



UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA  CANADA



ATHLETIC
FACILITY

MOVIE
THEATRE

LIVE MUSIC

FIRST
PEOPLES
HOUSE

LIBRARY

STUDENT
HOUSING

ASTRONOMICAL
OBSERVATORY

ENGINEERING &
COMPUTER SCIENCE
COMPLEX
EXPANSION

15-MIN WALK
TO BEACH

200 ACRES OF PUBLIC
GREENSPACE & TRAILS

10-MIN WALK
ACROSS CAMPUS

LIVE THEATRE

ART GALLERY

15-MIN BUS RIDE
DOWNTOWN

GUIDE FOR
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS
2027-2028

GET A CAREER HEAD START WITH ONE OF CANADA'S LARGEST AND MOST
ESTABLISHED CO-OP WORK PROGRAMS. ACCESS TOP EMPLOYERS, GAIN
REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE AND GRADUATE CAREER-READY.

ONE OF CANADA'S TOP UNIVERSITIES
FOR GRADUATE EMPLOYABILITY.
Global University Employability Ranking 2025

Ranked #3 IN CANADA

FOR CLIMATE ACTION, A UN SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOAL
*Times Higher Education's Sustainability
Impact Ratings 2026*

Ranked #1 IN CANADA

FOR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH
COLLABORATION
Leiden Rankings 2025

18,900
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
(Canadian universities range
from 2,000 to 80,000 students)

80%
OF ALL GRADUATES FIND CAREERS
IN THEIR CHOSEN FIELD

1:21
PROFESSOR-TO-STUDENT RATIO

CHOOSE FROM OVER
130 programs



Why study in Canada?

- An internationally recognized degree from UVic and Canada's top-tier education system opens doors to career opportunities worldwide.
- Eligible international students may **work on or off campus** while studying, subject to the conditions of their study permit.
- A **Post-Graduation Work Permit** offers employment opportunities for eligible international graduates.
- **Exceptional value** compared to tuition and fees in the USA, UK and Australia.
- Access a highly regarded Canadian education in a city known for its quality of life.
- Live in one of the world's safest countries—Canada offers a peaceful, stable environment where you can focus on your studies and future.

**VICTORIA WAS
RANKED BEST SMALL
CITY IN THE WORLD
3 YEARS IN A ROW!**

Condé Nast Traveler Readers'
Choice Awards

**GREATER VICTORIA
POPULATION
423,000**

**SUNNIEST MAJOR CITY
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

22°C
(72°F)

AVERAGE
HIGH SUMMER
TEMPERATURE

8°C
(46°F)

AVERAGE
HIGH WINTER
TEMPERATURE

50%

LESS RAINFALL
THAN NEARBY
VANCOUVER

40%

LESS RAINFALL
THAN NEARBY
SEATTLE





Caro Martinez

MEXICO AND VICTORIA, BC
Biomedical Engineering

Caro came to Victoria from Mexico as an international student in Grade 10. When it was time to choose a university, UVic stood out for its research reputation, co-op program and work study opportunities that let students build experience on campus.

She chose Biomedical Engineering because it brought together her love of math, interest in health and desire to help others. "At my core, I am passionate about helping others," she says, "so Biomedical Engineering felt like a meaningful path toward making a positive impact."

At UVic, Caro also found the support she needed. International student events, first-year orientation, supportive classmates and professors, and activities in the Student Union Building helped her build friendships and find community.

Through co-op, Caro gained professional experience beyond the classroom. At the Calgary Airport Authority, she worked with the Commercial Real Estate team on construction and development projects. Preparing referrals for the City of Calgary taught her responsibility, professionalism and confidence.

"UVic is such a welcoming space for international students, and they work very hard to foster community here. Most UVic students have also come from outside Victoria, so many people are looking to find belonging, just like you!"

Launch your global career with co-operative education

- **Test-drive your future career while studying in Canada:** Get hands-on work experience in real-world settings and find out whether a career is the right fit before you graduate.
- **Earn while you learn:** International students can get up to 16 months of paid work experience during their degree, earning an average of \$62,600.
- **Competitive salaries:** UVic co-op students earn an average of \$3,917 per month.
- **Graduate career-ready:** In addition to your academics and co-op experiences, get expert career coaching, résumé-building workshops and job-search support to maximize your success.
- **Open doors to top employers:** Work with globally recognized employers and organizations such as Amazon, the Canadian Space Agency, Meta (Facebook), Warner Bros., the BC Cancer Agency, and the United Nations Environment Programme—valuable experience that makes your résumé stand out worldwide.
- **Work in Canada and beyond:** Co-op opportunities are available locally, nationally and internationally, giving you the flexibility to get work experience in Canada or abroad.

Learn more at uvic.ca/coop.

SAMPLE UVIC CO-OP SCHEDULE

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

YEAR	SEPT-DEC	JAN-APR	MAY-AUG
1	STUDY	STUDY	FREE TERM
2	STUDY	STUDY	WORK 4 MONTHS EARN ≈ \$15,668
3	STUDY	WORK 4 MONTHS EARN ≈ \$15,668	STUDY
4	WORK 4 MONTHS EARN ≈ \$15,668	STUDY	WORK 4 MONTHS EARN ≈ \$15,668
5	STUDY/GRADUATE		

70% OF CO-OP STUDENTS
GET JOB OFFERS BEFORE
THEY GRADUATE!

Guaranteed housing for first-year students

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR THE FIRST-YEAR RESIDENCE GUARANTEE?

You are guaranteed a place in residence if you

- graduate high school in 2027
- are coming straight from high school
- apply for admission by **January 31**
- apply for residence by **February 15**

If you are not eligible, please see uvic.ca/residence for details on other on-campus residence options, including the undergraduate residence lottery.

MEAL PLAN

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

Learn more at uvic.ca/residence.

SUPPORTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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



Gilbert Imoesi

EDO STATE, NIGERIA

Political Science and Economics

Gilbert took his classroom learning and built real career momentum. Through co-ops and internships across private industry, provincial government and the federal public service, he has gained the kind of experience that helps graduates stand out.

At the Department of National Defence, Gilbert worked first in finance with Canadian Fleet Pacific and then as a compliance analyst focused on fraud and post-payment verification. The work quickly became more than a student placement.

"I would see the Prime Minister say something on television and then see a piece of it trickle to the unit as work we had to do," he says. "We had very, very real stakes."

After graduation, he will leave UVic with "three years of work experience and a track record that shows I can get things done. That helps no matter what I choose to pursue. And that is before you even count the personal experience I gained and the networks I built along the way."

About UVic's co-op program, Gilbert says,

"It gives you a different kind of knowledge. It is the other half of what makes you a well-rounded graduate out in the real world."

Estimated first-year fees

Our commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience, combined with our renowned reputation, abundant opportunities and stunning location, offers tremendous value for your investment in your future. Learn about affordability at UVic at uvic.ca/affordability.

SAMPLE FIRST-YEAR FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS*

Tuition for all programs except Engineering and Computer Science programs	\$37,575
Tuition for Engineering programs	\$50,058
Tuition for Computer Science programs	\$43,292
Student fees (health and dental, bus pass, athletics, etc.)	\$1,183
Single-occupancy room with meal plan	\$17,006
Total (tuition, fees and residence)	\$55,764 – \$68,247

*Tuition is calculated on eight months of study (five courses per term except for Engineering). Tuition fees are based on May 2026 to January 2027 rates.

Residence and student fees are based on September 2026 to April 2027 rates. If you hold Canadian citizenship or are a permanent resident of Canada, you will pay Canadian tuition regardless of where you completed high school. Tuition figures are estimates. Final costs will be determined by your actual registration. Some programs have different tuition rates. Please see the tuition and fees schedule at uvic.ca/whatdoesitcost for details. These are only basic budgeting items and do not include additional funds for travel, recreation, clothing and pocket money. All figures may be subject to change. All figures in Canadian dollars.

Scholarships

AUTOMATIC ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS BASED ON YOUR ADMISSION AVERAGE

We will automatically consider you for these scholarships. You do not have to apply to be eligible for these awards. Scholarship figures shown here are from the **2026–2027** academic year. Scholarship values change each year. For the most up-to-date scholarship values, and scholarship application deadlines, visit uvic.ca/scholarships.

