



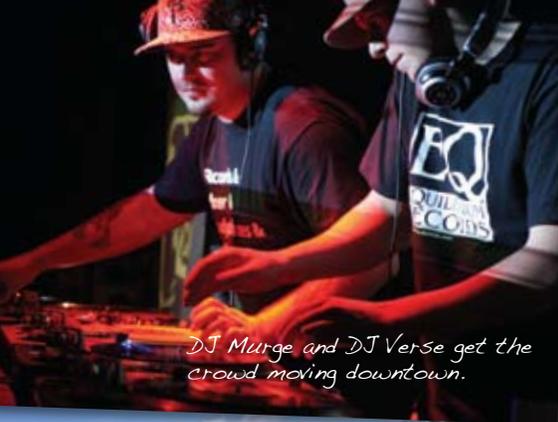
It's all here for you.

2008 International Admission Preview Handbook



**University
of Victoria**

Canada's #1 Comprehensive University.



DJ Marge and DJ Verse get the crowd moving downtown.



A day at the beach.



West Coast design on campus.



Adventures in Victoria's harbour.



Graduation in the Spring.

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The best sunset ever!



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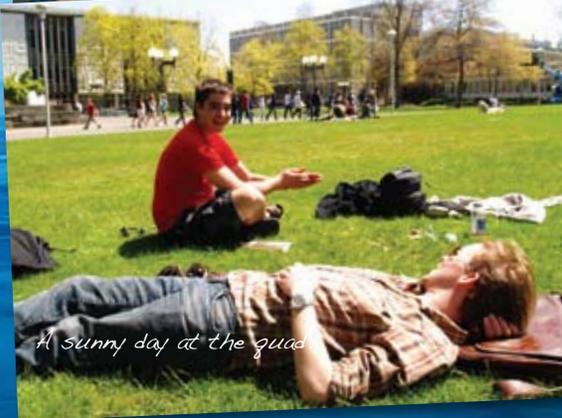
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International night at UVic.



A sunny day at the quad



This way to the beach!

The University of Victoria acknowledges with respect the history, customs and culture of the Coast Salish and Straits Salish peoples on whose traditional lands our university resides.

Tell us what you really think.

Once you've read this publication, visit www.uvic.ca/pubfeedback to give us tips on how we can improve it next time. You could win cash towards textbooks!



ABOUT UVIC AND VICTORIA

Did you know?

UVic is Vancouver Island's longest established public university. We are one of Canada's leading research-based institutions and are recognized for our commitment to teaching-orientated education.

ABOUT UVIC

As Canada's #1 comprehensive university, UVic is the place to be. Here's why:

- **Bright minds:** Our students make a difference to the world around them and our passionate professors encourage them every step of the way.
- **Real-life learning:** Our co-operative education program, as well as our other experiential learning opportunities, will connect you with work experience in your field of study so you'll graduate with an amazing résumé and maybe even a job offer.
- **World-class research:** You could connect with UVic's world-renowned researchers, like the six Nobel Peace Prize winning professors who stand on the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
- **Diverse community:** More than 70 per cent of our students come from outside Victoria, and about 10 per cent come from outside Canada, adding to a rich and vibrant community.
- **Stunning location:** Our campus is known for its open green spaces, tall trees and state-of-the-art buildings—there's no place like it.

UVIC IN NUMBERS

Student enrolment (2007/08):
19,193 (16,733 undergraduates)

International students: **1,620**

Ratio of female to male students: **60/40**

Average class size: **27**

Percentage of UVic graduates who say UVic was the right choice for them: **97** per cent

Origin: founded in **1963**, formerly Victoria College from 1903 to 1963

SEE UVIC FOR YOURSELF

Check out the campus to see if UVic is the place for you:

- See UVic with your own eyes: Click on "Take a Tour" at www.uvic.ca to book a student-led tour of campus life.
- Take a virtual tour: Click on "Take a Tour" at www.uvic.ca and explore campus from your home computer.
- Come for the weekend: For an in-depth introduction to UVic, you can participate in *Experience UVic* or *Destination UVic*, two on-campus events that take place every year in May (see www.uvic.ca/experience for details).



Each year, Victoria enjoys an average of 2,183 hours of sunshine. The average summer temperature in Victoria is 20°C (68°F) and the average winter temperature is 6°C (43°F).



Students get a great deal on a bus pass as part of their student fees—buses can take you anywhere in Victoria.



ABOUT UVIC AND VICTORIA



WHERE IS UVIC?

UVic is located in the capital city of Victoria on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. We're a 20-minute bus ride from the heart of downtown Victoria and a 10-minute walk from a sandy beach on the Pacific Ocean.

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Victoria is an active, exciting city of 335,000 with something for everyone:

- **Get outside:** Hiking, kayaking, skiing, surfing and sailing are popular year-round
- **Catch a show:** Victoria hosts the best international film, music, art and cultural festivals
- **Shop 'til you drop:** The downtown core is home to tons of popular and independent shops
- **Eat out:** There are more than 600 restaurants in Victoria

TIP

Sign up for updates from UVic at www.uvic.ca/recruitme.

HOW TO GET TO VICTORIA

Victoria's International Airport welcomes flights from around the world, or you can fly right into the heart of the downtown Inner Harbour by seaplane from Vancouver, Seattle or select cities.

How close is Victoria to Vancouver and Toronto?

- Vancouver: 25-minute flight or 1.5 hour ferry trip
- Toronto: 5-hour flight

Average flight times from around the world

(sample list only)

- China: 11 hours
- India: 23 hours
- Middle East: 22 hours
- South America: 14 hours
- Seattle, USA: 1.5 hours



Victoria's busy Inner Harbour

We want to show you the real UVic, so we hired UVic students Willie, Sara and Ahmed to shoot most of the photography for this book. See UVic through their eyes.





ABOUT UVIC AND VICTORIA



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT UVIC

WHERE DO OUR STUDENTS COME FROM?

Our students come from 102 different countries, including:

- Brazil
- China
- France
- India
- Japan
- Mexico
- Saudi Arabia
- Thailand
- Turkey
- USA



Svetlana Esenkulova
Hometown: Izhevsk, Russia

When you choose UVic, you get much more than just an excellent education and exposure to cutting-edge research—you get an unparalleled human connection. This is one of the main reasons Svetlana Esenkulova decided to come to UVic. “People make all the difference,” she explains. “I have been so inspired by my supervisor. She has given me everything I need to help me become successful.”



Leon Zhou
Hometown: Shandong, China

Ask mechanical engineering student Leon Zhou to describe UVic and he'll tell you it's the perfect international community. The PhD student came to Canada in 2005 after receiving his bachelor's degree in China and has enjoyed the welcoming environment ever since. “There are international students and researchers in every department, and there are a number of people willing to provide assistance,” he says. “It is a great environment to improve your English language skills.”



Hyun-Seung Kim
Hometown: Seoul, South Korea

Expanding her knowledge of seismology at UVic's renowned School of Earth and Ocean Science was only one of the reasons Hyun-Seung Kim decided to come to Victoria. Hyun-Seung was excited to explore the Canadian way of life. “If you're scared to go to a new country, just remember all the amazing things you're going to learn,” she says. “UVic has great co-operative education opportunities that allow you to work in your field of study, and there are so many outdoor activities for students to enjoy.”

CLASS SIZES

As a mid-size university, UVic is perfect. Our smaller classes allow you to approach professors and to meet friends in class, but we're big enough to attract the best quality teachers. The average class size is 27.

CONNECT WITH YOUR PROFESSORS

UVic's professors welcome students to get involved beyond the classroom, and hold regular office hours to answer students' questions. Many professors are involved in cutting-edge research in areas as far reaching as climate change and childhood development and students often contribute to exciting discoveries.

WORLD-CLASS PROFESSORS

- 33 faculty members hold Canada Research Chairs
- 41 are members of the Royal Society of Canada
- UVic researchers were awarded more than \$60 million in outside research grants last year



Tayfun Ince
Hometown: Sakarya, Turkey

After surviving one of the most devastating earthquakes in Turkey's history in 1999, Tayfun Ince says that it was "destiny" that drew him to Victoria. He came to UVic for six months to learn English, and loved it so much that he returned to pursue a physics degree here two years later. "I have never been to a place where every single door is literally open at all times," he says of UVic's physics department. "It's a very unique and welcoming place."



Archana Shejwalkar
Hometown: Panaji, India

"UVic is the best thing that has ever happened to me!" says Archana Shejwalkar, who is studying at UVic's School of Earth and Ocean Sciences. While training as a geologist in Goa, a small state in the Republic of India, she decided to relocate to UVic after learning about our groundbreaking research and excellent facilities. "At every step I have been encouraged and motivated to be the best I can be," she says.

The following numbers are from the 2007/2008 year.

Faculty	Average class size (faculty average in bold)	Faculty enrolment (undergraduates, full and part-time)
BUSINESS	46	609
EDUCATION	23	931
Curriculum and Instruction	20	
Educational Psychology and Leadership Studies	24	
Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education	35	
ENGINEERING	28	1,226
Computer Science	33	
Electrical and Computer Engineering	29	
Mechanical Engineering	35	
Software Engineering	14	
FINE ARTS	21	1,321
History in Art	26	
Music	23	
Theatre	13	
Visual Arts	17	
Writing	26	
HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	14	1,600
Child and Youth Care	17	
Health Information Science	21	
Nursing	11	
Public Administration	17	
Social Work	17	
HUMANITIES	26	2,789
English	26	
French	20	
Germanic and Russian Studies	25	
Greek and Roman Studies	36	
Hispanic and Italian Studies	18	
History	31	
Linguistics	23	
Medieval Studies	18	
Pacific and Asian Studies	18	
Philosophy	37	
Women's Studies	21	
LAW	20	406
MEDICAL SCIENCES*		71
SCIENCE	40	2,812
Biochemistry and Microbiology	50	
Biology	47	
Chemistry	34	
Earth and Ocean Sciences	25	
Math	43	
Physics	39	
SOCIAL SCIENCES	46	4,968
Anthropology	40	
Economics	58	
Environmental Studies	26	
Geography	38	
Political Science	40	
Psychology	59	
Sociology	47	

*Admission is limited to permanent residents and Canadian citizens.



ACADEMIC OPTIONS

FACULTIES AND PROGRAMS

Know what you want to study? Choose your program from the list below and find out all the details at www.uvic.ca/academic.

Unsure what you want to study? No problem. Apply as “undecided” in the Faculties of Humanities, Science or Social Sciences, then take a few courses from different faculties and decide once you’re here.

FACULTIES AVAILABLE FOR DIRECT ENTRY FROM HIGH SCHOOL

FACULTY OF BUSINESS

www.uvic.ca/business

- **Commerce*** (Specializations: International Business, Entrepreneurship, Management, Hospitality and Services Management; other option: Management; Minors: Commerce for non-commerce students)

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

www.uvic.ca/engr

- **Computer Engineering*** (Specializations: Software Engineering, Systems Engineering; Options: Biomedical Engineering, Computer Music, Management, Mechatronics and Embedded Systems, Fast Track Master’s, Technology Policy; Minors: Electrical Systems, Computer Systems)
- **Computer Science** (Areas of emphasis: Algorithms, Programming Methodology, Scientific Computing, Software Engineering, Systems; Combined programs available in Computer Science AND: Mathematics, Statistics, Physics, Health Information Science, Visual Arts, Psychology, Geography (Geomatics), Music; Options: Bioinformatics, Business, Computer Communications and Networks, Mechatronics and Embedded Systems, Software Engineering)
- **Electrical Engineering*** (Specializations: Electronics, Communications, Digital Signal Processing, Electromagnetics and Photonics; Options: Biomedical Engineering, Computer Music, Management, Mechatronics and Embedded Systems, Physics, Fast Track Master’s, Technology Policy; Minors: Electrical Systems, Computer Systems)
- **Mechanical Engineering*** (Specializations: Advanced Materials; Control, Robotics and Mechatronics; Design and Computer-Aided Design; Energy and Thermodynamics; Advanced Manufacture; Fluids and Aerodynamics; Options: Management, Mechatronics and Embedded Systems;

Technology Policy; Minors: Mechanical Systems)

- **Software Engineering*** (Options: Management, Mechatronics and Embedded Systems, Technology Policy)

