

UBC AT A GLANCE

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS



THE BASICS

- Comprehensive public research university
- Four-year undergraduate (bachelor) degrees
- Instruction in English
- Two campuses: Vancouver and Okanagan

ACADEMICS AND REPUTATION

UBC is consistently ranked among the world's top 40 research universities, which means that your son or daughter will be attending an institution of world-class scholarship. At a research university, students benefit from an education that isn't exclusively from textbooks; it is enriched by hands-on learning and from working with professors who are pushing the boundaries of knowledge. A UBC education gives your son or daughter the kind of head start that's needed to go further and faster.

SUCCESS AFTER GRADUATION

A UBC degree is internationally recognized. As a result, graduates can continue their studies or pursue careers in countries around the world. Every year, hundreds of UBC graduates are accepted into leading professional schools and graduate programs at Columbia University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the London School of Economics, and Oxford University, to name just a few. For students who are not pursuing graduate studies, UBC offers career support, workshops, and networking opportunities to help students find employment and develop lifelong career self-management skills. Many programs offer post-graduation placement assistance and internships.



ACADEMICS



Among the world's top 40 universities



17 faculties, 15 schools, 4 colleges



212 undergraduate programs
202 masters programs
107 PhD programs



7 Rhodes Scholars in the last 10 years



Over 99% of full-time professors have PhDs - the highest rate in Canada

RESEARCH



\$520M in current research funding for 8,000 projects



STUDENT LIFE

CAMPUS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Student Orientation

Orientation programs including Jump Start (both campuses), Imagine (Vancouver) and Create (Okanagan) help students get to know the people, places, activities, and resources on campus. Students new to Canada will also learn about study permits, entry visas, health insurance, and employment.

Priority Housing

First-year students coming directly from high school are guaranteed a place in on-campus housing, provided they apply by the deadline of May 1.

Tri-Mentoring Program

Connects students with a faculty or industry mentor for new ideas, career development, networking, and support.

Co-operative Education

Opportunities for paid career-related employment are competitively available in major faculties.

Go Global

Full-credit study exchange at any of 175 partner institutions in 42 countries, as well as opportunities to volunteer on international projects.

Learning Exchange

Gets students involved with local schools and nonprofit organizations that are making a difference in the community.

Academic Support

Gives one-on-one access to professors, instructors, and teaching assistants in addition to workshops and other resources that support success.

Access and Diversity

UBC is an inclusive environment in which all students can thrive, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability-related barriers. Extensive resources are available to support individual needs.

For more information on all of these resources, visit you.ubc.ca/ubc-life

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

UBC students come from 151 countries making the campuses culturally and ethnically diverse. With such a wide range of people and interests on campus, there are great opportunities to connect through social and cultural clubs, associations, centres, and websites. Both campuses offer clubs and spaces that help students from a variety of backgrounds to connect. The Aboriginal community – made up of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students from across the country – is also very active here.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

All UBC students have convenient access to health clinics on campus, as well as other services necessary to maintain their well-being, including confidential counselling and peer-led wellness workshops.

SAFETY

Vancouver and Kelowna enjoy some of the safest and highest-quality living environments in North America. On campus, UBC takes a proactive approach to safety. Programs such as Safewalk (volunteer teams walk with students around campus at night) and the campus blue phones (which connect students to campus security at the push of a button) ensure that students can live, study, and play safely.

RELIGION

As a public university, UBC is a secular institution. Students practise a range of faiths and forms of religious expression. Opportunities for religious observance are available under the guidance of Chaplains representing Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Unitarian/Universalist, and Baha'i faiths. Multi-faith spaces and a wide array of clubs for religious and spiritual communities make UBC a welcoming place for people of all faiths.

SUSTAINABILITY



Became Canada's first university with a sustainable development policy in 1997



Reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 25% over the past 16 years



480 courses include sustainability-related content

SPORTS AND CLUBS



Over 300 student clubs and associations



37 varsity athletic teams have won 106 National Championships



231 Olympians



64 medals including 19 gold

ARTS AND CULTURE



1,400-seat international-level concert and performance stage: The Chan Centre



Canada's largest teaching museum: Museum of Anthropology



Thousands of academic and cultural events each year

TUITION AND FINANCES

Tuition fees at UBC compare favourably with schools of the same high calibre around the world. However, financing an education is a significant investment, so you will need to determine whether you have the financial resources to cover tuition and living costs for the duration of your son's or daughter's studies. Most bachelor degrees at UBC take four years of full-time study to complete. Tuition fees are reviewed annually by UBC and are subject to change. All estimated costs here are quoted in Canadian dollars.

