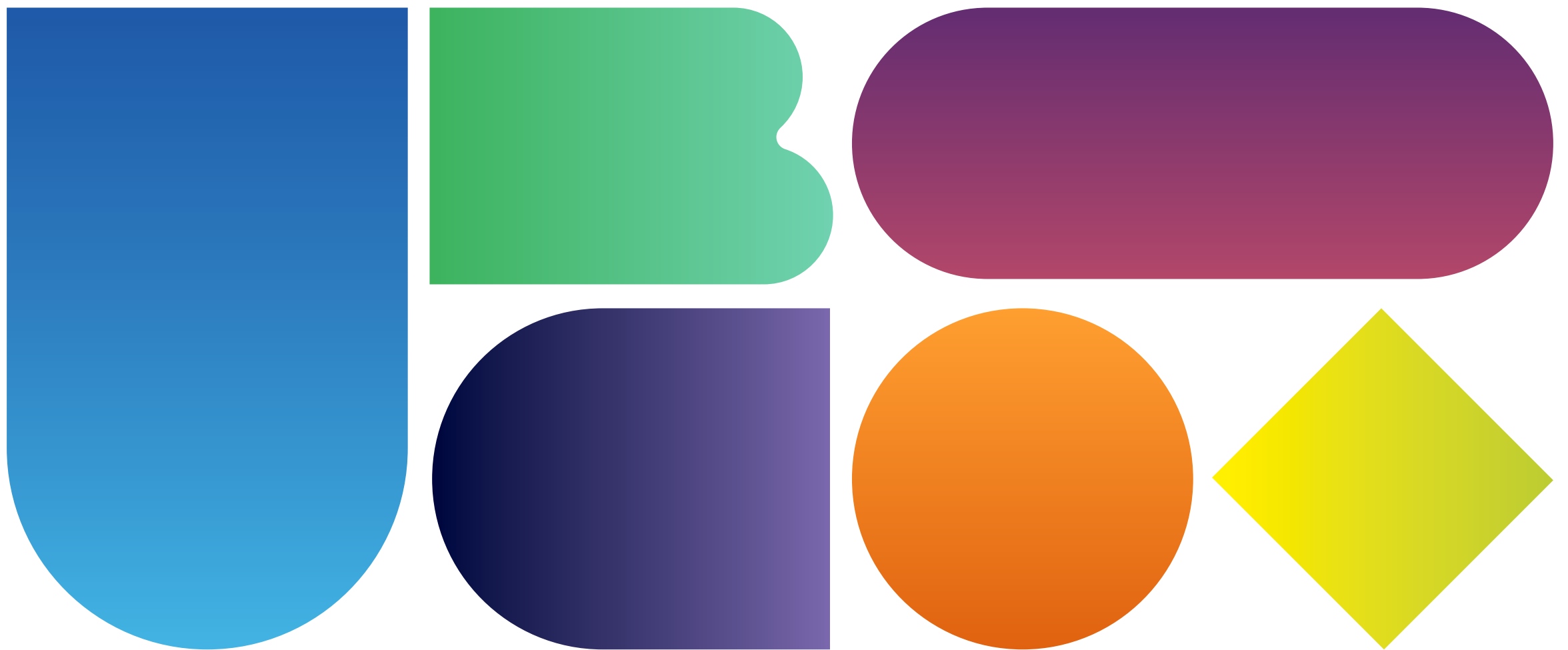



Shape Your Future

2026 Prospective Undergraduate
Student Guide



Bring your
passions and talents
to UBC, where you'll find a
community ready to welcome you.
Here you can immerse yourself in
academics, culture, and student life
at one of our inspiring campuses.
Our diverse and thriving community,
along with our innovative programs
and learning opportunities,
will help you shape
your future.

A young Black man with short dreadlocks, wearing a green ribbed polo shirt, is sitting at a desk in a modern library or study area. He is looking off-camera to the left with a slight smile. A blue diamond-shaped graphic is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text. In the background, there are bookshelves, a chalkboard with writing, and other people working at tables.