FACULTY OF FINE ARTS

www.finearts.uvic.ca

- **History in Art** (Minor: Film Studies)
- **Music** (Majors: Composition and Theory, History and Literature, Music Education Secondary (Choral), Music Education Secondary (Instrumental), Performance, Comprehensive; Options: Computer Music; Minor: Music; Combined major: Computer Science and Music)
- **Theatre** (Options: Acting, Applied Theatre, Design, Directing, Production and Management, Theatre History, Theatre/Writing)
- **Visual Arts** (Major: Visual Arts Combined major: Visual Arts and Computer Science)
- **Writing** (Majors: Drama, Fiction, Non-fiction, Poetry, Writing/Theatre Minor: Professional Writing Minor in Journalism and Publishing)

Minors: Arts of Canada, European Studies

Diplomas and certificate programs: Diploma in Fine Arts, Diploma in Cultural Resource Management, Professional Specialization Certificate in Heritage Conservation Planning, Professional Specialization Certificate in Collection Management

FACULTY OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

www.uvic.ca/hsd

- **Pre-Social Work**
- **Health Information Science*** (Combined major: Health Information Science and Computer Science)
- **Child and Youth Care** (Streams: Child Protection, Early Years, Child Life)

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

www.uvic.ca/hums

- **Applied Linguistics**
- **English** (Combined major: English and French (Canadian Literature); Minor: Professional Writing))
- **French** (Combined major: English and French (Canadian Literature))
- **Germanic Studies**
- **Greek and Latin Language and Literature**
- **Greek and Roman Studies**
- **Hispanic Studies**
- **History**
- **Italian Studies**
- **Latin American Language and Literature**
- **Latin American Studies**
- **Linguistics**
- **Medieval Studies**
- **Mediterranean Studies**
- **Pacific and Asian Studies** (Concentrations: China Area, Japan Area, Oceania Area, Southeast Asia Area, Chinese Language and Literature, Japanese Language and Literature, Southeast Asian Language and Literature; Minors: Chinese Studies, Japanese Studies, Pacific Studies, Southeast Asian Studies)
- **Philosophy**
- **Russian**
- **Women’s Studies**
- **Undecided**

Interdisciplinary minors in: Applied Ethics, Arts of Canada, European Studies, Film Studies, Indigenous Studies, Religious Studies

Diploma and certificate programs: Diploma in Applied Linguistics, Diploma in Canadian Studies, Diploma in Humanities

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

www.uvic.ca/science

- **Astronomy** (Combined program: Physics and Astronomy)
- **Biochemistry** (Combined programs available in Biochemistry AND: Chemistry, Physics)
- **Biology** (Combined programs available in Biology AND: Earth and Ocean Sciences, Psychology)
- **Chemistry** (Combined programs available in Chemistry AND: Biochemistry, Earth and Ocean Sciences, Mathematics, Microbiology)
- **Earth and Ocean Sciences** (Combined programs available in Earth and Ocean Sciences AND: Biology, Chemistry, Physical Geography, or the following combined programs: Physics and Earth Sciences (Geophysics), Physics and Ocean Sciences (Ocean-Atmosphere Dynamics))
- **Mathematics** (Combined programs available in Mathematics AND: Chemistry, Computer Science, Financial Math and Economics, Physics, Statistics)
- **Microbiology** (Combined program: Chemistry and Microbiology)
- **Physics** (Combined programs available in Physics AND: Astronomy, Biochemistry, Computer Science, Earth Sciences (Geophysics), Mathematics, Ocean Sciences (Ocean-Atmosphere Dynamics))
- **Statistics** (Combined programs available in Statistics AND: Computer Science, Mathematics)
- **Undecided**

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

www.uvic.ca/socialsciences

- **Anthropology**
- **Economics** (Combined programs: Financial Math and Economics; Options: Business, Finance; Minor: Economic Policy)
- **Environmental Studies**
- **Geography** (Combined programs: Geography and Computer Science (Geomatics), Physical Geography and Earth and Ocean Sciences; Options: Geomatics, Coastal Studies)



Every faculty offers work experience like co-op, practicum and internship opportunities. Programs with mandatory work experience are noted with an *.

Questions? Visit UVic online or call Undergraduate Admissions at 250-721-8121 or contact an academic adviser in your faculty of interest (visit www.uvic.ca, click on "Choose your program" and then "Academic advice").

- **Political Science** (*Concentration:* European Studies)
- **Psychology** (*Combined programs:* Psychology and Biology, Psychology and Computer Science)
- **Sociology** (*Concentrations:* Health and Aging, Social Justice and Social Change)
- **Undecided**

Interdisciplinary minors: European Studies, Indigenous Studies

Diploma and certificate programs: Diploma in Canadian Studies, Diploma in the Restoration of Natural Systems

NOT AVAILABLE FOR DIRECT ENTRY FROM HIGH SCHOOL

Qualifying years of study, an undergraduate degree or related experience may be required for the following programs. Contact your department of interest or consult the calendar for details at www.uvic.ca/calendar.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

www.uvic.ca/edu

- **Four-Year Elementary Curriculum** (second year entry)
- **Five-Year Elementary Curriculum** (third year entry)

- **Five-Year Secondary Curriculum:** Art, Music or PE (second or third year entry)

School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education

- **Recreation and Health Education*** (second or third year entry)
- **Kinesiology** (second or third year entry)

Post-Degree Programs

- **Two-Year (or 16-month) Elementary Post-Degree Program**
- **Two-Year (or 16-month Middle Years Post-Degree Program**
- **Two-Year (or 16-month) Secondary Post-Degree Program**

Diploma and certificate programs: Diploma in Career and Personal Planning, Diploma in Educational Technology, Diploma in Intercultural Education and Training

FACULTY OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

www.uvic.ca/hsd

- **Nursing:** Collaborative
- **Nursing:** Post RN
- **Social Work** (*Specializations:* Child Welfare, Indigenous (Child Welfare), Indigenous Social Work)

Minor: Public Administration

HSD diploma and certificate programs: Indigenous Governance Certificate Program, Diploma in Child and Youth Care, Indigenous Diploma in Child and Youth Care, Diploma in Local Government Management, Diploma in Public Sector Management

Professional specialization certificates: Cultural Heritage Sector Leadership, Local Government Management, Performance Management, Public Policy and Governance, Public Sector Management, Voluntary and Non-profit Sector Management