Canadian Students

2013-14 tuition for Canadian citizens or permanent residents is calculated at \$159.81 per credit for most programs. Tuition fees are higher in the Pharmacy program (\$235.62 per credit), after the first year in the Sauder School of Business (\$236.79 per credit), in Applied Science (\$170.60 per credit), and for the Bachelor of International Economics program (\$255.67 per credit).

International Students

2013-14 tuition for international students is calculated at \$776.67 per credit for most programs. Tuition fees for the Sauder School of Business are higher (\$870.23 per credit), and for the Bachelor of International Economics program (\$931.13 per credit). Students in the International Program at UBC Vantage College pay a program fee rather than a per-credit rate. Fees are also assessed with a cost-of-living increase of approximately 2-3% per year.

For more information, including an online cost calculator, visit you.ubc.ca/tuition-scholarships/cost/adding-it-up

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND AWARDS

In addition to \$25 million annually in awards and financial assistance programs for Canadian students, UBC dedicates \$8 million each year to financial aid and awards for international students. Need-based and merit-based programs are both

available. As there are a limited number of awards, not every student who qualifies will receive one.

Additional information is available at you.ubc.ca/tuition-scholarships

WORKING WHILE STUDYING

Full-time study is demanding but some students choose to work while studying to get career-related job experience and offset expenses. However, part-time work cannot be relied upon to cover tuition and living expenses.

UBC Work Study and Work Learn is an employment program that helps fund oncampus jobs for students. All students registered in a minimum number of credits per term are eligible. In addition, many programs offer paid co-op placements as part of their degree.

Most international students holding a Canadian study permit may work part-time on or off campus. After graduation, most international students are eligible to apply for a work permit for up to three years.

Interested students can verify their eligibility online at students.ubc.ca/international

STUDENT LOANS

Student loans are provincial and federal government-funded financial assistance that are repaid after studies are complete. Canadian citizens and permanent residents are eligible to apply. For more information, visit you.ubc.ca/tuition-scholarships/loans-assistance/canadian-loans-grants

U.S. citizens may be eligible for Stafford or PLUS Loans (subsidized and unsubsidized) sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. Students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form (available at fafsa.ed.gov) and specify UBC using the UBC Title IV Code: G08369. Visit you.ubc.ca/tuition-scholarships/loans-assistance/us-loans

Example of first-year tuition and living expenses 2013-14	Credits	Canadian citizens or permanent residents	International students
Arts	30	\$4,794	\$23,300
Commerce (Sauder School of Business)	30	\$7,104	\$26,107
Applied Science (Engineering)	35	\$5,593	\$27,183
International Economics	30	\$7,670	\$27,934
Science	30	\$4,794	\$23,300
Living costs and Study Equipment †		\$13,000 - \$15,000	\$13,000 - \$15,000
TOTAL (CAD\$)		\$17,800 - \$22,700	\$36,300 - \$42,900

† Approximate, based on living on campus



DISCOVER OUR COMMUNITY

GET TO KNOW UBC

Read and watch the unique stories of students and faculty at you.ubc.ca/ubc_stories

TOURS AND ORIENTATION

The best way to experience UBC is to visit UBC. Register for a free campus tour at account.you.ubc.ca/ubc/tour/campustours.ezc

UBC also offers orientations for parents of new students at the beginning of term. students.ubc.ca/parents/parent-orientation

If you can't come in person, you can take a virtual tour of both campuses. you.ubc.ca/ubc-life/virtual-tour

A NOTE ABOUT STUDENT PRIVACY

It is important to know that UBC is bound by BC provincial legislation and the Protection of Privacy Act. Your son or daughter can give permission to UBC to share their personal information with you (including giving you online access to their application) by logging in to the Student Service Centre and completing the Third Party Authorization Form.

Vancouver campus
students.ubc.ca/ssc

Okanagan campus
okanagan.students.ubc.ca/ssc



STUDENTS

Vancouver Campus

33,400
Undergraduate students on Vancouver campus

13%
From other Canadian provinces and territories

17.9%
From other Canadian provinces and territories

Over 90% of first-year students go on to second year

Undergraduate and graduate students come from 151 countries

Okanagan Campus

7,500
Undergraduate students on Okanagan campus

19%
From other Canadian provinces and territories

8.6%
From other Canadian provinces and territories



a place of mind
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA