



# Student Guide<sup>2027 2028</sup>



# A space to **be you**

## Capilano University isn't about fitting into a mould.

It's about having the space to discover what's right for you while you do something that actually matters.

With campuses in North Vancouver and Squamish, Capilano University is built around real connection—small classes, big conversations and a learning environment where you're known, not numbered. At CapU, you don't disappear into lecture halls, you show up in them.

Faculty are mentors as much as instructors. They challenge you, back you and push you to reach further than you thought you could go. You're encouraged to explore and ask questions, try things before you feel certain and move toward your own direction, not someone else's plan.

This is a place where you don't need to have it all figured out. Just enough courage to start.



## 92%

of CapU bachelor's degree graduates rate the quality of instruction as good or very good\*

## 94%

of CapU bachelor's degree graduates are in the labour force\*

## 90%

of CapU bachelor's degree graduates said the knowledge and skills gained were useful in performing their job\*

\*BC Student Outcomes Baccalaureate Graduates Survey 2023 – 2025

Capilano University respectfully acknowledges that our campuses are located on the unceded territories of the səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations.



## North Vancouver Campus

# A space to explore

**With fresh mountain air and towering evergreen forests, Capilano University's North Vancouver campus is an inspiring place to learn, grow and get grounded in what you love.**

Modern learning spaces sit within a campus shaped by nature, green spaces, open pathways and a setting where something is almost always in bloom.

It's a place where your ideas are valued and meaningful connections happen every day, whether you're collaborating in class, joining a club or simply sharing a coffee between classes.

Just beyond campus, North Vancouver offers an active outdoor lifestyle, with world-class hiking, mountain biking, kayaking and alpine skiing only minutes away. At the same time, you're never far from the energy of the city. Vibrant neighbourhoods filled with cafés, galleries, shops and craft breweries are all within easy reach, while downtown Vancouver is just a short trip across the harbour.

At CapU North Vancouver, you don't have to choose between nature, community and city life. It's all here.



"The sense of community here is super strong. Everyone is really friendly and wants you to succeed. You just feel like you belong right away."

**Robbie M.**

Bachelor of Business  
Administration student

### 3

Ski resorts on the  
North Shore

### 246

Scenic trails in  
North Vancouver

*Source: All Trails*

### Did you know?

CapU offers programming in the T̓s̓zil Learning Centre in Mt. Currie in partnership with the Líl̓wat Nation, as well as on the Sunshine Coast.



## Squamish Campus

# A space to get outside

**Nestled between soaring mountain peaks and the stunning Pacific coastline, Capilano University's Squamish campus is where learning meets adventure.**

Located in B.C.'s Sea-to-Sky Corridor, just 45 minutes from Whistler and an hour from Vancouver, CapU Squamish offers a stunning backdrop for study, collaboration and recreation.

It's a space for outdoor-loving learners to grow, where self-discovery and academic achievement go hand in hand.

Life here means endless access to world-class hiking, biking, climbing, trail running and skiing, which are perfect for resetting before or after class.

Surrounded by spectacular mountain views, the campus brings together modern learning spaces, student housing, a dining hall, athletic centre and sports field—all designed to support a connected campus experience.

Classes are small and interactive, fostering strong connections. Programs range from environmental studies, early childhood education and outdoor filmmaking to kinesiology, business and interdisciplinary studies.

Minutes from campus, the lively town of Squamish offers a thriving arts and culture scene, a welcoming community and plenty of local breweries, cafés and events to explore.



"I love the Squamish campus because it suits my lifestyle so well. I can take a break from studying and immediately be in nature. We just have so many cool attractions here. It's an amazing place to be."

**Reese V.**

Business Administration student



### 45

Minutes to Whistler, North America's largest ski resort

### 1,200

Rock climbing routes in Squamish

### 200

Kilometres of single-track mountain bike trails in Squamish

Source: Tourism Squamish

# A space to belong

CapU is more than a university, it's a community. Here, you'll find a close-knit, welcoming atmosphere and countless ways to connect and make your university experience unforgettable.