FACULTY OF LAW

www.uvic.ca/law

- **Bachelor of Laws (LLB)** (*Term programs:* Business Law, Criminal Law, Environmental Law, Law Centre Clinic; *Focus on:* Intellectual Property, Aboriginal Law, Asia-Pacific Law, Dispute Resolution)

Concurrent LLBs with: Master of Arts in Indigenous Governance (MAIG—currently under review), Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Public Administration (MPA), LLB/BCL (Civil Law Degree Graduates only)

DIVISIONS AND OTHER OPTIONS

DIVISION OF CONTINUING STUDIES

www.continuingstudies.uvic.ca

DIVISION OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

www.uvic.ca/imp (admission is limited to permanent residents and Canadian citizens)

FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

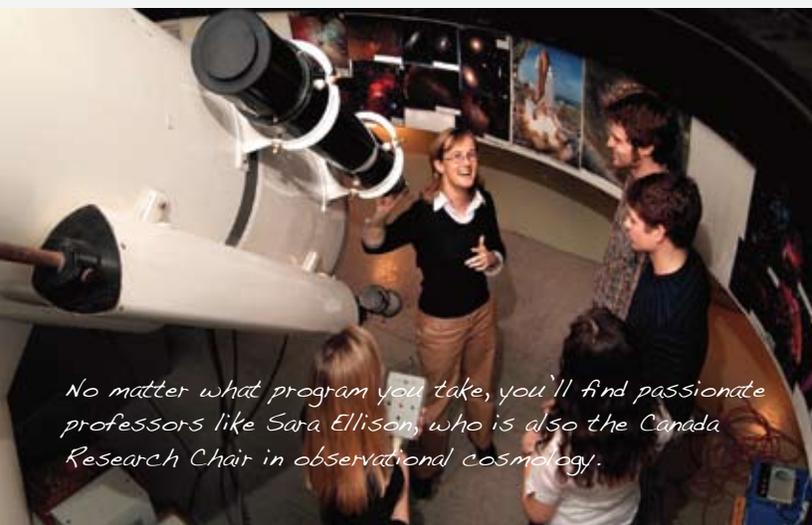
www.uvic.ca/gradstudies

Our Faculty of Graduate Studies offers a wide variety of master's and doctoral programs. Visit us online or contact 250-721-7970 for more information.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

web.uvic.ca/stre/documents/PreProfessionalGuide.pdf

Prepare for the following professional programs at other institutions through pre-professional studies right here at UVic: Architecture, Chartered Accountancy, Chiropractic, Dentistry, Dietetics, Medicine, Naturopathic Medicine, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Veterinary Medicine.



No matter what program you take, you'll find passionate professors like Sara Ellison, who is also the Canada Research Chair in observational cosmology.



Move over, textbooks! At UVic, hands-on learning is key.

Photo by UVic student Ahmed Mumeni.



ACADEMIC OPTIONS

Michelle Reid is one of UVic's bloggers—read about her co-op work term in the Cook Islands at lifeat.uvic.ca.



CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Co-operative education (co-op) is an educational model that lets you alternate terms in class with paid work terms in positions related to your field of study. You'll graduate with tons of work experience, a great résumé, contacts in your field and some extra cash in your pocket. Visit www.uvic.ca/coop for details.

FOUR REASONS UVIC CO-OP WILL WORK FOR YOU:

- Test your classroom knowledge in real-world jobs before graduation
- Find out what job is best for you
- Earn money while you study (on average, a UVic co-op student earns \$2,606 per month—a lot better than the average summer job)
- Expand your horizons by working for employers across Canada and around the world

SAMPLE JOBS

- Student research assistant with the BC Cancer Agency in Vancouver, British Columbia
- Interpretive guide at the Juno Beach Centre Association in Normandy, France
- Overseas assistant with Engineers Without Borders in Ghana, Africa
- Athletic therapist with Hillside Physiotherapy Clinic in Victoria, British Columbia

SAMPLE CO-OP SCHEDULE (it's usually pretty flexible)

	FALL TERM (September to December)	SPRING TERM (January to April)	SUMMER TERM (May to August)
YEAR 1	Study term	Study term	Free summer
YEAR 2	Study term	Study term	Work term
YEAR 3	Study term	Work term	Study term
YEAR 4	Work term	Study term	Work term
YEAR 5	Study term/graduate		

UVic's co-op program is one of the largest in Canada.

Chemistry student Peter Guan spent a co-op work term with Eco-Care Technologies in Victoria, where he researched organic pesticides.



Trevor Nichols poses with friends during his term in Malaysia.

ACADEMIC OPTIONS



INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

At UVic, the world is your classroom. Take advantage of our international experiences and you could travel the world while you study.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES

As an exchange student, you'll pay UVic tuition and earn UVic credit while you study at a university overseas. We've partnered with over 45 universities in more than 20 countries to offer you exchange opportunities in countries such as:

- Australia
- China
- France
- Germany
- Japan
- Mexico
- Scotland
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- USA

Visit www.uvic.ca/iess for details.

FIELD SCHOOL

Think of a field school like an extended field trip—it's an international, off-campus university course that can last up to four months. Visit www.uvic.ca/iess/studyabroad to learn about field school opportunities.



Luke Barber took this photo while traveling through Europe during an exchange to Norway.

Canadian University International Study Abroad Program (CUSAP)

Spend a year living and studying at the International Study Centre at Herstmonceux Castle in East Sussex, UK. Apply directly from high school to study at the castle for your first year, or apply once you're at UVic.

Visit www.uvic.ca/cusap for details.



Herstmonceux Castle.



Eva Boucek took this photo while on exchange in Hong Kong.



CAMPUS LIFE

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

You define what success looks like. We'll help you reach it. We have a wide variety of programs and services to help you keep your academic, career and personal goals on track. Here are just a few:

SERVICES FOR ALL STUDENTS

New Student Orientation

www.uvic.ca/orientation

Sign up for an orientation program and we'll help you connect with a wide range of campus resources.

Student Transition Centre

www.uvic.ca/transition

Our friendly staff will help you make the transition to life at UVic.

Campus Security Services

web.uvic.ca/security

Campus Security's mission is to promote a safe and welcoming environment to enhance the wellbeing of students, staff, faculty and visitors. On-campus services are available 24 hours a day.

Counselling Services

www.coun.uvic.ca

Counselling staff are available to help you gain the best possible experience while at UVic. We provide a confidential space where you can discuss any concern.

Jack Petersen Health Centre

www.uvic.ca/health

This on-campus health clinic provides confidential health care and counselling for students. See page 19 for details about arranging proper medical insurance during your stay in Canada.

Interfaith Chaplaincy Services

www.uvic.ca/interfaith

Interfaith Services is the spiritual care team on the UVic campus. Staff come from many traditions and offer resources for all who seek spiritual identity and growth.

Writing and Math Clinics

www.library.uvic.ca

Writing, Learning, Math, Statistics and Science help is available in the William C. Mearns Centre for Learning. Qualified tutors provide students with coursework assistance through individual and group tutoring, workshops and handouts.

SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International Student Orientation

www.uvic.ca/orientation

UVic offers an orientation program for international students. Topics include Canadian immigration, employment options, health insurance and adjusting to a new culture.

International and Exchange Student Services

www.uvic.ca/iess

This office provides pre-arrival support, orientation on arrival and ongoing assistance for international students throughout their time at UVic.

Buddy Program

www.iess.uvic.ca/buddy

This program matches first-year international students with a UVic student for friendship, mentorship and support.

English Language Centre

www.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc

If English is not your first language and you want to be sure that you meet the requirements for university admission, contact the English Language Centre. The Centre offers popular 12-week programs that have a strong academic focus as well as the University Admission Preparation Course, which helps students meet the English requirement for admission to UVic. The Centre is one of the largest and longest running in Canada. Visit the website to hear testimonials from students from over 35 countries.



Volunteers welcome new students during orientation.



LIFE AFTER CLASS

When you're not studying at UVic, you'll have plenty to keep you busy.

Play a sports game with friends: Our intramural sports league is a great way to keep in shape and meet people from different programs. Sports clubs are another option—check out your options at www.uvss.uvic.ca/clubs.

Travel with our varsity teams: Our Vikes have won 63 university sports championships. Come and cheer them on or contact a coach about tryouts at www.govikesgo.com. We have men's and women's varsity teams in:

- Basketball
- Cross country and track and field
- Field hockey
- Golf
- Rowing
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Swimming

Visit the gym or take a fitness class: Our two gyms have every piece of equipment you can imagine, plus fitness classes in everything from kickboxing to aerobics. Visit www.vikesrec.uvic.ca for details.

Take up a new hobby: There are more than 100 student-run clubs on campus, including: International Friendship Group, Music Appreciation Club, Model United Nations, Student Ambassador Association, Ballroom Dance Club, Improv Club, Photography Club, Students Against War, Students for Literacy, Sailing Club, Outdoor Club and many more!

Check out the complete list at www.uvss.uvic.ca. You can also connect with a course union, which are groups run by students within a department.

Since 1970, nearly 130 Vikes athletes and coaches have represented Canada at the Olympic and Paralympic Games, including two track and field coaches and a paralympic swimmer who attended the Beijing Summer Olympics.

Danielle Pope (right) writes a weekly column for The Martlet, UVic's student newspaper. Some amazing writers and photographers got their start at the paper.



Photo by UVic student Ahmed Mumeni



UVic's Dan Le Page (#15) and Miguel Romeo show off their moves at a Vikes soccer game.



Rahul and James catch some wind on an outing with the UVic Sailing Club.

Photo by UVic student Arel English



CAMPUS LIFE

TIP

If you're coming to UVic directly from high school, you're guaranteed a spot in residence if you accept an offer of admission to UVic and pay the acceptance deposit, and submit an application to UVic Housing and pay the \$25 housing application fee by June 30.

HOUSING

Fifty per cent of first-year students live right here on campus. There are several housing options for UVic students, which are detailed at www.uvic.ca/housing. Here are the most common:

ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE HOUSING

Many students choose to live in our on-campus residences. Residence life is convenient—you don't have to worry about furnishing your room, your meals are provided and you're steps from class.

As a student in residence, you'll have a built-in peer support system, and you can take part in the many social, academic, personal and recreational programs developed by the residence staff.

RESIDENCE RATES FOR 2008-2009

Single room with medium food plan (Sept. to April) **\$7,286**

Double room with medium food plan (Sept. to April) **\$6,456**

WHAT YOU'LL GET IN RESIDENCE

Included in each bedroom

- linens
- wardrobe
- desk
- chair
- desk lamp
- wireless internet

Centrally located

- washrooms
- cable television
- coin-operated laundry
- payphones

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

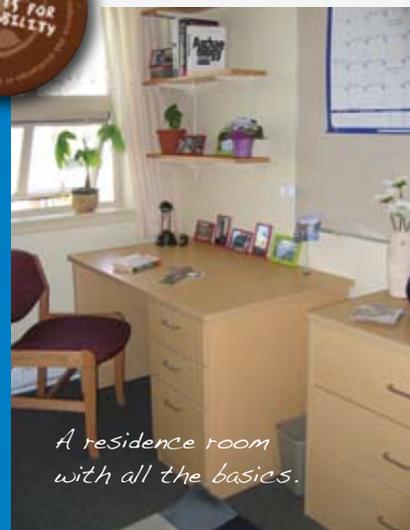
While nothing can match home-cooked meals, we offer the next best thing: healthy, hearty menus for all appetites. With a fresh salad and pasta bar, a grill, and delicious hot and cold entrées every day, there's always something cooking. Vegetarians and vegans will feel at home at *Village Greens*, which specializes in vegetarian cuisine. Tell the Housing Office about your dietary requirements and they'll help you out. Visit www.hfcs.uvic.ca/food/menus.php to find out what's on the menu each day.



Outside Tower Residence.



Canada's popular Maclean's magazine gave Uvic's food services 4 stars out of 5 for our culinary offerings, and notes the spicy red thai stir-fry with fresh vegetables and noodles as a favorite.



A residence room with all the basics.



OTHER ON-CAMPUS HOUSING OPTIONS

- **Cluster Housing:** Furnished, four-bedroom apartments for students 20 years and older, or who have second year standing
- **Family Housing:** Unfurnished apartment and townhouse accommodation for families with or without children

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

If you'd rather live off campus, you can check our online registry at www.housing.uvic.ca/offcampus to browse apartments, houses and more.

