UNBC UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Indigenous Students Handbook

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House Of Learning

Welcome to the University of Northern British Columbia. We are also known by our Dakelh (Carrier) name, Nizdeh Nekeyoh Hohudel'eh Baiyoh, which translates to "House of Learning."

Pronounced Niz-day Nay-Kay-yo Ho-Hah-del-eh Buy-yo

Elders and representatives of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, the nation on whose land our Prince George campus is situated, gifted us this name in recognition of UNBC's key educational role in traditional Lheidli T'enneh territory.

UNBC NIZDEH NEKEYOH HOHUDEL'EH BAIYOH

Since time immemorial, Indigenous Peoples have walked gently on the diverse traditional territories where the University of Northern British Columbia community is grateful to live, work, learn, and play. We are committed to building and nurturing relationships with Indigenous Peoples, we acknowledge their traditional lands, and we thank them for their hospitality.

Our Prince George campus is situated on the unceded traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation. Our South-Central campus in Quesnel is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the Lhtako Dené Nation, Nazko First Nation, Lhoosk'uz Dené Nation, and ?Esdilagh First Nation. Our Peace River-Liard campus in Fort St. John is situated in Treaty 8 territory on the traditional lands of the Dane-zaa peoples of the Doig River First Nation, Blueberry River First Nation, and Halfway River First Nation. The Northwest campus in Terrace is situated on the unceded traditional Tsimshian territory of the Kitsumkalum First Nation and Kitselas First Nation. Our satellite campus in Prince Rupert is situated on the unceded traditional Tsimshian territory of the Lax Kw'alaams Band and Metlakatla First Nation.

UNBC has a federated agreement with the Wilp Wilx̱o'oskwhl (House of Wisdom) Nisg̱a'a Institute (WWNI). Established by the Nisg̱a'a Lisims Government in 1993 and situated on Gitwinksihlkw Village Lands within Nisg̱a'a Treaty territory, WWNI is a fully accredited university-college serving all people in northwestern British Columbia.

236 courses featuring Indigenous content

UNBC was the first university in B.C. to offer Bachelor's Degrees in First Nations Studies

UNBC was the first university in Canada to offer Master's Degrees in First Nations Studies

1:13.5 faculty-to-student ratio

Best faculty-to-student ratio of any school in Canada | Maclean's Magazine

14% of all UNBC students self-identify as Indigenous

54 Campus-wide reconciliation initiatives

Best student services & best reputation in Western Canada

- Maclean's Magazine
Primarily Undergraduate Category

Indigenous Student Life at UNBC

The First Nations Centre (FNC) is honoured to provide holistic support services to students, staff and faculty at UNBC.

The First Nations Centre is a culturally safe, accessible space where leadership, academic growth, relationships, and personal supports are fostered.

We offer a wide variety of services, activities, and programs that help to improve educational outcomes for Indigenous students, create awareness and understanding of Indigenous perspectives and worldviews, and celebrate Indigenous culture. Our team is here to welcome everyone who visits or accesses the First Nations Centre.

Jana Percival, Gitlaxt'aamiks, B.C., Nisga'a Nation, BA First Nations Studies

"The First Nations Centre on campus was such a cultural comfort to me. It helped me stay grounded and connected to my cultural roots while balancing my studies and personal life.

You can always count on the First Nations Centre to provide a warm and welcoming environment where you'll never feel alone. The friendly staff always greet you with a smile and make you feel right at home."

First Nations Centre Spaces + Supports

Elders Room
A casual space to gather, study, eat or socialize.

Nuninusdzut-a: We are thinking in this place
A space for working and studying in silence.

Computer Lab
Eight desktop workstations, the FNC library, and space for tutoring support.

Cultural Room
Elder in Residence office and a space for students to gather and work on cultural projects.

Smudging and Meditation Room
A space where students can take time to connect with themselves and with culture, well-stocked with traditional medicines.

Lhuhuhwhezdel: The Gathering Place
A cultural space available to host events and activities for up to 100 people.

Wabooz Garden
A beautiful outdoor, multipurpose space that grows traditional plants and medicines.

Improve your academic skills and understanding with in-house tutoring support in partnership with the Academic Success Centre.

Cultural Activities

Smudging | Talking Circles | Drum Making and Traditional Art Workshops
Singing and Storytelling | Potlucks

First Nations Centre Graduation

Every year the First Nations Centre is honoured to celebrate the successful graduation of UNBC students who utilize the Centre. Graduating students who access, volunteer, or are regularly involved in First Nations Centre events and programs are invited to come and be a part of this grand celebration.

The annual First Nations Centre Graduation Celebration is held on the Thursday before UNBC's Convocation and features a story ceremony in the Canfor Theatre, followed by snacks and refreshments in the Gathering Place. Everyone is invited to come and witness the celebration and to join us as we wish our newly graduating students the very best as they continue on their journey in life.

The Campus Cousins program is an Indigenous Student Leadership program that helps support the development of Indigenous leaders at UNBC.

The program's goal is to improve the quality of life for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students at UNBC while building community connections on campus through events and partnerships.

The Campus Cousins have access to workshops, training, and support to enhance their leadership skills while providing meaningful opportunities to influence the UNBC community in a positive and culturally-significant manner.

Connect with a Campus Cousin to access supports and services, meet other students, find your way around campus, or build a lasting relationship with the First Nations Centre community!

Each year the program consists of a combination of Campus Cousins and a Campus Cousin Ally.

Indigenous
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Elder in Residence

The Elder in Residence program ensures that cultural knowledge and activities are accessible to all students, staff, and faculty at UNBC.

The Elder in Residence Program, as well as weekly visits from Métis and Dakelh Elders, offer a tangible link to Indigenous tradition, identity, and history.

Elders demonstrate many of the core values UNBC holds in high priority: experiential learning and discovery, inclusiveness and diversity, leadership, integrity, and community.

By connecting with Elders, students build a sense of community, belonging and identity.

Student Services at UNBC

Campus Community

Childcare Centre
Northern B.C. Graduate Student Society
Northern Pride Centre
An LGBTQ2S+ safe space
Northern Undergraduate Student Society
Northern Women's Centre
A 24-hour accessible space for women
50+ Student-led clubs and organizations

Health & Wellness

Access Resource Centre (ARC)
Accessibility and advocacy for students with disabilities
Counselling Services
1 on 1 and group counselling available
Health Services
Nurse, nurse practitioner, physician and psychiatric supports
Northern Sport Centre
Recreation and intramural sports, classes, workout spaces, squash courts, and more

Student Resources

Academic Success Centre
Tutoring services
Awards and Financial Aid
Bookstore
Co-operative Education
Academic programs combined with practical work experience
Library
Mathematical Academic Centre for Excellence (MACE)
Math-based tutoring and help
Office of the Registrar
Admissions, registration, calendars and graduation
Student Advising
Academic guidance and support
Student Career Centre
Employment based training and support

Other

Athletics
UNBC Timberwolves
Varsity women's and men's basketball
Varsity women's and men's soccer
Food Services
Residence Meal Plans
Good Earth Coffeehouse
Garden Market
Thirsty Moose
Degrees Coffee
Col Juicery
Student run media
CFUR Radio
Over-the-Edge Newspaper
U-Pass
Access to PG transit, local pools and more

Programs

All programs are offered at the Prince George campus. The legend below indicates which programs are also available at other campuses or online.

Faculty of Environment

Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Environmental and Sustainability Studies
Geography
Nature-Based Tourism Management *
Public Administration and Community Development

Bachelor of Planning (BPl)
First Nations Planning
Natural Resources Planning
Northern and Rural Community Planning

Bachelor of Science (BSc)
Biology *
Conservation Science and Practice
- Landscape Conservation and Management *
- Wildland Conservation and Recreation *
Environmental Science *
Forest Ecology and Management *
Geography *
Wildlife and Fisheries *

Master of Arts (MA)
Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Geography
- Outdoor Recreation, Conservation and Tourism

Master of Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (MNRES)

Master of Science (MSc)
Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
- Biology
- Environmental Science
- Forestry
- Geography
- Outdoor Recreation, Conservation and Tourism

PhD Natural Resources and Environmental Studies

Faculty of Human & Health Sciences

Bachelor of Education (BEd)
Elementary (Grades K - 7) ■★
Secondary (Grades 8 - 12)

Education Diplomas
First Nations Language and Culture (Elementary years)

Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc)
Biomedical Studies *
Community and Population Health Aboriginal and Rural Health *
Community and Population Health Environmental Health *

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN)
Northern Baccalaureate Nursing ●
Northern Collaborative Baccalaureate Nursing ■★
Post-Diploma Baccalaureate Nursing

Nursing Certificates
Rural Nursing Certificate Program ▲

Bachelor of Science (BSc)
Psychology *

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) ■★●

Master of Arts Disability Management (MA) ▲

Master of Science (MSc)
Health Sciences
Psychology

Master of Education (MEd)
Counselling ■★
Transformational Leadership ■★
Exceptionality Education ▲

Master of Social Work (MSW)

Master of Science in Nursing (MScN)

Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner (MScN: FNP)

Graduate Certificates
Indigenous Child and Youth Mental Health
Leading for Learning

PhD Health Sciences

PhD Psychology

● Peace River-Liard
■ Northwest
★ South-Central
♦ WWNI
▲ Online
* Honours Offered

Identifies programs also historically available at these campus locations or online.

Find the program that suits your educational and career goals.

Faculty of Business & Economics

Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Economics

Bachelor of Commerce (BComm)
Accounting *
Finance *
General Business *
Human Resources Management *
International Business *
Management Information Systems *
Marketing *

Master of Arts (MA)
Development Economics
International Studies (International Development stream)

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Master of Science in Business Administration (MSc)

Faculty of Science & Engineering

Bachelor of Applied Science (BASc)
Civil Engineering
Environmental Engineering (UNBC) *4-year degree*
Environmental Engineering *(UNBC/UBC) 4.5-year degree*

Bachelor of Science (BSc)
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology *
Chemistry *
Computer Science *
Integrated Science ■
Mathematics and Statistics *
Physics *

Master of Applied Science Engineering (MASc)

Master of Engineering (MEng)
Integrated Wood Design

Master of Science (MSc)
Biochemistry
Chemistry
Computer Science
Interdisciplinary Studies
Mathematics
Physics

Faculty of Indigenous Studies, Social Sciences & Humanities

Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Anthropology
English
First Nations Studies ♦
General Arts
Global and International Studies
History *
Northern Studies
Political Science
Women's Studies

First Nations Certificates
Aboriginal Community Resource Planning
Aboriginal/Indigenous Health and Healing
First Nations Language ■★♦
First Nations Public Administration
General First Nations Studies ♦
Métis Studies
Nisga'a Language Fluency ** ♦
Nisga'a Studies ♦
Traditional Ecological Knowledge

Certificates
Local Government Administration

First Nations Diplomas
Aboriginal/Indigenous Health and Healing
First Nations Languages
Nisga'a Language Fluency ** ♦

Master of Arts (MA)
English
First Nations Studies ♦
Gender Studies
History
Interdisciplinary Studies
Political Science

** *The Nisga'a Language Fluency programs are offered only at the WWNI affiliate campus.*

Division of Medical Sciences

These degrees are University of British Columbia (UBC) degrees delivered in partnership with UNBC. Application is through UBC.

Northern Medical Program (MD)
Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT-N)
Master of Physical Therapy (MPT-N)

Faculty of Business & Economics

Access a well-rounded degree in Commerce and Economics through an **active and inclusive learning environment** that advances your knowledge of contemporary issues and practical skills that apply to today's business world.

Our professors and instructors explore a vast array of research interests, that they bring to the classroom, contributing to your advanced understanding of business and the economy. We are committed to the success of our students through the development of management knowledge, business practice, and the exploration of modern theory and applied research that enables you to reach your full potential as a global citizen and leader in your organization and community.

Where do you want to go with your degree?

- Auditing and accounting
- Bank manager
- Business analyst or systems analyst
- Company treasurer
- Economic development officer
- Entrepreneurship, business ownership or business management
- Financial analysis and financial management
- International trade or international business
- Investment banking or financial planning
- Marketing, market research, advertising and brand management
- Project management
- Research analyst for government, non-profits, or non-governmental organizations
- Stockbroker

Further Study

- Chartered Professional Accountant program
- Graduate school

Jared Nome, Prince George, B.C., Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, BComm Marketing

"My degree gave me the well-rounded business education I need to apply my skills to the companies I work for in the real world. I am able to think radically and offer business solutions that are needed to succeed in our changing and vibrant market and economy. Your time at UNBC can allow you to develop your critical thinking and understanding of the many theories you will study."

Faculty of Environment

The Faculty of Environment includes world-renowned scientists, scholars, staff, students, alumni, and community collaborators and supporters all **dedicated to impactful teaching, research, engagement, and making a difference at the forefront of environmental issues** in the North and across the world.

The multi-faceted problems we address, discoveries we make, innovative solutions we create, and the inspiration and skills we learn and instill in others provide the foundation for us to face society's urgent challenges.

Our graduates develop key interdisciplinary skills, experience, and perspectives leading to careers in consulting, academics, industry, government, and other areas that increase in demand every year as we navigate the environmental changes we face and opportunities for positive change they pose.

Where do you want to go with your degree?

- Community development or community planning
- Conservation biologist
- Education
- Environmental consultant
- Land and resource management
- Natural resource planning or First Nations planning
- Outdoor educator
- Public interest groups or non-governmental organizations
- Research scientist
- Tourism management or entrepreneurship

Further Study

- Graduate school
- Law school
- Medicine or medical research
- Veterinary school
- Education

Rachelle Foubert, Mackenzie, B.C., Saik'uz First Nation, BSc Wildlife and Fisheries

"My degree is providing me with the qualifications, education, and skills needed to work with people and professionals. There are numerous hands-on learning experiences and undergraduate research opportunities, and the faculty are supportive. They are always finding ways to improve the student experience through unique teaching methods and resources."

Faculty of Human & Health Sciences

The Faculty of Human and Health Sciences consists of faculty and students who are **dedicated to the improvement, advancement, and delivery of health care, human and community health services, and education on a local, regional, and global scale.** Our suite of programs prepare students for a rewarding career in the health, education and social work sectors.

We embrace our role as leaders in human and health sciences education and research. Our small class sizes encourage close connections with faculty and the opportunity to share in their passion for teaching and research on a personal level. Our programming is both socially and environmentally responsive. We actively pursue new ways of bringing engaging research and hands-on, practical learning to the classroom and beyond.

Where do you want to go with your degree?