Who are you?	What are you eligible for?
Canadian citizen or permanent resident*	\$3,000 – \$6,000. You will need a minimum GPA of 90% to be considered.
International student*	\$15,000. You will need a minimum average of A- or equivalent to be considered. If you have a minimum of 32 IB points, you are eligible for the \$10,000 International IB Entrance Scholarship; with 36 or more IB points, you are also eligible for the \$15,000 International Entrance Scholarship. For example, a student with 38 IB would receive both. IB scores are calculated excluding bonus points.

*Eligible students must be current secondary students or must enter UVic within two years of completing secondary school. They must not have completed post-secondary coursework after high school graduation.

English language proficiency requirement

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

- Completion of four years of secondary and/or post-secondary full-time academic studies at a recognized institution in which all language of instruction is English.
- Completion of three years of full-time academic studies at a recognized secondary school in which all language of instruction is English, including a minimum grade of B in Grade 11 English (or equivalent).
- Completion of Grade 12 English or its equivalent in Canada with a final grade of 86% or higher within the last three years prior to admission.
- IB: Higher Level English A with a score of 4 or higher.
- AP: Advanced Placement English Language and Composition/Literature Exam with a score of 4 or higher.
- British Curriculum (A-level):
 - O-Level English or English Language with a final grade of B (6)
 - AS-Level/A-Level English or English Language with a final grade of C
- Sufficient score on an approved language-proficiency test (see below).

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TESTS AND PROGRAMS

TOEFL UVic's institution code is 0989	IELTS ACADEMIC	DET	UVIC ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTRE
Minimum score of 88 (20 per section) REGULAR ADMISSION	Minimum overall band score of 6.5 (6.0 per component) REGULAR ADMISSION	Minimum score of 120 (no subscore below 110) REGULAR ADMISSION	Completion of the UAP course with 80% or higher REGULAR ADMISSION
Minimum score of 79 (17 per section) CONDITIONAL ADMISSION	Minimum score of 6.0 (5.5 per component) CONDITIONAL ADMISSION	Minimum score of 110 (no subscore below 100) CONDITIONAL ADMISSION	Registration in the UAP course CONDITIONAL ADMISSION
Minimum score of 71 (15 per section) APPLY TO PATHWAY PROGRAM	Minimum score of 5.5 (5.0 per component) APPLY TO PATHWAY PROGRAM	The Pathway program does not accept DET as an English Language Proficiency requirement.	Passing grade of 80% in level 300 in the Intensive English program APPLY TO PATHWAY PROGRAM

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

Dates and deadlines

APPLICATION TIMELINE

September 1 – January 31

All students

Submit your application for Fall 2027 entry. uvic.ca/apply

November – April

All students

Check your email for an admission decision. Most admission decisions are sent via email during this time.

December 1 – May 1

All admitted students

Accept your admission offer by paying the acceptance deposit by the deadline specified in your admission offer email (May 1 for most students). Get ready to register for your courses—typically in mid-June. uvic.ca/admitted

February 15 – March 15

Students at Canadian-curriculum high schools (excluding those in the BC curriculum)

Self-report your grades. If you receive an admission offer prior to February 15, you do not need to self-report your grades. uvic.ca/selfreporting

July – August

All students

Send your final official transcript and any other requested documents by the deadline specified on your application checklist. uvic.ca/finalgrades

SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

September – ongoing

All students

If you receive an offer of admission, you will automatically be considered for grades-based entrance scholarships.

February 15 – April 30

Apply for specific-criteria entrance scholarships. uvic.ca/safa

RESIDENCE TIMELINE

October 5 – February 15

Apply for the first-year residence guarantee if you are a current high school student.

October 5 – May 15

Apply for the undergraduate residence lottery if you're not a current high school student.

Get your questions answered. Speak with a recruiter.

Learn about upcoming UVic events. Book a tour.

uvic.ca/undergraduate



**Scan code to sign up for
our mailing list.**

Receive updates about events,
key dates and deadlines.

*If this guide differs from the UVic Undergraduate
Admissions website, the website takes precedence.*