HOMESTAYS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Living with a Canadian family is a great way for international students to improve English proficiency and experience Canadian life. We can connect you with a host family that can provide a safe, comfortable and friendly home, and help you adjust to living in Canada. Visit www.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc or email elc@uvcs.uvic.ca for more information.

Graeme not only lives in UVic residence, he blogs about it too! Check out his UVic blog at lifeat.uvic.ca for the inside scoop.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Once you apply for admission to UVic and receive your student ID number, you need to submit a separate housing application:

- Housing applications for current high school applicants will be available online September 15, 2008
- Housing applications for all other students will be available online February 1, 2009

Visit www.uvic.ca/housing for application details and more, or contact:

Phone: 250-721-8395 | **Fax:** 250-721-8930 | **Email:** housing@uvic.ca

Jon and Graeme jam in Graeme's room.



Photo by UVic student Sara Taylor

A typical residence room.





FEES AND FUNDING

TIP

As an International student, you can apply for bursaries once you are admitted to UVic and attending classes. Bursaries are intended for emergencies only. Visit www.uvic.ca/safa/howmuch/international.html for details.

FEES AND FUNDING

You can find detailed information about financial aid online at www.uvic.ca/safa, but we've provided the basics here. Questions? Contact our Student Awards and Financial Aid Office at finaid@uvic.ca or 250-721-8423.

AVERAGE STUDENT COSTS FOR EIGHT MONTHS OF STUDY (2008 – 2009)

FEES AND EXPENSES	CANADIAN CITIZENS/ PERMANENT RESIDENTS	INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (IN CDN \$)
Tuition	\$4,581	\$14,823
Student fees	\$134	\$134
Books and supplies (up to)	\$1700	\$1700
Residence (room and board)	\$5,956 to \$7,786	\$5,956 to \$7,786
Athletics and Recreation	\$140	\$140
Health and dental plan	\$285	\$285
U-Pass (bus pass)	\$139	\$139
TOTAL	\$12,935 to \$14,765	\$23,177 to \$25,007

WAYS TO HELP PAY FOR SCHOOL

- **Be considered for a UVic scholarship:** Entrance scholarships of \$20,000, payable at \$5,000 per year, are awarded to academically outstanding international undergraduate students entering UVic. You will automatically be considered for these scholarships at the time of admission. Students continuing to study at UVic will be automatically considered for In-Course Scholarships based on their UVic grades.

- **Apply for a scholarship or loan through your home country:** Talk with your high school counsellor to find out about financial opportunities offered through your own country (eg. US students may receive financial assistance from US Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and UVic's FAFSA code is G08370. Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov for details).
- **Work on campus while you study:** Visit www.uvic.ca/safa for details about the Work Study Program, which connects students with part-time jobs on campus.
- **Work off campus with a Canadian company:** As an international student, you can work off campus while completing your studies.

You will also be eligible to obtain a work permit that will allow you to work in Canada for three years following graduation. For more information, visit www.cic.gc.ca.

- **Become a co-op student:** Visit www.uvic.ca/coop or see page 8 to learn about the UVic Co-operative Education Program.
- **International Baccalaureate Program:** If you have completed the International Baccalaureate program with a minimum of 32 points, you are guaranteed a minimum Entrance Scholarship of \$2,000 CDN. You will automatically be considered for scholarships at the time of admission.

INFORMATION FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

International students who intend to pursue graduate level work should contact the Faculty of Graduate Studies for funding options such as research grants, scholarships and fellowships. Visit www.uvic.ca/gradstudies for details.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS BY COUNTRY

The following qualifications are the minimum required for consideration for admission to first-year studies in the Faculties of Humanities or Social Sciences. Additional requirements and specific subject requirements may be needed, depending on the desired faculty and/or department.

Requirements are organized by country or region. If you are attending a high school that follows the Canadian curriculum, please visit www.uvic.ca/programreq for program requirements.

USA

The following requirements are the minimum for consideration for undergraduate admission to faculties with direct entry from secondary school. Please consult www.uvic.ca/calendar for admission requirements to those faculties/programs that require qualifying years or prerequisites.

Admission requirements:

- Completion of Grade 12 in an accredited high school
- Your reported Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) will be reviewed—the minimum required average is 3.00 on a 4.00 scale (if you do not meet this requirement you may submit your SAT scores and letters of reference for consideration)
- Applicants must meet the following subject requirements (Carnegie units or years):

TIP

Please note: the actual average required for admission may be higher than the minimum published average due to limits on enrolment.

SUBJECT	FACULTIES OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING	FACULTY OF FINE ARTS***	FACULTY OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT <i>(Health Information Science Program only—School of Child and Youth Care is the same as Humanities and Social Sciences)</i>	FACULTIES OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
English	4	4	4	4
Math	4	3 +	4	3
Science	3 (Physics - 1; Chemistry - 1)	2*	(2)**	2*
Social Science	2	3 +	(2)**	3
Language	0	2	(2)**	2
Academic Elective	NA	NA	(6)**	NA
TOTAL	13	14	14	14

* Must include one (1) lab science.

** Maximum of 6 academic electives beyond English and math. Recommend that electives include 2 units from each of science, social science and language.

*** In addition to academic requirements, applicants to the School of Music, Department of Theatre and Department of Visual Arts are assessed through an audition, portfolio, or questionnaire. Refer to specific department information at www.finearts.uvic.ca.

+ One year of a fine arts option can be substituted for one year of **one** of these subjects.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

UNITED KINGDOM AND COMMONWEALTH

- The General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) and the Advanced Level Examinations (U.K. examining boards) OR The Cambridge Overseas School Certificate and The Cambridge Higher School Certificate.
- Standing must be obtained in at least five subjects of which two must be at the Advanced Level. The remainder may be any combination of AS or O level subjects. One of the five courses must be English.
- A minimum overall average of C is required on the best two academic A level subjects. A grade of E is not acceptable.
- Each A level subject completed with a grade of C or higher may be eligible to receive three units of transfer credit at the first or second year level to a maximum of 12 units.
- Note: Hong Kong GCE - grades of D and E are not acceptable. Two subjects at the Advanced Supplementary (AS) Level may be substituted for one subject at the Advanced Level or Principal Level.