- Addictions or crisis counsellor
- Clinical social worker
- Corrections
- Educator
- Family support and outreach
- Health care management
- Hospital administrator
- Nurse educator
- Public health administrator
- School social worker or counsellor
- Registered nurse

Further Study

- Education
- Graduate school
- Law school
- Pharmacy school
- Dentistry school

Mackenzie Bouchard Hooker, Prince George, B.C., Métis, BSc Biology, BEd Secondary Education and MEd Multidisciplinary Leadership

"UNBC is a good choice for any student because of the immense on-campus supports, clubs and ways to meet people, the 1-on-1 connections with professors, and the excellent relationships that UNBC prioritizes with our local Indigenous nations."

Faculty of Indigenous Studies, Social Sciences & Humanities

We are **committed to fostering the foundational human disciplines.** Our faculty serve the diverse communities of northern British Columbia through relevant, creative, innovative, and curiosity-driven teaching and research.

We believe that social and cultural diversity is core to enriching your learning experience. The confluence of diversity and respectful discussion stimulates creative thoughts, new ways of thinking, and new pathways of inquiry. Our programs encourage the development of critical, intellectual, and practical knowledge that is essential to your post-secondary and professional pursuits.

Where do you want to go with your degree?

- Anthropologist or archaeologist
- Band manager
- Communications
- Court services
- Counselling and community development
- Economic development
- Forensic scientist
- International development, humanitarian relief, refugee support
- Non-governmental leadership and/or policy development
- Public administration for municipal, provincial and federal levels
- Publisher
- Forensic scientist
- Museum curator or archivist
- Research and policy analysis

Further Study

- Education
- Graduate school
- Journalism
- Law
- Library science and museology

Colin Sanyaz, Wi'tat, B.C., BA First Nations Studies

"I chose this degree because I want to make necessary changes to the Indigenous paradigm through education. My future goals include helping shape the future of perspectives of Indigenous values to help propel Indigenous people and non-Indigenous people into the future in a more positive manner."

Faculty of Science & Engineering

This is where **design and innovation meets the world of science and mathematics.** Our passion is the pursuit of knowledge of the natural world and the discovery of sustainable solutions to problems facing society.

Our programs are designed to develop your fundamental knowledge and practical skills as you develop as a community leader in your chosen field. We are committed to the values of experiential learning and discovery through hands-on learning and undergraduate research initiatives that hone your skills and knowledge.

One of our main goals is to bring science and engineering to a more diverse population in northern B.C. As part of Canada's Green University, our research and courses encompass many aspects of sustainability, environmental restoration, natural products and technologies to protect the environment.

Where do you want to go with your degree?

- Biochemist, natural products chemist, biochemistry technician
- Civil, environmental, geotechnical, transportation, municipal, or water resource engineer and consultant
- Chemist, chemical technician, forensic scientist
- Computer programmer, software developer, IT specialist, web and mobile application developer
- Mathematician, statistician, data analyst, actuary, economist
- Physicist, physics technician, entrepreneur, inventor

Further Study

- Graduate school
- Medicine or medical research
- Pharmacy school
- Veterinary school

Kiley Jackson, Mackenzie, B.C., Tse'Khene Nation, BASc Environmental Engineering

"My goal is to work with an Indigenous consulting firm that helps develop sustainable systems or products. My degree will give me the knowledge and ability to do this effectively. UNBC has always appealed to me because of its connection to the land/people around it and its aim is to lead the way for a more sustainable future, which aligns with my personal goals."

Division of Medical Sciences

Our programs are focused on providing education in the areas of medical science and rehabilitation, including human biology and movement, anatomy, pathology, clinical skills, disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment, and wellness. **We provide opportunities for students interested in pursuing medical, physical therapy and occupational therapy education** to study and train for these professions in the North.

The Division of Medical Sciences delivers University of British Columbia (UBC) education programs in partnership with UNBC, and also supports post-graduate training in various UBC medical residency programs in northern B.C. We strive to provide our learners with an outstanding education that includes an in-depth perspective on rural health care.

Where do you want to go with your degree?

- Medical research
- Medicine (with career options across a wide variety of medical specialties)
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy

Tarissa Alec, Takla Landing, B.C., Takla First Nation, BHSc Biomedical Studies and the UBC Northern Medical Program

"UNBC allowed me to attend university and pursue a medical education without disrupting my family. It also allowed me to remain close to my traditional Indigenous territories.

The UBC Northern Medical Program specifically allowed me to foster relationships with local and surrounding communities. It allowed me to better understand the unique health disparities that these communities face so that I can better serve them in the future."

Canada's Green University

Social responsibility & sustainability as a strategic priority

Green isn't just our school colour, it's a way of life at UNBC – made evident by our teaching and research, student-, faculty-, and staff-led initiatives, campus architecture and natural surroundings.

As Canada's Green University™, we are committed to minimizing environmental impact at every level, from state-of-the-art energy efficiency projects to campus-wide waste-reduction programs.

Green Impact

Eco Living Community

Building Sustainable Communities, Together

Student-led, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and implementing community-oriented climate solutions that encourage capacity building and self sufficiency in northern B.C.

Farm for Thought

A student-operated, small-scale farm right next to student housing that supplies locally grown food to UNBC's Agora Dining Hall and sells locally grown food box subscriptions.

Get Involved

Students for a Green University

Environmental action club that promotes sustainability through activities that educate, motivate and inspire—such as UNBC's annual Green Day event.

Prince George Public Interest Research Group

A non-partisan, student-directed, student-funded research interest group engaging in social action since 1995.

Supporting Green

The Green Grant program offers funding for research, education, and civic engagement projects that promote sustainability, and is open to students, faculty, staff, and campus-based organizations.

Every bit counts

- Carpooling program
- Package-free bulk foods store
- Secure, covered bike lockers
- Borrow A Mug
- Strategic Energy Management Plan
- Students for a Green University

FAIRTRADE FAIR TRADE CAMPUS

UNBC Green Grant

2023 CANADA'S GREENEST EMPLOYERS

The UNBC Bioenergy Plant uses wood waste from local mills to heat the University.

- Reduces the Prince George campus' annual fossil fuel emissions by 85%
- Produces 63,000+ gigajoules of energy every year
- Produces enough energy to: Drive a Car 210 times around the earth and light 33,495 lightbulbs a year

Connect With Your Community

Get to Know Prince George

UNBC's largest campus is located in Prince George, which sits on the traditional lands of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, whose name means "people where the rivers come together" in the Carrier language.

Prince George is the hub of northern B.C. You will find plenty of local restaurants, shopping, live music, and nightlife. Prince George is big enough to offer you access to all the amenities, culture, arts, and entertainment you would expect from a major city, but small enough that you will feel at home and connected to your community.

Prince George is an affordable city to earn your degree, begin a career or business, and make your home.

Photo credit: Tourism Prince George

Cost of living comparison

CAD$ (per month)
Prince George $2,165
Calgary $2,600
Victoria $2,810
Vancouver $4,650

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@tourismpg
@moveuppg

11.9 square km of parks

1,200 lakes
within an 80km radius

5 ski hills within 200km

Winter	Summer	Spring	Fall
Avg Daytime Temp **-8 °C**	Avg Daytime Temp **+25 °C**	Avg Daytime Temp **+16 °C**	Avg Daytime Temp **+8 °C**

Photo credit: Tourism Prince George

Learning Opportunities

- Small Class Sizes
- Undergrad Research
- Study Abroad
- Academic Supports
- Academic Success Centre

Social Life

- On-Campus Cafes
- Student Clubs
- On-Campus Pub
- Student Societies
- Intramural Sports
- Timberwolves Athletics

Safe Campus

- Safe-Walk Program
- UNBC Safety App
- On-Campus 24-hr Security
- Medical Clinic

Career Support

- Co-op
- Research
- Internships
- Field Schools
- Career Centre
- Employer Networking

Community Support

- Women's Centre
- Pride Centre
- Mental health counsellors
- First Nations Centre
- Wellness Centre

Connection to Nature

- Provincial Parks
- City Trails
- Nearby Lakes
- Hiking
- Biking
- Skiing
- Snowshoeing

#1

in Western Canada for

Mental Health Services

from 2016 to 2021

- Voted by students, Maclean's Magazine, Primarily Undergraduate category

Neyoh and Keyoh and You

More than just a place to live, UNBC Housing is a thriving community!

UNBC's two residence buildings are respectfully named after Dakelh terms – Neyoh translates to "our home" and Keyoh translates to "our community."

Our Residence Assistants (RA) help build community and provide student support through educational and social programming. Each floor of Housing has two Residence Assistants. We also have specialty RAs: an Indigenous Focus RA, two Academic RAs, two International Focus RAs, a Wellness and Engagement RA, and a Sustainability and Outdoor Education RA.

Explore our suites and amenities.

Did you know? You can choose from five different floor options: Standard, Green, Academic Intensive, All-female, and Mature (21 and over).

Safe, supportive and inclusive

Private, card-secured bedrooms

Furnished 4-bedroom apartment style suites

Shared kitchen, bathroom and living spaces in each suite

Student housing is just 5 minutes away from the heart of campus

Easy access to everything you need

- Public transportation
- Northern Sport Centre
- On-campus support
- Fresh dining
- Biking and walking trails
- 24-hour security

On-campus Housing
Rental cost per academic year
(does not include mandatory meal plan fees)

Minimum / Maximum

Off-campus Housing
Average rental cost for 1-bedroom per academic year

Plenty of Food Options on Campus

Visit the Agora Dining Hall, student-run coffee shop, or Good Earth Coffeehouse.

The 7-Day and 5-Day Meal Plans are all-you-care-to-eat options in the Agora Dining Hall. Ask a chef to assemble your own meal and let us do the cooking with fresh and tasty items hot off the grill.

Our on-site Executive Chef creates a menu daily with appetizing entrees and snack features, made-from-scratch desserts, hearty homemade soups, salads and more. The Agora Dining Hall is a showcase of natural light, open seating and a great place to connect with friends.

Which UNBC Meal Plan applies to students who live on campus?*

Students on the 7-Day Meal Plan have full access to the Agora Dining Hall every day.

Students on the 5-Day Meal Plan have access to the Agora Dining Hall Monday to Friday.

See what UNBC Food Services is cooking up.

* Fall and winter semesters

Cultural dining options

Vegan, vegetarian & gluten-free options

Easy Access to Active Living

High-performance sport facility right on campus.

The Charles Jago Northern Sport Centre at our Prince George campus is one of the most impressive sport and recreation facilities in B.C. It is a 145,000 square foot, high-performance sport facility equipped with an elevated running track, modern fitness equipment, three full-sized basketball courts and FIFA-approved indoor soccer turf.

Northern Sport Centre

Membership included in your student fees

Certified Personal Trainers

2 squash courts

3 gymnasiums

Fit Camp | Zumba | Yoga

2 indoor soccer fields

280m 3-lane indoor track

Intramural & drop-in recreation

7 cardio and strength training fitness zones

50 hours a week of drop-in fitness & recreation

Affordable registered programs

Explore your on-campus fitness facility.

Run As One

UNBC Timberwolves

The UNBC Timberwolves varsity basketball and soccer teams compete at the highest level of university sport in the country, as part of the Canada West conference of U SPORTS.

The TWolves are exceptional student-athletes in the classroom, while displaying tremendous leadership in northern B.C. and their communities.

Perennially among the most-attended games in Western Canada, the Timberwolves continue to set the green and gold standard at UNBC. The basketball teams play their home games at the Charles Jago Northern Sport Centre and the soccer teams play their home games at Masich Place Stadium.
#RunAsOne

2 soccer teams

36 Timberwolves home games

2 basketball teams

We are all Timberwolves

Take Your Learning Beyond the Classroom

Study abroad options in 18 countries

Experiential learning and discovery is at the heart of UNBC's core values. We encourage every opportunity for students to learn from the world around them. Through various field schools and exchange programs, you can hone your skills in real-life settings, put learning into action, and participate in life-changing opportunities.

* Map represents past exchanges and field schools. Options are subject to change.

Field Schools

Imagine travelling to Guatemala to learn from and work with local Indigenous communities, or taking on the role of a political leader in a simulation about the impacts of climate change, or maybe you are touring the Rockies to study snowpacks. Across the University, field schools are specifically designed for you to apply your knowledge and reflect on your learning inside and outside the classroom.

Study Abroad

UNBC's Exchange Program offers UNBC students a chance to travel and study at an international university for the cost of a semester's tuition and fees. UNBC has partnership agreements in 18 different countries and we often add new schools and countries.

Travelling Knowledges Program

UNBC is an active participant in the Travelling Knowledges International Student Mobility Program – a government-funded partnership that enhances the student experience through experiential learning related to sustainability, culture, development, local and Indigenous community issues.

Students have been funded for travel to internships, exchanges and field schools in Japan, Tunisia, Guatemala, Italy, Poland, Isle of Man, Germany, New Zealand, Australia, Scotland, Norway, and Sweden.

Learning that connects you to the world.

Immediate Impact

Research-intensive means readily accessible research opportunities

As early as your first year, participate in research that can have an immediate impact on society. You might discover your passion or professional path, gain invaluable employable skills, and make connections that can accelerate your career trajectory.

Undergraduate Research Experience Award

We offer a mentorship program specifically for undergraduate students to work alongside faculty in their chosen area of expertise. Students from all areas of study are awarded the opportunity to design their own research project, collect data, conduct analysis, and/or participate in research-informed work.

Making an impact now

Ryan O'Toole, Edmonton, Alta., Gitxaała Nation, BPI First Nations Planning

My research aimed to demonstrate Indigenous homelessness as an impact of colonization. I explored events where settler cities sought to dismantle homeless encampments in the City of Prince George and the City of Edmonton. Through this process I was able to connect similar strategies and tools leveraged by both settler cities to erase Indigenous Peoples from the landscape by way of removing homeless encampments (disproportionately represented by Indigenous Peoples). By connecting these events, strategies, and tools, I was able to demonstrate how Canadian settler cities share unforgivable histories when it comes to removing Indigenous Peoples from the landscape to make way for European settlement; and that this attempted removal perpetuates throughout time and space.

My education has provided me the opportunity to work with my Nation on our Comprehensive Community Plan and I feel grateful in knowing that the skills I have developed here at UNBC will be in high demand at any time I decide to enter the professional field of planning.

The Research Life

Julian Stokes, New Hazelton, B.C., Haida Nation, BHSc and MHSc

"I am continually amazed by the readily accessible opportunities, mentorship, and sense of community at UNBC. Having had the opportunity to experience life, classes, and research as part of UNBC, it was the natural choice to further my education here. Research was an irreplaceable part of my undergraduate experience, and my only regret is that I did not get involved sooner. Research at UNBC has been an incredible learning experience that has helped me expand my horizons and feel as though my work is making a meaningful contribution."

Put Your Degree to Work

Why Co-op?

Gain practical, paid work experience while completing your degree. UNBC Co-operative Education is your connection to the professional world. Through UNBC's co-op programs, you can apply the skills you learn in the classroom to the workplace and build invaluable connections with local and regional employers.

Integrate your studies with valuable work experience.

Grace Koehler, High River, Alta., BSc in Wildlife and Fisheries

Co-op: Parks Canada

"I took co-op because I wanted to get experience in my field early on in my degree to help me choose a career path that I will enjoy. Through co-op learning, I am able to access highly specific learning opportunities specialized to my interests.

I work in Yoho National Park near Field, B.C., where I collect trail assessment data to make Parks Canada trails more accessible. I have had an amazing experience with the co-op program and I feel fortunate that I was able to find a job that relates to my program in my first year of study."

Sooraj Banger, Prince George, B.C., BComm in Management Information Systems and Minor in Computer Science

Co-op: Virtual Care team, Interior Health

"I want to work with businesses to help them obtain new technologies that will help make their operations more efficient. At Interior Health, I am learning new ways that technology can help the health-care system, and more importantly, help patients.

It feels great to be able to apply concepts that I learn in school to the real world. Co-op has provided me with real world experience and helped me find my true passions in my career."

Admission Requirements

Detailed admission requirements

Non-Competitive Entry

Minimum Average Required: 65%
Meeting the listed admission requirements and the minimum average needed to apply guarantees admission to a non-competitive entry program. The admission average is calculated using English Studies 12 (or English First Peoples 12), and the next three highest academic Grade 12 courses plus an additional Grade 12 class (elective or an additional academic Grade 12 - whichever is highest).

Upon application, students will be applying with self-declared grades as final Grade 12 grades are not yet available. Self-declared grades will be used for awards consideration if awards application deadlines are met. Students will be given a 5% margin in awards consideration (e.g. award recipients declaring an 85% average will still receive their award if their final average is 80%).

Students applying to a non-competitive entry major who do not possess or self-declare any of the high school courses required for degree completion but who meet the general admission requirements will still be granted admission to the major. Students are able to complete missing prerequisites before they commence studies at UNBC, or they can take equivalent prerequisite courses at UNBC as electives. Contact the Future Students Office or your Student Advisor if you have questions!

Admission Requirements	Program/Major	High School courses required for degree completion *	Deadline
	Bachelor of Arts		
	Anthropology	---	
	Economics	Pre-Calculus 12 (60%) *Economics only*	
	English	---	
	Environmental and Sustainability Studies		
	First Nations Studies		
	General Arts		
	Geography		
	Global and International Studies		
	History		
	Nature-Based Tourism Management		
	Northern Studies		
	Political Science		
	Public Administration and Community Development		
	Women's Studies		
	Bachelor of Commerce		
	Accounting	Pre-Calculus 12 (60%) *All Commerce majors*	
	Finance		
	General Business		
	Human Resources Management		
	International Business		
	Management Information Systems		
	Marketing		
	Bachelor of Science		
	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Life Sciences 11 or Anatomy & Physiology 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (67%), Physics 11	
	Biology	Life Sciences 11 or Anatomy & Physiology 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (60%)	
	Chemistry	Life Sciences 11 or Anatomy & Physiology 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (67%), Physics 11	
	Computer Science	Pre-Calculus 12 (67%)	
	Conservation Science and Practice	Life Sciences 11 or Anatomy & Physiology 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (50% for Wildland Conservation & Recreation; 60% for Landscape Conservation & Management)	
	Environmental Science	Life Sciences 11 or Anatomy & Physiology 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (67%), Physics 11	
	Forest Ecology and Management	Life Sciences 11 or Anatomy & Physiology 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (60%)	
	Geography	Life Sciences 11 or Anatomy & Physiology 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (60%), Physics 11	
	Integrated Science		
	Mathematics	Pre-Calculus 12 (67%)	
	Physics	Physics 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (67%)	
	Psychology	---	
	Wildlife and Fisheries	Life Sciences 11 or Anatomy & Physiology 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (60%)	
	Bachelor of Planning		
	First Nations Planning	---	
	Natural Resources Planning		
	Northern and Rural Community Planning		

English Studies 12

3 Approved Academic Grade 12 courses

One Additional Grade 12 course (Academic or Elective)

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Minimun 65% Average

March 1

Late applications to non-competitive programs are generally accepted but will not be guaranteed registration into a full first-year course schedule, and may not be eligible for full awards and bursaries. For the most up-to-date list of program deadlines, please visit:

For a full list of Approved Academic Grade 12 courses, please refer to the lists on the opposite page.

** Alternative UNBC prerequisites are offered for Life Sciences 11, Physics 12 and Pre-Calculus 12. Admissible students who are missing any of these prerequisites if required for their intended major may be required to use elective credits to take the missing course(s).*

Competitive Entry

Competitive Entry programs have limited seats available and higher admission requirements. Meeting the minimum average and course requirements does not guarantee admission. A competitive average is established yearly based on that year's applicant pool. Students are admitted on a rolling basis as students accept or decline their seat. Deadlines may be extended based on capacity. For the most up-to-date deadline extensions, please see **unbc.ca/apply/undergraduate/undergraduate-application-deadlines.**

Program and Admission Requirements	Major	High School courses required for recommended first year schedule	Minimum Average Percentage Requirement	Deadline
Bachelor of Applied Science				
English Studies 12, Pre-Calculus 12 (min. 67%), Two Academic Science 12 courses, One Additional Grade 12 course (Academic or Elective)	Civil Engineering	Physics 12* Chemistry 12 (recommended due to related first year course content)	75%	March 1
	Environmental Engineering 4-year UNBC stream			
	Environmental Engineering 4.5-year UNBC/UBC stream			
Bachelor of Health Sciences				
English Studies 12 (min. 70%), Anatomy & Physiology 12 (min. 70%), two other Academic Grade 12 courses, Chemistry 11 (min. 70%), Pre-Calculus 11 (min. 70%) One Additional Grade 12 course (Academic or Elective)	Biomedical Studies	Pre-Calculus 12*	70%	February 1
	Community and Population Health: Aboriginal and Rural Health			
	Community and Population Health: Environmental Health			
Bachelor of Science in Nursing*** ***(Direct Entry from high school route)***				
English Studies 12 (min. 70%), Anatomy & Physiology 12 (min. 73%, completed within 5 years of acceptance), two other Academic Grade 12 courses, Chemistry 11 (min. 70%), Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11 (min. 70%) One Additional Grade 12 course (Academic or Elective)	Nursing (Northern Collaborative Baccalaureate Nursing Program)	---	70%	March 31

**An alternative UNBC prerequisite is offered*
****Direct-Entry Nursing: To apply, please contact our partner institutions:*
*Prince George and Quesnel: College of New Caledonia - **cnc.bc.ca**, Terrace: Coast Mountain College - **coastmountaincollege.ca***

Post-Secondary Required Prior to Entry

University credit for the following programs must be from an accredited institution. All transfer credit and GPA calculations will be assessed upon application to the University.

Program and Admission Requirements	Specialization/Stream	Additional Information	Minimum UNBC GPA Requirement	Deadline
Bachelor of Education				
3- or 4-year degree OR 90 credit hours of university coursework, all including min. 60 credit hours in Arts, Sciences, or BC Schools' teachable fields.	Elementary Years (K - 7)	Must provide references and additional non-academic supplementary application. Please visit ***unbc.ca/education***	2.33 GPA (C+ Average) from most recent 60 credit hours of transferable study	January 15
4-year degree with min. 24 credit hours in a BC Schools' teachable subject area.	Secondary Years (8 - 12)			
Bachelor of Science in Nursing ***(Year 3 entry)***				
60 credits of university-transferable coursework including 24 credits of required prerequisites (min. B-) and at least 24 credits transferable to UNBC at 200-level or above.	Nursing (Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program)	Must provide Rural/Remote Suitability Index, CASPer score, resume, statement of intent, and two references. Please visit ***unbc.ca/nursing***	3.00 GPA (B Average) from most recent 60 credit hours of transferable study	January 15
Bachelor of Social Work				
60 credit hours of university-transferable coursework including: FNST 100, WMST 100, SOCW 200, SOCW 201 or equivalent.	---	Must provide references, statement of intent and other supplementary materials. Please visit ***unbc.ca/social-work***	2.67 GPA (B- Average)	February 1

Approved Academic Grade 12 Courses

BC/Yukon High School

Bold font courses can be used as Academic Science 12 courses for admission to Applied Sciences (Engineering) majors.

Accounting, American Sign Language, **Anatomy & Physiology**, Apprenticeship & Workplace Mathematics, Apprenticeship Mathematics, Asian Studies, BC First Nations Studies, BC First Peoples, **Biology**, Business/Hospitality Management, **Calculus**, **Chemistry**, Comparative Civilizations, Comparative Cultures, Comparative World Religions, Composition, Computer Programming, **Computer Science**, Contemporary Indigenous Studies, Core French, Creative Writing, E-Commerce, Economic Theory, Economics, Engineering, English, English First Peoples, English Literature, English Studies, Entrepreneurship, **Environmental Science**, Foundations of Mathematics, Francais Langue Seconde – Immersion, French, Genocide Studies, Geography, **Geology**, Geometry, German, History, Human Geography, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Law, Law Studies, Literary Studies, Mandarin Chinese, Middle Earth 12, Philosophy, **Physical Geography**, **Physics**, Political Studies, Pre-Calculus, Psychology, Punjabi, Robotics, Social Justice, Spanish, Spoken Language, Statistics, Sustainable Resources, Twentieth Century World History, Urban Studies, Writing.

Alberta/Northwest Territories/Nunavut

Aboriginal Studies 30, Biology 30, Blackfoot Language and Culture 30, Chemistry 30, Chinese Language and Culture 30, Cree 30, Cree Language and Culture 30, English 35, Experiential Science 30, Français 30-1 or 30-2, French 30, French 31A/B/C, French Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2, German 30/30S, German 31, German Language and Culture 30, German Language Arts 30, Gonawo K'e 35, Inuktitut 35, Inuktitut Studies 35, Italian Language and Culture 30, Japanese Language and Culture 30, Latin 30, Mathematics 30-1, Mathematics 30-2, Mathematics 31, Physics 30, Pure Mathematics 30, Science 30, Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2, South Slavey 35, Spanish Language and Culture 30, Ukrainian Language and Culture 30/30S, Ukrainian Language Arts 30.

Ontario

4U/4M courses, with no more than one course from the Arts category. Each course used as prerequisites for UNBC courses must be from the University designation.

Secondary School Courses Equivalent to B.C. High School

Please note, all percentage grades will be converted to the B.C. high school grading scale.

	English Studies 12	Pre-Calculus 12	Pre-Calculus 11	Anatomy & Physiology 12	Life Sciences 11	Chemistry 12	Chemistry 11	Physics 12	Physics 11
Alberta, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut	ELA 30-1	Math 30-1	Math 20-1	Biology 30	Biology 20	Chemistry 30	Chemistry 20	Physics 30	Physics 20
Saskatchewan	English A30 ***and*** English B30	Pre-Calculus 30	Pre-Calculus 20	Biology 30	Biology 20	Chemistry 30	Chemistry 20	Physics 30	Physical Science 20
Manitoba	English 40S (Comprehensive/ Literary/Transac-tional Focus)	Pre-Calculus 40S	Pre-Calculus 30S	Biology 40S	Biology 30S	Chemistry 40S	Chemistry 30S	Physics 40S	Physics 30S
Ontario	ENG4U	MHF4U	MCR3U	SBI4U	SBI3U	SCH4U	SCH3U	SPH4U	SPH3U
Quebec Grade 12	Two courses in 603 series (English Lit)	One semester series 201 Calculus I	Math 406	Two courses from 101 series (Biology)	Biology 506	Two courses from 202 series (Chemistry)	Chemistry 504	Two courses from 203 series (Physics)	Physics 504
Quebec CEGEP	Please contact us at futurestudents@unbc.ca or 250-960-6306								
Nova Scotia	English 12 or English 12 African Heritage	Pre-Calculus 12	Pre-Calculus 11	Biology 12 or Advanced Biology 12	Biology 11	Chemistry 12 or Advanced Chemistry 12	Chemistry 11	Physics 12 or Advanced Physics 12	Physics 11
New Brunswick	English 121 or 122	Pre-Calculus A 120 ***and*** Pre-Calculus B 120	Pre-Calculus 110	Biology 121 or Biology 122	Biology 111 or Biology 112	Chemistry 121 or Chemistry 122	Chemistry 111 or Chemistry 112	Physics 121 or 122	Physics 111 or Physics 112
Prince Edward Island	English 611 or 621	Math 621B	Math 521B	Biology 621	Biology 521	Chemistry 611 (A) or 621 (A)	Chemistry 511 (A) or 521 (A)	Physics 621	Physics 521
Newfoundland & Labrador	English 3201	Math 3200 or 3208	Math 2200	Biology 3201	Biology 2201	Chemistry 3202	Chemistry 2202	Physics 3204	Physics 2204
Advanced Placement (AP)	English Lang & Comp/English Lit & Comp	AB/BC Calculus	--	AP Biology	--	AP Chemistry	--	AP Physics	--
International Baccalaureate (IB)	Eng Lang & Lit HL: A	Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches HL	Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches SL (Grade B)	Biology HL	Biology SL	Chemistry HL	Chemistry SL	Physics HL	Physics SL
Cambridge GCE	A-Level/AS-Level English	A-Level/AS-Level Mathematics	GCSE Mathematics	A-Level/ AS-Level Biology	GCSE Biology	A-Level/AS-Level Chemistry	GCSE Chemistry	A-Level/ AS-Level Physics	GCSE Physics

Other Admission Categories

Advanced Placement	Students who take the College Board Advanced Placement courses in high school may be awarded transfer credit upon receipt of the official exam results from the College Board. Courses completed with a grade of four or above will be awarded transfer credit. Students who have completed AP courses with a grade of three may be considered for Advanced Standing in a first-year course. A listing of acceptable AP courses for transfer credit is available in the B.C. Transfer Guide found at **bctransferguide.ca**	Approved AP and IB (all standard level and higher level) courses can be used in place of any approved Grade 12 Canadian high school course.
International Baccalaureate	Students who are awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma may be awarded up to 30 credit hours of transfer credit upon receipt of the official transcript from the International Baccalaureate headquarters. Students who are awarded the diploma must have an overall standing of four, with no course below a three. Diploma students are required to present three Higher level subjects and three Subsidiary level subjects in order to be eligible for transfer credits. Students who are awarded the International Baccalaureate Certificate must have a grade of four in each Higher level subject to be eligible for individual course transfer credit. Subsidiary level subjects are not eligible for transfer credit on a certificate program. A list of acceptable IB courses is available in the BC Transfer Guide found at **bctransfer.ca**	
International Applicants	• International student applicants are reviewed on their own merits and must be able to demonstrate an acceptable level of English language proficiency. • Completed, appropriate secondary qualifications will be considered for high school admissions and study at a recognized university and/or college will be considered for transfer admission. • English language proficiency requirements found at: **unbc.ca/calendar/undergraduate/international-admissions**	
Diverse Qualifications **(includes Mature)**	• Diverse Qualifications applicants are reviewed on their own merits (transcripts from previous education and a completed resume/statement of intent is required). • Diverse Qualifications applicants may be limited in the number of credit hours they can study in their first semester. • Diverse Qualifications applicants may be admitted on a conditional basis, needing to achieve a minimum GPA in their first semester to continue with their studies.	
Transfer	• Min. of 15 credit hours of acceptable transfer course work, be in good academic standing and have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 (C average) from most-recent coursework. • Official transcripts are required from all post-secondary institutions attended, including distance education schools. • Acceptable courses for transfer credit found at **bctransferguide.ca**	

Become a UNBC Student

futurestudents@unbc.ca

1 Explore

Begin by exploring our program information, admission requirements, fees, and deadlines. Then find out more about student life, see our beautiful campus, and join the UNBC community on social media.

2 Sign up | unbc.ca/futurestudents

Create an account for personalized emails about your programs of interest, insider tips and hints, faculty information, student life, and so much more!

3 Apply | unbc.ca/apply

Apply for admission through **unbc.ca/apply.** Applications are submitted through EducationPlannerBC. Apply for housing and scholarships through **myUNBC.**

4 Submit | admissions@unbc.ca

Email your unofficial documents to admissions@unbc.ca.

Mail any and all official, sealed transcripts to:

University of Northern British Columbia
Undergraduate Admissions
3333 University Way
Prince George, BC, V2N 4Z9

B.C. students:

Authorize the automatic digital submission of your official secondary school transcripts using the **Student Transcript Service.**

5 Accept

Wait for your acceptance letter in the mail. Once accepted, (congratulations!) we will email you registration tips, orientation information, and schedules for upcoming activities and events.

6 Don't forget to register!

Now that you've been accepted, let's make it official. Course registration at UNBC is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Register early for both September and January for the best selection! Once you have registered you will receive your invite to Orientation, and access to information about University events and future-student updates.

Why Self-Identify?

Self-identifying helps UNBC provide the best programs and opportunities to its Indigenous students. You can self-identify in confidence at any time during your university career. If you identify as First Nations (Status or non-Status), Métis, or Inuit, please consider letting us know! For more information, please visit or contact the First Nations Centre at 250-960-5772.

Finances & Scholarships

$3,500,000 in financial awards given each year

1 in 4 students receive a UNBC financial award

Application Deadlines for Awards

	Value	Deadline
Early Entrance Scholarships	$2,500 and $5,500	January 15
Leadership Awards	$3,000	January 15
President's Silver Anniversary Awards for Excellence in Leadership	$6,000 (renewable at $5,500 for up to three additional consecutive years)	January 15
General Scholarships, Bursaries, and Awards	Varies, up to $25,000	April 1

Financial Aid

Approximate Costs per Academic Year
(30 credit hours, 10 courses)

	Domestic	International
Tuition*	$5,870	$24,770
Student Fees*	$1,025	$1,405
Books*	$1,200	$1,200

* Tuition, fees and books are subject to change and vary among programs.

Cost of Living per Academic Year

On-campus living expense (does not include fees or damage deposit)	$5,465	
On-campus meal plan	**7-Day** $5,730	**5-Day *(Mon-Fri)*** $5,310
Off-campus housing (approximate)	$8,800*	

* Average rental cost of 1-bedroom housing for eight months in Prince George

Domestic tuition costs

Based on average tuition amounts per year of a standard four-year degree. (Minimum 30 credits per year/Maximum 36 credits per year)

Minimum / Maximum

Annual tuition costs are compared to other BC Research Universities, accounting for first-, second-, third-, and fourth-year tuition amounts. Minimum and Maximum tuition costs depend on factors such as total credit count per year and any program fee differentials applied.

The UNBC Awards and Financial Aid team helps students obtain the funds necessary to support their UNBC education.

Funds may be obtained from a variety of sources, including government and bank loans, private, corporate, and public scholarships and bursaries, Band/Community funding, and UNBC awards. We also provide information about emergency-need resources.

Phone: 250-960-6319
Email: awards@unbc.ca
Location: Office of the Registrar

UNBC Award Competitions

Each year, students can apply for In-Course Undergraduate Awards, General Awards or Graduate Awards. As long as you submit an online awards application for the award types above, we will try to match you to any UNBC Awards you are eligible for. Apply online through the awards application found in the myUNBC student portal.

To view compiled lists of UNBC awards designed for specific groups of students, such as Indigenous students or residents of northern B.C., visit unbc.ca/financial-aid and scroll down the website to the UNBC Awards column. There are a number of links there to check out.

External Awards

Many organizations provide external awards to incoming and continuing students. You can find information on, and applications for, non-UNBC awards on the UNBC Awards and Financial Aid website.

Government Student Loans & Grants

Students may borrow money in the form of a government student loan on a promise to repay the loan at a specified time in the future. Government student loans are available to students who can demonstrate financial need. Both full-time and part-time student loans are available.

Grants are another type of funding available through application to the government, but do not require repayment.

Email us at awards@unbc.ca to find out more – we are here to help and can assist you with completing the online government student loan application.

Band/Community Funding

Options may be available for you to receive financial support for Post-Secondary Education through your Band/Community. Each Band/Community has different options and availability to access funding. Contact your Band office or Community to find out if this option is right for you. If you need more information about this process or need assistance with the Band/Community funding application, please feel free to contact UNBC's First Nations Centre.

Former Youth in Care Provincial Tuition Waiver Program

If you are a resident of British Columbia and meet the eligibility criteria, you may qualify for free tuition at UNBC.

Tips For Success

Visit, and get to know your professors during their office hours!

Ask questions about their research, education, and career pathways – these can be valuable connections later in your education and career.

Access the support UNBC offers!

Whether it's the Academic Success Centre to get some writing help, Mathematical Academic Centre for Excellence to get some assistance with your math homework, the Wellness Centre to see a counsellor, or any of the other many support systems that UNBC offers. These supports are free and they are here for YOU!

Visit the First Nations Centre and have a chat with one of the Campus Cousins.

Or, while you're there, connect with our Aboriginal Connections Coordinator and see what kinds of cultural activities are on the go!

Get lost on campus.

Explore the paths you might not typically take around UNBC and enjoy all the hidden gems, such as the salt water aquarium, the echo lounge, the Smudging Room, and much more!