## Orientation activities

Your first weeks at CapU will be an experience to remember, starting with orientation activities designed to connect you with classmates and set you up for success. These include student mixers, workshops, a welcome fair, the CapU Street Party, Mountain Fest and more!

[capilanou.ca/orientation](https://capilanou.ca/orientation)

## Student clubs

Find your people, fuel your passions. Whether you love movies, skiing, science, fashion or esports, there's a student club here made up of people who share your interests.

[csu.bc.ca/clubs](https://csu.bc.ca/clubs)

## Student employment

Connect with the CapU community while gaining valuable skills and experience. On-campus jobs help you build relationships, contribute to campus life and grow professionally.

[capilanou.ca/career-development-centre](https://capilanou.ca/career-development-centre)

**9,282**

Students enrolled in for-credit programs

**64**

Student clubs, associations and collectives



## Varsity athletics

CapU has an exceptional athletics program with varsity teams in soccer, basketball and volleyball led by award-winning coaches. Join the team and compete for PACWEST and CCAA championships or cheer on the Blues in their quest for gold. [athletics.capilanou.ca](https://athletics.capilanou.ca)

## Recreation

CapU Rec is all about making movement welcoming, inclusive and accessible for everyone. Blow off some steam with drop-in intramural sports or strength training in the weight room or ground yourself with some fitness classes. [capilanou.ca/recreation](https://capilanou.ca/recreation)



## Blues athletics

**63**

Provincial Championships

**15**

National Championships



"I feel like my teammates are my family. I can always lean on them. I trust them, and they're always going to hold me accountable. If you're someone who wants to make friends and have a great time at university, CapU is the place to be."

**Kai H.**

Bachelor of Kinesiology student



# A space to grow



CapU offers countless ways to explore what inspires you.

Start with a few courses to explore your interests or dive into a specific area of study and earn a bachelor's degree, associate degree, diploma or certificate.

You'll discover your path through engaging classes with faculty experts, work practicums, study abroad adventures and hands-on learning opportunities that will ensure you graduate with the knowledge and experience to launch your career with confidence.



"The faculty at CapU are incredible in the way that they trust students. We get to work with real clients on real issues and take our learning beyond textbooks."

**Priya M.**  
Bachelor of Business Administration student

## Arts & Sciences

|                                                                                    |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Applied Behaviour Analysis (Autism)                                                | ■ ★ ● N |
| Arts                                                                               | ▲ NS    |
| Biology                                                                            | ▲ N     |
| Creative Writing                                                                   | ▲ N     |
| Engineering                                                                        | ● N     |
| Engineering Transition                                                             | ▼ N     |
| English                                                                            | ▲ N     |
| Environment & Society—Environmental Sciences                                       | ■ ▼ N   |
| Environment & Society—Environmental Studies                                        | ■ ▼ NS  |
| General Studies                                                                    | S       |
| Interdisciplinary Studies                                                          | ■ NS    |
| Lilwat Nation Language & Culture                                                   | ● T     |
| Psychology                                                                         | ▲ ■ ◆ N |
| Concentration: Applied Psychology                                                  |         |
| Science                                                                            | ▲ ■ N   |
| Concentrations: Biomedical Science, Computational Science or Environmental Science |         |
| Sechelt Nation Language & Culture                                                  | ● O     |
| Writing & Literature                                                               | ■ N     |
| Concentrations: Critical & Creative Writing or Literature & Culture                |         |

**19**

Bachelor's degrees offered

**26**

Average number of students in a class

**25+**

Study abroad destinations to choose from

## Business & Professional Studies

|                                                                                                                                                                  |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Bookkeeping                                                                                                                                                      | ● NV     |
| Business Administration                                                                                                                                          | ■ ● ▼ NS |
| Concentrations: Accounting, Business Info Management & Analytics, Financial Planning, Human Resource Management, International Business & Logistics or Marketing |          |
| Business Administration Pathway                                                                                                                                  | N        |
| Communication Studies                                                                                                                                            | ■ N      |
| Financial Planning                                                                                                                                               | ★ ● N    |
| Financial Planning Professional                                                                                                                                  | ★ N      |
| Legal Administrative Assistant                                                                                                                                   | ● NV     |
| Legal Studies                                                                                                                                                    | ■ N      |
| Paralegal                                                                                                                                                        | ● ▼ NVO  |
| Retail Operations                                                                                                                                                | ● N      |

