learn about upcoming UVic events.
Book a tour.
uvic.ca/undergraduate

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based on your own interests!



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everything you want to know about the
university exactly when you need it.



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