"As an international student, UBC has given me a unique opportunity to surround myself with a variety of people and resources to help me succeed in the future. UBC is filled with people from different walks of life. I have been blessed to be able to connect and learn from these people and their experiences from my professors to my fellow peers."

PETER I.

Jos, Nigeria
Computer Science

Two unique campuses

A place of opportunity

The UBC community includes students, faculty, and staff from across Canada and more than 150 countries. We're committed to supporting a community in which equity and inclusion are embedded in all areas of academic, work, and campus life.

#1

most international university
in North America*

1st

university in Canada to offer a bachelor's
degree in Indigenous language fluency
(Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language
Fluency at UBC Okanagan)

* Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2024

UBC is a place where academics and community come together and offer you unique opportunities to learn and grow. A global centre for research and teaching, UBC is consistently ranked among the top public universities in the world. At UBC, you have the opportunity to shape your individual path for your university experience and beyond.

Two unique campuses

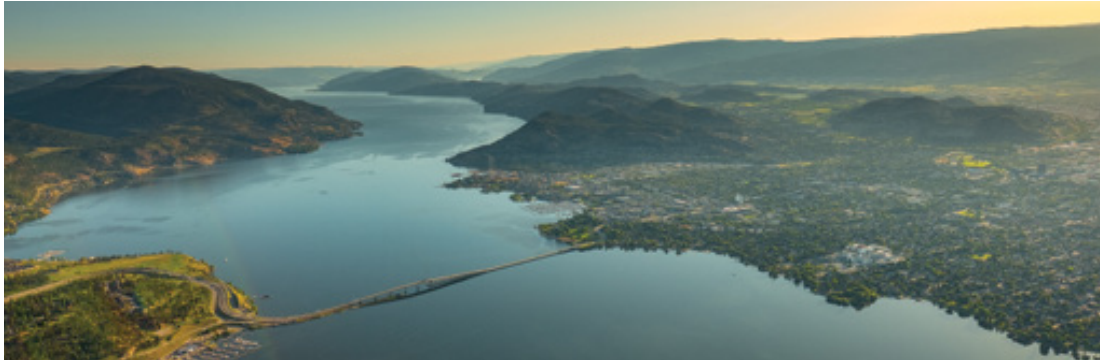


Above: Vancouver campus

Below: Okanagan campus



Two unique campuses



Above: Okanagan Valley

Below: University Way at UBC Okanagan



"I'm not just a number, my professors know me by name and we're able to have meaningful conversations about their research, shared interests, and their journey of getting to where they are today."

ABBY N.

St. John's, Canada
Management

Two unique campuses

UBC Okanagan

Kelowna, home of the Okanagan campus, is one of Canada's fastest-growing¹ and most entrepreneurial² cities.

255,000

people in greater Kelowna

10,406

undergraduate students from 106 countries

¹ BC Stats

² Canadian Federation of Independent Business

UBC Okanagan is located within the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan Nation. Situated in the city of Kelowna, the modern campus offers an array of academic programming, an active urban environment, and the incredible outdoor adventures of the world-famous Okanagan Valley.

The campus is 20 minutes from Kelowna's vibrant city centre which has 10 public beaches on Okanagan Lake.

Two unique campuses

UBC Vancouver

Vancouver is considered one of the best cities in the world for quality of life.¹

3,000,000+

people in greater Vancouver

47,865

undergraduate students from 147 countries

¹ Mercer 2019 Quality of Living Rankings

UBC Vancouver is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam people. Situated on a peninsula surrounded by the Pacific Ocean in one of the most beautiful cities in the world, UBC Vancouver provides endless cosmopolitan experiences, breathtaking natural adventures, and an environment of academic excellence.

The campus is 30 minutes from Vancouver's city centre and is walking distance to one of the 10 oceanside beaches within the city limits.

Two unique campuses



Above: Vancouver city skyline



Below: Main Mall at UBC Vancouver

"I consider the UBC Vancouver campus another home to me because it is a place where I have found community and lifelong friendship. My experiences here have strengthened my desire to use my degree to connect with community and advocate for Indigenous representation in health and physical activity spaces."