## Education, Health & Human Development

|                                          |            |
|------------------------------------------|------------|
| Adult Basic Education                    | NSOT       |
| Community Capacity Building              | V          |
| Discover Employability                   | ● N        |
| Early Childhood Care & Education         | ■ ● ▼ NSOV |
| Early Childhood Care & Education Pathway | N          |
| Education & Employment Access            | ● N        |
| Education Assistant                      | ● N        |
| English for Academic Purposes            | N          |
| Health Care Assistant                    | ● NO       |
| Music Therapy                            | ■ N        |
| Rehabilitation Assistant                 | ▼ NO       |

### Customize your degree

Expand your career options and create a degree that is uniquely yours by pursuing a minor in a secondary discipline.  
[capilanou.ca/minors](http://capilanou.ca/minors)

## Fine & Applied Arts

|                                                              |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 2D Animation & Visual Development                            | ▼ N     |
| 3D Animation, Modeling & Effects for Film & Games            | ▼ N     |
| Acting for Stage & Screen                                    | ● ▼ N   |
| Animation Fundamentals                                       | N       |
| Arts & Entertainment Management                              | ▼ N     |
| Costuming for Stage & Screen                                 | ▼ N     |
| Design in Visual Communication                               | ▼ ■ N   |
| Concentrations: Branding, Illustration or Interactive Design |         |
| Documentary                                                  | ● N     |
| Grip Work for Digital Imaging & Film                         | N       |
| Indigenous Digital Filmmaking                                | ● ▼ N   |
| Interaction Design                                           | ▼ N     |
| Jazz Studies—Education                                       | ■ ▼ N   |
| Jazz Studies—Performance/Composition                         | ■ ▼ N   |
| Lighting for Digital Imaging & Film                          | N       |
| Motion Picture Arts                                          | ■ ● ▼ N |
| Concentration: Producing                                     |         |
| Music                                                        | ▼ N     |
| Musical Theatre                                              | ▼ N     |
| Outdoor Filmmaking                                           | ● S     |
| Technical Theatre                                            | ▼ N     |

## Global & Community Studies

|                                                      |        |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Global Leadership in Sustainable Tourism             | ● N    |
| Kinesiology                                          | ■ ▼ NS |
| Concentrations: Exercise Science or Health Promotion |        |
| Local Government Administration                      | ● ▼ O  |
| Local Government Administration (Advanced)           | ● O    |
| Local Government Leadership Development              | ● O    |
| Outdoor Recreation Management                        | ▼ N    |
| Tourism Management                                   | ■ N    |
| Concentrations: Adventure or Hotel & Resort          |        |
| Tourism Management Co-operative Education            | ▼ N    |

### LEGEND

#### Credentials

- ▲ Associate degree
- Bachelor's degree
- ◆ Bachelor's degree (honours)
- Certificate
- ▼ Diploma
- ★ Post-baccalaureate certificate
- Post-baccalaureate diploma

#### Locations

- N North Vancouver campus
- S Squamish campus
- O Off campus
- V Online
- T Tszil Learning Centre

# Preparing you for what's next

1,760

Work-integrated learning experiences, including co-op, work experiences, field placements, internships and professional practicums\*

500+

Organizations recruit CapU students through the career portal and via WIL experiences\*

\*2024 - 2025 academic year



**At CapU, learning happens inside and outside the classroom. Through hands-on experiences, real-world projects and industry connections, you'll develop practical skills to prepare for your future career.**

## Work-integrated learning

Work-integrated learning (WIL) connects your studies with real-world experience, providing opportunities to work on industry projects, engage with community organizations or apply your learning in professional settings.

## Applied research

At CapU, research focuses on solving real-world challenges and provides opportunities to work alongside faculty members and community partners on projects that create meaningful impact.

## Co-op education

Co-op programs combine academic study with paid work experience related to your field, helping you gain industry experience, explore career pathways and make professional connections.

## Practicums and field placements

Many CapU programs include practicums, clinical placements or field experiences that provide direct exposure to professional environments. Working alongside experienced professionals, you'll gain practical experience and better understand your chosen career path.

Learn more at [capilanou.ca/wil](https://capilanou.ca/wil)



## Supporting your success

At CapU, you'll be supported every step of your journey. Whether you have a question, need advice or are looking for the right resources, we're here to help you succeed.

## Learning support

Connect with the learning support team for help with writing projects, math problems, research challenges, study strategies and English language support.

[capilanou.ca/learning-support](https://capilanou.ca/learning-support)

## Accessibility services

Do you experience barriers in the learning environment? Talk to our accessibility services advisor about accommodations to help you succeed.

[capilanou.ca/accessibility](https://capilanou.ca/accessibility)

## Career services

The Career Development Centre offers a wide range of resources and workshops, plus one-on-one advising appointments.

[capilanou.ca/career-development-centre](https://capilanou.ca/career-development-centre)

## YES program

Facing a personal or academic challenge? The advisors in the YES program will connect you to the resources and services that can help.

[capilanou.ca/youearlysupport](https://capilanou.ca/youearlysupport)

## Counselling and mental health

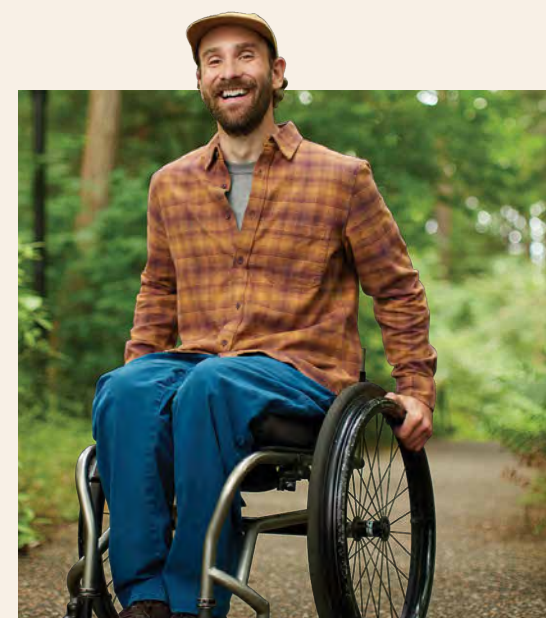
You're never alone at CapU. If you're struggling with your mental health, book a free, confidential appointment with one of our professional counsellors.

[capilanou.ca/counselling](https://capilanou.ca/counselling)

## Indigenous services

The Kéxusm-áyaḱn Student Centre offers a welcoming space for Indigenous students to relax, study and access support.

[capilanou.ca/indigenous](https://capilanou.ca/indigenous)



"It's a smaller school, and I think that helps a lot. I can just kind of knock on doors and get a hand with whatever I need."

**Alex C.**

Science student

# Living on campus

Student housing is more than a place to stay. It's a connected student experience built around community support and everyday campus life. With 24/7 support, you'll experience a safe, welcoming environment where it's easy to meet people and settle into university life.



## North Vancouver

CapU's new Treehouse residence brings a fully connected living experience to the heart of our North Vancouver campus.

Living on campus places everything within easy reach—classes, dining, recreation, student services and transit—helping you transition into university life with ease.

The Treehouse features fully furnished single and double rooms, with access to study lounges, shared kitchens, common areas and outdoor social spaces. Designed to support both independence and connection, it gives you space to study, relax and engage with the campus community.

The on-campus housing team helps you navigate day-to-day living and connect you to student services. Throughout the year, events, activities and shared spaces create opportunities for connection, friendship and belonging.

[capilanou.ca/north-van-housing](https://capilanou.ca/north-van-housing)



"The best thing about the new housing is the opportunity it brings. It feels accessible, inclusive and genuinely supportive. Living on campus is fun, and I can't wait to see the community grow."

**Lizzy M.**

Musical Theatre student



## Squamish

Wake up to mountain views and head straight into adventure. Student housing at our Squamish campus blends practical comfort with a strong sense of place.

Units include single rooms with adjoining washrooms as well as accessible rooms with private washrooms. Each building also has common study spaces and community lounges, as well as free laundry facilities and bike storage.

Whichever campus you study at, student housing is a safe and supportive community with around-the-clock staff available to assist you throughout the year.

[capilanou.ca/squamish-housing](https://capilanou.ca/squamish-housing)



**\$6,250\***

Starting price per term for North Vancouver housing, including meals

**693**

Number of student housing spaces across all campuses

**\$6,916\***

Price per term for Squamish housing, including meals

\*Fees are for 2026 - 27 and are subject to change

# Admission requirements

## General requirements

Admission requirements vary by program but, at a minimum, most CapU programs require successful completion of the following:

- B.C. secondary school (Grade 12) or equivalent
- A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (60%) calculated on English Studies 12 or English 12 or English First Peoples 12 and two academic Grade 12 courses.

## Accepted Grade 12 courses

B.C. students: Select courses from the list to the right.

Other students: For course equivalencies for other Canadian provinces or countries, see [capilanou.ca/accepted-courses](https://capilanou.ca/accepted-courses)

## Upgrading opportunities

If you do not meet secondary school requirements or need to boost your high school grades before applying to a program, CapU's Adult Basic Education department can help. See [capilanou.ca/upgrading](https://capilanou.ca/upgrading)

20th Century World History (formerly History 12)

Accounting 12

Anatomy and Physiology 12 (formerly Biology 12)

Applications of Mathematics 12 or Foundations of Mathematics 12

Asian Studies (formerly History 12)

BC First Nations Language 12

BC First Peoples 12 (formerly BC First Nations Studies 12)

Calculus 12

Chemistry 12

Communications 12

Comparative Cultures 12 (formerly Comparative Civilization 12)

Comparative World Religions 12 (formerly Comparative Civilizations 12)

Composition 12 (formerly Writing 12)

Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 (formerly BC First Nations Studies 12)

Core French 12 or French 12 or Français langue seconde—immersion 12 or French Immersion Language Arts 12

Creative Writing 12 (formerly Writing 12)

E-Commerce 12 (formerly Marketing 12)

Economics 12

Economic Theory 12

Entrepreneurship 12

Environmental Science 12 (formerly Sustainable Resources 12: Agriculture; Fisheries; Forestry; Mining)

Financial Accounting 12

Genocide Studies 12 (formerly History 12)

Geology 12

Human Geography 12 (formerly Geography 12)

Information Technology 12 or one of the following: CINF 12 (formerly ICTS 12), CMPR 12 (formerly ICTP 12), DMD 12 (formerly ICTM 12), ICTC 12, ICTX 12

Law Studies 12 (formerly Law 12)

Literary Studies 12 (formerly English Literature 12)

New Media 12 (formerly English Literature 12)

Philosophy and Religion 12 or Philosophy 12

Physics 12 (formerly Application of Physics 12)

Physical Geography 12 (formerly Geography 12)

Political Studies 12

Principles of Mathematics 12 or Pre-calculus 12

Psychology 12

Social Justice 12

Spoken Language 12 (formerly English Literature 12)

Sustainable Resources 12

Urban Geography (formerly Geography 12)

Any Grade 12 language course other than English

All Advanced Placement courses

All International Baccalaureate courses

## Program requirements

Some programs have extra requirements, including specific high school courses, portfolio, interview, audition, resumé, etc. See the program website for admission details at [capilanou.ca/programs](https://capilanou.ca/programs)

## Transfer students

Find out how to transfer credits from another post-secondary institution to CapU at [capilanou.ca/transfer-credit](https://capilanou.ca/transfer-credit)

## Secondary school equivalencies

Successful completion of:

- B.C. Adult Dogwood Graduation Diploma
- General Education Diploma (GED)

Note: International students can review international secondary school equivalencies at [capilanou.ca/secondary-school-equivalencies](https://capilanou.ca/secondary-school-equivalencies)

## Conditional admission

Current Grade 12 students can be conditionally accepted based on final Grade 11 grades or interim Grade 12 grades. Final acceptance will be based on secondary school graduation and meeting program-specific requirements.

## Concurrent admission

If you are a secondary school student with a superior academic record, you may apply for limited admission to take up to two Arts and/or Sciences courses while still attending secondary school.