It's okay to ask for help

Whether it's finding your class, making an appointment with your advisor, or asking when the next bus arrives to campus. Don't be afraid to reach out to the students, staff, and faculty around you. We're all here to help you succeed!

Bring your favorite dish to a monthly potluck at The Gathering Place.

It's a great opportunity to meet students, faculty, and staff, and enjoy great food in a casual, cultural environment.

Take advantage of the Northern Sport Centre.

It's a beautiful facility that offers a variety of fitness activities, workout spaces, squash courts and more. Try your hand at Fit Camp, slow things down with a yoga class, or do some laps on the longest indoor track at a B.C. university.

Enjoy what northern B.C. has to offer!

Paddle on countless rivers and lakes. Take in an orchestra concert, art gallery opening, or performance in the park. Shift gears and tackle a challenging mountain bike trail. Or strap on your skis and experience great cross-country or downhill skiing.

Leaders of Tomorrow

The UNBC experience is unparalleled and prepares students for successful careers. Alumni become leaders across the globe and make the world a better place. Each of our graduates' stories of success builds the reputation and promise of a UNBC degree. We invite them to stay connected with us and proudly share the highlights of their journeys.

What makes UNBC unique? When our graduates reflect on their experience, they tell us that the access to professors, research opportunities, interdisciplinary learning, and interaction with small cohorts creates a community of support that leads to their success.

Our graduates tell us that UNBC helped them become better critical thinkers, improved their ability to acquire skills and knowledge, provided them with a comprehensive knowledge of their chosen subject area, and enhanced their problem-solving skills.

What our alumni say

89% say the knowledge and skills gained are useful in performing their job

81% work in fields related to their program

85% are satisfied with their job

69% are in management

93% are satisfied with their UNBC experience

84% are employed within 6 months of graduating

80% recommend UNBC to others

89% said the quality of instruction was very good or good

UNBC ALUMNI

Contact us at alumni@unbc.ca if you'd like to connect with a graduate of UNBC.

University Lingo

Alumni	Students who have graduated from a school, college, or university.
Asynchronous Learning	Courses that enable students access to the same course material at different times.
Bachelor's Degree	Also called an undergraduate degree, this credential generally requires four years of study, longer if the student studies at a part-time pace.
Breadth Requirement	In addition to an undergraduate degree's major requirements and elective credit requirements, UNBC degrees also require that students gain some breadth of knowledge outside of their chosen discipline. Between their degree and elective requirements, students must take a course from each of the Arts and Humanities, Physical Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences. Some majors have incorporated academic breadth into their requirements, and no extra coursework is needed to complete breadth.
Bursary	Financial aid given to students in order to further their studies. Bursaries are often needs-based.
Certificate	This credential generally requires one year of study. Certificates can often "ladder" into further education, such as diplomas or degrees.
Cooperative Education	Often referred to as "Co-op," Cooperative Education involves students engaging in semester-long work terms during programs. These work terms can add time spent on completing a degree, but completing enough Co-op work terms earns Co-op distinction on the graduating student's degree.
Credit Hour	Usually corresponds with the amount of "contact hours" in class, per week. Most UNBC courses are three credit hours each. Tuition is also charged on a per-credit-hour basis.
Diploma	This credential generally requires two years of study. Diplomas can often "ladder" into further education, such as a degree.
Doctoral Degree	The most common type being a PhD (Doctor of Philosophy), this credential is the highest level of academic degree, generally attempted after the completion of a graduate degree.
Double Major	A student pursuing a double major is attempting to complete two majors' degree requirements while at school. Sometimes, this requires taking more courses than needed to complete one major, extending the duration of study, however there are numerous double majors that can be completed within a typical, four-year timeline.
Elective	A course that is not listed as "required" for a major or minor, but is taken to meet the credit hour requirement for a particular credential.
Faculty	The teaching staff of the University.
Full-time Studies	At UNBC, full-time studies consists of taking at least nine credit hours (3 courses) per semester.
GPA	The abbreviation for Grade Point Average, your GPA is a calculation of your final course grade's quality points divided by the number of credits the course is worth. UNBC uses a 4.33 GPA scale, therefore an A+ earns 4.33 quality points per credit hour, and it descends from there.
Joint Major	A path of study or program that combines courses from two disciplines of study in such a way that fewer courses are taken for each major separately while still completing enough courses to earn a combined major from each discipline.
Laboratory	Smaller, more individual course component. Often the most hands-on of the class types.
Lecture	Classroom-based instruction. May be the largest type of class.
Major	A subject or field of study chosen by students to represent their principal interest.
Master's Degree	Also called a graduate degree, this credential is generally taken after a student completes an undergraduate degree.
Minor	A secondary academic interest or discipline chosen by students during their undergraduate studies. Minors have their own set of required courses, and result in fewer electives taken by a student.
Part-time Studies	At UNBC, part-time undergraduate studies consists of taking fewer than 9 credit hours per semester.
Prerequisite Course	A course that must be completed before taking another course. Prerequisite courses can be high school courses or university-level courses.
Professor	In university, teachers are usually known as professors.
Required Course	A course that must be finished to complete a major or minor's degree requirements.
Scholarship	Financial aid given to a student, often based on high academic achievement.
Semester	Divisions of an academic year. Courses are taken over a semester. At UNBC, a semester is four months long.
Syllabus	A detailed guide or outline for a course provided by a professor. A syllabus generally includes information such as required texts and readings, a schedule of assignments and tests, and University rules and regulations.
Synchronous Learning	Courses that students participate in at the same time as their classmates.
Tutorial	Course meant to supplement certain lectures. These are generally smaller than lectures, and provide students even more opportunity to ask questions and discuss course concepts/readings.
Tuition	A fee or payment for instruction at UNBC.

Experience UNBC

Virtual or in-person, there are so many ways to explore UNBC!

Studying at Western Canada's Best Small University: UNBC
September 26
November 1

Experience the North – Choose UNBC (International)
October 25
November 14

Maximize your Credit when Transferring to UNBC
October 4
November 28

Funding your Undergraduate Education – Scholarship and Award Opportunities at UNBC
November 7
November 22
December 6

Top 5 Reasons for Indigenous Students to Choose UNBC
November 8

For full event details and to RSVP

Find UNBC Future Student Liaisons at the following university/education fair event circuits:

Postsecondary BC
postsecondarybc.ca/

Alberta Out of Province
albertaoop.com/

Canadian University Event BC
cuebc.org/

Visit unbc.ca/about-unbc/tour to book guided campus tours or a Student for a Day experience.

Want UNBC to visit your school? Tell your Counsellor or Indigenous Education Worker to contact us!

Indigenous Student Recruiter

Phone: 250-960-6306
Email: futurestudents@unbc.ca
Web: unbc.ca/futurestudents

UNBC Campuses

Prince George
3333 University Way
Prince George, B.C. V2N 4Z9
Phone: 250-960-5555
Toll Free: 1-800-627-9931
Email: futurestudents@unbc.ca
Web: unbc.ca

South-Central
S100-100 Campus Way
Quesnel, B.C. V2J 7K1
Phone: 250-991-7540
Toll Free: 1-800-627-9931
Email: south-central@unbc.ca
Web: unbc.ca/south-central

Peace River-Liard
Box 1000, 9820-120th Ave
Fort St. John, B.C. V1J 6K1
Phone: 250-787-6220
Toll Free: 1-800-935-2270
Email: northeast@unbc.ca
Web: unbc.ca/peace-river-liard

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