JAMIE C. Gitxsan
Nanoose Bay, Canada
Kinesiology



Your dream university experience

"My involvement in various clubs and student organizations over the years has also allowed me to apply what I've learned in a practical, community-focused context, further enriching my educational experience and allowing me to learn even beyond the classroom."

RUSSELL S.

Jakarta, Indonesia
Biomedical Engineering

Russell is photographed alongside other members of the Chem-E-Car engineering design team. They can be seen working on their shoebox-sized car for competition entry.

Follow your interests in an enriching university experience. With a wide array of events, clubs, and cultural activities to explore, you can delve deeper into your passions, while discovering new interests.

Recreational or competitive sports

Get moving and make connections with intramural sports. Or, cheer on your classmates at an Okanagan Heat or Vancouver Thunderbirds game.

500+ clubs and course unions

Choose your own adventure from hundreds of student-run clubs and course unions across both campuses. Explore topics and interests outside of your area of study to reveal hidden talents and discover new skills.

Cultural events and spaces

Celebrate our community's diversity at the Global Collegium on the Okanagan campus or Global Lounge on the Vancouver campus. If you're an Indigenous student, check out the Indigenous Centre on the Okanagan campus or the First Nations Longhouse on the Vancouver campus to meet and get to know other Indigenous students.

Student services

If you need support, it's here. Student services can assist with accessibility, safety, career development, finances, health and wellness, and more.

Activities and opportunities

Academics outside the box



At UBC, your learning can extend well beyond the classroom. Shape your journey with a co-op work placement, community-based learning, or an academic exchange. You'll gain hands-on experience that complements your studies and provides even more opportunities to connect, grow, and explore.

Activities and opportunities

\$892.8M
in research funding

7,500+
co-op placements each year

84%
undergraduate students participate
in experiential learning

240+
exchange, research, and study-abroad
partners worldwide



"Through co-op, I have been able to receive incredibly valuable career counselling and resources as well as secure multiple positions that have allowed me to know what it is like to work full-time and have that competitive, real-world experience on my resume before I even graduate undergrad."

ELLEDA S.
Santa Cruz, USA
Political Science



“UBC has given me countless amounts of opportunities and support throughout my academic journey. Specifically within Indigenous Program and Services where I was able to create community and connect with other Indigenous students.”

RICHELLE A-B. Assiniboine Cree
from Little Black Bear and
Kawacatoose First Nation
Regina, Canada
English

Shape your academic path

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undergraduate degree programs

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dual-degree programs

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faculties

20

schools

UBC offers diverse innovative programming, interdisciplinary learning, and modern teaching methods that will expand your horizons and set you on a trajectory of success in our evolving world. With more integrated first-year programs than any other Canadian university, UBC gives you the power to shape your academic path.

Innovative programs

With degrees in every major field of study, plus opportunities for specialization and co-op learning, there's no limit to what you can study during your time at UBC.



Student research at the UBC Prostate Centre.

First-year study options

Arts One and the Coordinated Arts Program

Choose Arts One for a writing intensive program with a humanities focus, or the Coordinated Arts Program to explore subjects in one of five different research streams.

Science One

Explore biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics in an integrated format in this challenging, small cohort program offered by the Faculty of Science.

Land One

Get hands-on experience in small classes while learning about real-world issues through this integrated program for students in the Faculty of Forestry and the Faculty of Land and Food Systems.

Vantage One

Earn first-year degree credits while you develop your English language skills in a cohort-based, 11-month program that prepares you for second year.

Innovative programs

Interdisciplinary studies

Data Science

Learn how to impact society using statistics and computer science, and work towards a career as a business and data analyst, data architect, or statistician.

Natural Resources

Learn about protecting and managing our natural environment through analysis of urban development, agricultural practices, mineral and oil extractions, and fishery and forestry practices.

International Relations

Explore the dynamics of globalization and examine international politics while drawing on diverse disciplines, including political science, history, sociology, and anthropology.

Sustainability

Learn how to find solutions to contemporary sustainability issues such as climate change, land and water use, and energy transition. Students in this program will explore the connections between environmental, social, and economic issues.

Media Studies

Prepare for a career in media by exploring eight arts disciplines and computer science through theory, research, and application.