ALL OTHER COUNTRIES

Visit <http://registrar.uvic.ca/undergrad/admissions/requirements/international.html> for detailed admission information for your specific country. If you have questions or need help, contact UVic Admissions at **250-721-8121** or email uvip@uvic.ca.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

If you've completed university-level work at an accredited post-secondary institution, you may be eligible for admission at the second-year level or above, depending on faculty and department requirements and on the transferability of courses.

Only applicants who have attained a high level of academic achievement will be offered admission, regardless of year level.



Students snowboarding at Mt. Washington, a mountain located a few hours from Victoria.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS



INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT APPLICANTS

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) APPLICANTS

As an IB student, you are recognized as having completed university level courses and can receive university course credit for IB courses, saving you time and money.

- **Full IB Diploma:** If you've successfully completed the International Baccalaureate Diploma with a minimum of 24 points, you will be considered for admission and could receive up to one full year of transfer credit. Your IB Diploma must include three subjects at the higher level and three subjects at the standard level.
- **IB Certificate:** If you've completed higher level subjects and received an IB Certificate, but haven't completed a full diploma, you could receive 3.0 units of university transfer credit for each higher level IB subject that you have completed with a grade of 4 or higher (except Chemistry where the minimum grade is 5).

IB students who have scored 32 points or better on the diploma will receive a minimum \$2,000 CDN scholarship to help jumpstart their university career.

COLLEGE BOARD ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) APPLICANTS

If you've completed an Advanced Placement course and have received a grade of 4 or 5 on the corresponding Advanced Placement examination, you'll receive UVic transfer credit for specific courses. With a grade of 3, you'll be granted advanced standing only (meaning you can register into a higher level of course work but you will not receive transfer credit for a UVic course).

FOR BOTH PROGRAMS

Visit www.bctransferguide.ca to see the list of IB and AP subjects that are recognized for transfer credit at UVic (Click on "Other Transfer Guides" and select "IB/AP Transfer Guide"). When you apply to UVic, you must request that the IBO or College Board (AP Services) send your IB or AP results directly to:

**Undergraduate Admissions
University of Victoria
PO Box 3025 STN CSC
Victoria, BC V8W 3P2 Canada**

TIP

Our facilities, like the Mearns Centre for Learning, are top-notch and provide the technical support you need.

UVic's Mearns Centre for Learning is a great resource for students, with more than 1.9 million books and materials.



UVic classes range from round-table workshops like this one to larger lecture halls.

"Taking AP English 12 really fast-tracked me once I got to UVic. Any advantages you gain in high school will be huge assets once you get here. I hope to see you here!"

*- Jon Dalis
(economics student)*



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY FOR APPLICANTS WHOSE FIRST LANGUAGE IS NOT ENGLISH

If your first language is not English, you must demonstrate your language proficiency when applying to UVic. You can do so in a number of ways:

- Completion of four years of secondary and/or post-secondary education in which the primary language of instruction is English in one of the countries listed at www.uvic.ca/esl
- Completion of a recognized degree program from an accredited university in which the primary language of instruction is English, in one of the countries listed at www.uvic.ca/esl
- Completion of Grade 12 English or its equivalent in Canada with a mark of 86 per cent or higher within the last three years prior to admission
- A score of 86 per cent or higher on the BC Provincial Grade 12 English Examination within the last three years prior to admission
- Completion of 1.5 or more units of transfer credit for university-level English courses
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)* with a score of 233 or higher on the computerized version, or a score of 575 or higher on the paper test, or a score of 90 or higher on the internet-based test—with no less than 20 out of 30 in any of the reading, listening, writing or speaking sections
- Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)* with a score of 90 or higher
- International English Language Testing System (Academic IELTS)* with a score of 7 or higher
- Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL)* with a score of 70, with no subtest result below 60
- University of Victoria University Admission Preparation Course (UAPC) with a score of 80 per cent or higher
- A score of Level 6 on the BC Language Proficiency Index (LPI)
- A score of 4 or higher on the Advanced Placement Exam in English Language and Composition

- A score of 4 or higher on IB Higher Level English
- Tests taken more than two years prior to application will not be considered.

** Tests taken more than two years prior to application will not be considered.*

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION FOR ESL STUDENTS

If you are unable to successfully demonstrate language proficiency, you may be offered conditional admission to UVic if you meet all other admission requirements for your faculty of interest and if you complete the University Admission Preparation Course Program (UAPC).

Before you can be considered for conditional admission to the Faculties of Humanities, Science or Social Sciences, you must take the following steps:

1. Apply for admission to UVic at www.uvic.ca and submit an application fee.
2. Submit a TOEFL score of at least 71 (Internet-based test), 197 (computer-based test), 530 (paper test) or an IELTS score of 5.5. Students already registered in UVic's UAPC, or ELPI level 290 or higher, do not need to submit a TOEFL or IELTS score.
3. Submit two official transcripts of all secondary and post-secondary education completed.

UVic will determine admission eligibility based on your grades and level of education completed prior to attending UVic.

For more information on the UAPC program, please contact UVic's English Language Centre at www.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc.

UNDERGRADUATE ENGLISH REQUIREMENT (FOR ALL UVIC STUDENTS)

Here's a heads-up—all UVic undergraduate students must take a UVic English class or equivalent in order to graduate, unless they qualify for one of the exemptions listed at www.uvic.ca/english-requirement. If you are not exempt and plan to register for an English class, you must first take the Language Proficiency Index (LPI). Visit www.lpi.ubc.ca for test dates and locations.



HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY TO UVIC

HOW TO APPLY

International applicants should start the application process early. If possible, begin applying in November or December of the year prior to attending.

- STEP 1:** Pick a faculty and program. Visit www.uvic.ca and click on “Choose your program”.
- STEP 2:** Check the admission requirements for your faculty or program on page 15, 16 and 17 of this handbook or visit www.uvic.ca/programreq.
- STEP 3:** Choose a start date for your studies (September is the most popular, but you can also start some programs in January or in the summer).
- STEP 4:** Apply online at www.uvic.ca/apply (check deadlines on page 20 and 21). Follow the instructions, pay the application fee and provide additional material as requested. The Faculties of Business, Education, Fine Arts and Human and Social Development have additional requirements, such as questionnaires, auditions and portfolio submissions.
- STEP 5:** Arrange to have two (2) official copies (not photocopies) of all secondary and post-secondary transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution to the address that follows.