## International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement

If you have successfully completed the International Baccalaureate or Advanced Placement program and/or courses, see [capilanou.ca/bc-students](https://capilanou.ca/bc-students)

## English language requirements

If English is not your first language or you have received your education in a language other than English, you must achieve the minimum score on one of the English language assessment tests accepted at CapU. To learn more, visit [capilanou.ca/english-requirements](https://capilanou.ca/english-requirements)

## English for Academic Purposes

If you do not meet the English language requirements, CapU's English for Academic Purposes department can help. See [capilanou.ca/eap](https://capilanou.ca/eap)



# Financing your studies

With some of the most competitive tuition rates in B.C. and a reputation for outstanding graduates, CapU is a wise investment for your university education.

## Don't let finances hold you back

CapU offers scholarships, bursaries and awards that you don't have to pay back. One simple online application through your myCapU account each term puts you in the running for 350+ financial awards!

### Student loans and grants

Government loans and grants can help pay for your education. For information about B.C. and out-of-province student loans and grants, visit [capilanou.ca/loans-grants](https://capilanou.ca/loans-grants)

### Merit-based scholarships and awards

Scholarships recognize academic achievement, while awards are given based on a blend of top marks, extra-curricular activities and special achievements. See [capilanou.ca/awards](https://capilanou.ca/awards)

### Needs-based bursaries

Bursaries are available to domestic students who demonstrate financial need. As a new student, you may be eligible for the First-Term Bursary. See [capilanou.ca/awards](https://capilanou.ca/awards)

### External awards

Many organizations also offer awards. Access funding opportunities from organizations outside CapU at [capilanou.ca/external-awards](https://capilanou.ca/external-awards)

**\$535K+**

Value of entrance awards distributed in 2025/26

**350+**

Number of available CapU financial awards

**\$2.07M+**

In scholarships, bursaries and awards provided in 2025/26

## Tuition fees

Use the fee estimator tool to find out the cost of programs. Estimates include tuition and student fees. [capilanou.ca/tuition-fees-estimator](https://capilanou.ca/tuition-fees-estimator)



# Take the next steps

## 1 Choose a program

Discover CapU's 100+ programs by searching our program list at [capilanou.ca/programs](https://capilanou.ca/programs)

## 2 Connect with us

Connect with an advisor at [capilanou.ca/recruitment](https://capilanou.ca/recruitment)

Sign up for a campus tour at [capilanou.ca/tours](https://capilanou.ca/tours)

Follow us on social media @CapilanoU

## 3 Apply early

Application deadlines vary by program. Apply early for your best chance at admission. To apply, visit [capilanou.ca/apply](https://capilanou.ca/apply)

Application fees are:  
\$50 for domestic students  
\$135 for international students

## 4 Check myCapU account

Log in to your myCapU account and complete any outstanding requirements, such as submitting documents and fee deposits. [capilanou.ca/mycapu](https://capilanou.ca/mycapu)

## 5 Review next steps

Once you are admitted, complete these steps to ensure you're ready to begin your studies. [capilanou.ca/new-students](https://capilanou.ca/new-students)

## 6 Register for classes

Check your myCapU email for information about course registration, including the date and time to register. [capilanou.ca/how-to-register](https://capilanou.ca/how-to-register)



## Explore CapU Open House

Discover meaningful career paths and education options at an open house. Meet faculty and students, tour our beautiful campuses, attend presentations, see demonstrations and more.

### North Vancouver

- Saturday, November 28, 2026
- Thursday, February 25, 2027

### Squamish

- Saturday, November 7, 2026
- Sunday, March 14, 2027

Learn more at [capilanou.ca/explore](https://capilanou.ca/explore)





### North Vancouver

2055 Purcell Way  
North Vancouver, B.C.  
Canada V7J 3H5  
Tel: 604 986 1911

### Squamish

3200 University Boulevard  
Squamish, B.C.  
Canada V8B 0N8  
Tel: 604 983 4020

### T'szil Learning Centre

125 Lillooet Lake Road  
Mount Currie, B.C.  
Canada V0N 2K0  
Tel: 604 894 2300



Universities  
Canada.

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