Dual-degree programs

Bachelor + Master of Management

The Bachelor + Master of Management Dual Degree program is your opportunity to dive into a subject you're passionate about, while concurrently earning a Master of Management.

UBC Arts-Sciences Po

Build foundational knowledge with a regional focus at Sciences Po, France's leading institution in the social sciences, and immerse yourself in the research-intensive and critically-minded culture of UBC's Faculty of Arts.

UBC Sauder-University of Hong Kong

Immerse yourself in two distinct academic and cultural environments and earn two degrees: a Bachelor of Commerce from UBC Sauder School of Business and a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Hong Kong.

“I was fortunate enough to be involved in multiple global experiences during my time at UBC. I was able to travel around the world for credit and conferences including Australia twice, Mexico, Norway, and the United States. These experiences informed my understanding of global connections for Indigenous people acting as a catalyst for my Ph.D. research.”

NOAH C. Upper Nicola, Syilx Okanagan Nation
Graduate Student and Indigenous Teaching Fellow, University of British Columbia
Bachelor of Arts, 2022
From: Merritt, Canada
Living In: Kelowna, Canada



“Not only did I discover things that I was passionate about, but equally helpful was getting to try out new experiences and figure out when they weren’t a good fit for me. I felt more confident knowing what I enjoyed doing and what I was good at after taking advantage of the vast array of opportunities available at UBC and using that to inform what I pursued after graduation.”

JULIA T.
Public Environmental Education Coordinator
at Stanley Park Ecology Society
Bachelor of Science in Global Resource
Systems, 2023
From: Portland, USA
Living In: Vancouver, Canada

Join a global network of alumni

UBC alumni are all over the world, working in every field and community imaginable.

410,000+

alumni in 160 countries

260

companies spun from UBC research

8

Nobel Laureates

75

Rhode Scholars

How to apply

DEADLINE FOR APPLYING to UBC is January 15

For more important dates, see

or

Canadian students

Apply by **December 1** to be considered for entrance scholarships.

International students

Apply by **December 1** to be considered for International Scholars Program awards.

Note: a separate award application is due by November 15.

1. Choose your degree and campus

When you complete your application, you will have the opportunity to select your first and second choice of degree. The degrees you choose can be in different faculties and on different campuses.

2. Review the requirements

Make sure you meet UBC's general admission requirements and degree-specific requirements, and can demonstrate English language competency.

3. Complete your application and pay the fee

Give yourself plenty of time to complete the personal profile section.

It plays an important role in our admission and awards decisions.

Fee for Canadian citizens and permanent residents: \$78.50

Fee for international students who require a study permit: \$173.00

All figures are in Canadian dollars. Dates are subject to change.

"The close-knit community of the campus fosters a very supportive learning environment. I find it very easy to get to know people here and have more personalized interactions with both my professors and peers which have been instrumental in my success so far."

RAHMAN G.

Beijing, China

Manufacturing Engineering



Admission requirements

How UBC makes admissions decisions

UBC's admission process is **competitive** and **comparative**. No matter what degree you apply for, UBC will broadly evaluate your academic history. All of your Grade 11 (junior-level) and Grade 12 (senior-level) courses will be considered in the admission decision, though not all grades will be used in the calculation of your admission average.

Based on the degree you apply to, UBC will also do a core assessment of your grades from academic Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses that fall within related subject categories. If you present a course at both the Grade 11 and Grade 12 level, emphasis is placed on the more senior-level course.

Writing your personal profile

UBC also considers your experiences beyond academics. That's where the personal profile section of the online application comes in. It's a chance for you to tell the university what you're most proud of and what you've learned from your experiences. Personal profile questions require short written responses of 50 to 200 words.

Tips for writing your personal profile

1

Tell us what you've learned from your experiences and accomplishments, instead of just listing them.

2

Be authentic and tell us what you want to say, not what you think we want to hear.

3

Use details to provide context and elaborate on your answers.

To be considered for admission to UBC, you must meet our general admission requirements and degree-specific requirements, and demonstrate English language competency. Your degree-specific requirements depend on where you went to high school and which UBC campus you plan to attend.