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Victoria, BC V8W 3P2 Canada

OTHER APPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

If you want to live on campus, you must apply separately at www.uvic.ca/housing. As a first-year student coming to UVic directly from high school, you're guaranteed a spot in residence if you have:

- accepted an offer of admission to UVic and paid the acceptance deposit by June 30
- received your student ID number and completed the housing application by June 30.

Additionally, you must apply separately for scholarships and bursaries at www.uvic.ca/safa.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A STUDY VISA

If you are an international student (non-Canadian citizen or permanent resident), you will need a study permit in order to study at a Canadian university. You may also need a Temporary Residence Visa (visitors), which will be issued to you at the same time as your study permit. To apply for a study permit, please contact the nearest Canadian diplomatic post.

It is best to apply early as processing of a study permit usually takes one or two months but can sometimes take as long as six months. There is a processing charge of \$125 Canadian dollars for one person. There is no fee for a visa when it is issued with a study permit.

For more information, visit the website of Citizenship and Immigration Canada at www.cic.gc.ca. Please note that you cannot obtain a study permit if you are already in Canada; you will have to leave the country to apply for a permit at one of the Canadian Visa Offices abroad.

YOU MUST ARRANGE FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE

Please note that international students, staff and faculty are required to have proper medical insurance to access medical care during their stay in BC. You must apply to the BC Medical Plan once you have lived in BC for three months but until then, you must purchase emergency health insurance. The extended health insurance included in your student fees does NOT cover the required emergency or provincial plans. For information regarding coverage, email iess@uvic.ca or visit <http://extranet.aon.ca/uvic>.

AFTER YOU APPLY

- If you applied online, you will receive your UVic student number by email within a few days.
- If you submitted a paper application, you will receive your UVic student number via email at a later date.
- You will also receive a letter providing you with an admissions contact, information regarding the completion of your application process, and instructions on how to check your application status online.

Questions about the application process?

Visit www.uvic.ca/adms/contact.html or call 250-721-8121.



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WHEN TO APPLY

www.uvic.ca/deadlines

The deadlines below are fixed dates. If a fixed date falls on a holiday, a Saturday or a Sunday, the nearest following day of business will be considered the deadline. The university reserves the right to make changes as necessary.

FACULTY/PROGRAM	ENTRY POINT	APPLICATION DEADLINE	DOCUMENT DEADLINE
EARLY ADMISSION—BC APPLICANTS			
Current graduating BC secondary school applicants only, all faculties	September	February 28	May 15 (for all final documents other than final grades)
EARLY ADMISSION—OUT OF PROVINCE AND U.S. APPLICANTS			
Current graduating out-of-province secondary school applicants (out-of-province, United States, including International American/Canadian curriculum schools)	September	February 28	May 15 (for all documents other than final grades)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS** (official in-progress transcripts are required at time of application)			
Students must comply with international applicant deadlines unless an earlier deadline is required by a specific faculty or program	September	April 30	May 31 (all programs)
	January	October 15	November 1 (all programs)
	May or July	January 31	February 28
BUSINESS* (official in-progress transcripts are required at time of application)			
Domestic and international students	September	February 28	March 15
International students only	January	August 31	September 30
EDUCATION* (official in-progress transcripts are required at time of application)			
Secondary Teacher Education Programs	Post-Degree Program (PDPP)	July	December 31
	PDPP Internship Option (if available)	May	December 31
	Five-Year BEd (Art, Music, PE)	September	January 31 (with transcripts)
Elementary Teacher Education Programs	September	January 31 (with transcripts)	May 31
School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education (BA, BSc, BEd)	September	January 31 (with transcripts)	May 31
ENGINEERING			
BEng and BSEng	September	April 30	May 31
	September	May 15	July 1
BSc (Computer Science)	January	October 31	November 30
	May	March 31	April 30
Engineering Bridge (applicants contact Camosun College)	January	February 15	March 15

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FACULTY/PROGRAM	ENTRY POINT	APPLICATION DEADLINE	DOCUMENT DEADLINE
FINE ARTS (official in-progress transcripts are required at time of application)			
History in Art	September	May 15	July 1
	January	October 31	November 30
	May	March 31	April 30
Music*, Writing	September	March 31	May 31
Theatre*, Visual Arts*	September	February 28	May 31
HUMAN and SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (official in-progress transcripts are required at time of application)			
Child and Youth Care*	September	February 28	April 1
Pre-Child and Youth Care (distance only)*	September	February 28	May 1
	January	June 15	August 15
	May	November 1	January 1
Health Information Science*	September	March 31	July 1
	January	October 31	November 30
Nursing*	September	March 31	May 15
	January	September 30	November 15
Social Work*	September	December 1	January 20
	May	December 1	January 20
Pre-Social Work (on and off campus)	September	May 15	July 1
	January	October 31	November 30
	May	March 31	April 30
	July	April 30	May 31
Public Sector Management, Local Government Management Diploma, Professional Specialization Certificates*	September	May 31	July 15
	January	October 15	November 15
	May	February 15	April 1
HUMANITIES/SCIENCE/SOCIAL SCIENCES			
New and reregistering students	September	May 15	July 1
	January	October 31	November 30
	May	March 31	April 30
	July	April 30	May 31
Humanities Diploma	January	September 30	September 30
LAW			
First Year	September	February 1	
Upper Levels	Sept./Jan.	June 30	
Summer Session	May	March 31	
CONTINUING STUDIES DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES For entry points and deadlines, contact the Division of Continuing Studies directly at www.uvcs.uvic.ca .			

*These programs require supplemental materials; please contact the faculty/department directly. **International student status is determined by citizenship.



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QUICK CONTACTS

Academic Advising

www.uvic.ca/adva

Co-operative Education Program

www.uvic.ca/coop

New Student Orientation

www.uvic.ca/orientation

Academic Calendar

www.uvic.ca/calendar

Health Services

www.uvic.ca/health

Student Awards and Financial Aid

www.uvic.ca/safa

Citizenship and Immigration Canada

www.cic.gc.ca

Housing Services

www.uvic.ca/housing

Undergraduate Admissions, Registration and Records

www.uvic.ca/adms

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