English Language Competency

To study at UBC, you must meet the English Language Admission Standard (ELAS). One way to meet the ELAS is to achieve a minimum score on a recognized English proficiency test, such as the Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) Test, the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Plan your path



"I arrived at UBC with no clear direction or sense of my future goals. Now, I'm leaving school with a vision for the future. I plan to pursue counselling psychology, a path I never would have found had I not made connections with friends and professors who were passionate about the subject."

MARK J.

Edmonton, Canada
History and Psychology

Mark (right) and Elleda (left) can be seen on MacInnes Field, where regular intramural sports and events take place.

If you're in your final years of high school, now is a great time to start thinking about shaping your future academic path. You can use these steps to help identify which areas of study interest you at UBC and which courses you'll need to take in order to apply for your dream degree or degrees.

Step 1

Find your general admission requirements.

UBC's general admission requirements are based on where you're studying and your school's curriculum.

Step 2

Check out your program options.

Browse the list of program options available at UBC and see which interest you.

Step 3

Find your degree-specific admission requirements.

Select whether you're a Canadian or international student. Then, select your location and the degree(s) you're interested in from the dropdown menus to find the admission requirements associated with that degree.

Step 4

Note the relevant subject categories for your degree(s) of interest.

Below the degree-specific admission requirements, under "Related courses," you'll find a list of subject categories that are particularly relevant for your degree(s) of interest.

Step 5

Find relevant courses at your school.

If your high school offers courses in the subject categories noted in step 4, use them as possible electives you might want to consider.

On our website, you'll find information about UBC's general admission requirements, degree-specific requirements, and English Language Admission Standard — everything you need to plan your journey to UBC.

Budgeting for first year

A UBC education is a valuable investment that will pay dividends throughout your life. UBC's tuition compares favourably with those of other top-ranked universities around the world.

\$6,079+
domestic tuition

depending on your area of study

\$49,549+
international tuition

depending on your area of study

\$16,000+
living costs

including rent or on-campus housing, utilities, cell phone, laptop, meals, health insurance, personal care, etc.

\$3,530+
other educational costs

including books, supplies, student fees, etc.

All figures are estimated in Canadian dollars and based on a full first-year course load in the 2024/25 academic year. Living costs cover an eight-month period and are based on a typical student's experience in residence. Goods and services are subject to inflation. Tuition fees are reviewed annually by the Board of Governors, in consultation with students. Most UBC bachelor's degrees take four years of full-time study to complete, and some programs have different tuition rates after first year.



Awards for Canadian students

UBC works with prospective students and their families to ensure that no eligible Canadian citizen is prevented from attending the university for financial reasons alone. With the help of donors, UBC provides scholarships, bursaries, and career development initiatives to outstanding Canadian undergraduate students.

Awards for international students

UBC makes available scholarships, awards, research grants, and career development initiatives from non-public sources to outstanding international undergraduate students who demonstrate academic excellence and leadership qualities.

Online cost estimator

Use our online tool to refine your estimate and plan your finances for first year.

Key dates

December 1

Canadian students

Deadline to apply for admission for Winter Session (September to April) if you would like to be considered for a first-round offer of admission, Presidential Scholars Award, Centennial Scholars Entrance Award, or Beyond Tomorrow Scholars Award.

International students

Deadline to apply for admission for Winter Session (September to April) if you would like to be considered for an International Scholars Program Award. Note: a separate award application is due by **November 15**.

January 15

Canadian students

Deadline to apply for upcoming Winter Session (September to April).

Deadline to apply for upcoming Summer Session (May to August).

International students

Deadline to apply for upcoming Winter Session (September to April). If you apply by January 15, you will be automatically considered for merit-based international entrance scholarships if you have not already been nominated for an International Scholars Award.

Deadline to apply for upcoming Summer Session (May to August).

May 1

Deadline to apply for residence and be eligible for the first-year residence guarantee.

Your accept date:

May-June

Deadline to accept UBC's offer of admission and pay the acceptance deposit. Most students will need to accept by May 1.

Let's connect

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[Click here](#) to meet UBC advisors and students in person or online



