Congratulations on being offered admission to the University of British Columbia! It is my pleasure to be among the first to formally welcome you to our community. As I am sure you already know, UBC is one of the top two universities in Canada. It is also one of the top 40 research universities in the world, and is recognized as the most international university in North America. These and other prestigious accolades come from many years of persistence and determination, and being brave enough and bold enough to follow a dream or an idea wherever it may lead.

What happens next, as the UBC motto “Tuum est” implies, is up to you. The future is yours, but we can walk the path as a community with a common purpose. Students, faculty, and staff all are moving forward together to discover what it is that will move us from excellence to eminence.

In the following pages of this guide, you will find all the information you need to accept your offer and get a head start on your new UBC experience.

I look forward to greeting you in person, on campus, very soon.

Sincerely,

Santa Ono
President and Vice-Chancellor
The University of British Columbia
UBC’s Okanagan campus is located within the territory of the Okanagan Nation, in the city of Kelowna, in the heart of British Columbia’s picturesque Okanagan Valley. As a member of this close-knit community, you’ll be connected to a booming economy and enjoy year-round access to fresh local food, outdoor adventures, and a thriving arts and culture scene.

- **First**: fastest-growing city in Canada
- **Second**: 75k+ new jobs in the next five years
- **Third**: 633 tech businesses in the region
- **Fourth**: 52% tech-sector employees <35 years old

**UBC’s Okanagan campus** is rated the top entrepreneurial city in Canada. It is home to Bananataq, Disney Interactive, Hyper Hippo, and Sun-Rype. With 1.5 million visitors each year, it is a vibrant and dynamic location. Time magazine named Kelowna the “fastest-growing city” in the country in 2017. The Okanagan region is known for its world-class ski resorts, 250 lakes, and 300 trails. It is also a hub for arts and culture, with events such as the Canadian Culinary Championships, the Center of Gravity Sports and Music Festival, and the Kelowna International Dragon Boat Festival.

Visit [you.ubc.ca/okanagan](you.ubc.ca/okanagan) for more information.
UBC’s Vancouver campus is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam people, close to the city’s downtown core, on British Columbia’s stunning Pacific coastline. Consistently rated one of the best places to live in Canada and the world, Vancouver offers the culture and food you would expect from a cosmopolitan city, alongside epic natural beauty.

BE HERE.
YOUR VANCOUVER CAMPUS

TOP 3  GREENEST CITIES IN THE WORLD
TOP 5  FILM PRODUCTION CENTRES IN THE WORLD
TOP 10  GLOBAL CLEANTECH CITIES
600+  DIGITAL MEDIA COMPANIES EMPLOYING MORE THAN 16,000 PEOPLE

International Host:
2015: FIFA Women’s World Cup
2014–16: TED Talks
2010: Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games

Home to:
Arc’teryx, Electronic Arts Canada, Hootsuite, and Lululemon

1st city to be named “most liveable in the world” five years in a row by The Economist

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When you accept your offer to UBC, you’ll be welcomed into a culturally diverse community and find the support you need to take your education in any direction. The stories of these students are just a taste of what’s possible. Your journey begins here, but where it ends is up to you.

**KANCHI DAVE**
MUMBAI, INDIA
EARTH, OCEAN, AND ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES

“When my parents turned the laptop toward me, ‘YES!’ was the first word I saw. I did a little happy dance and then updated my Facebook status.”

May 2013: Offer of Admission

“It was crucial that the university I chose would celebrate diversity and have a strong support system for an international student like me. UBC fit those criteria brilliantly.”

March 2013: Offer of Admission

“Helping local high school students with homework through UBC Trek.”

**REED EAGLESHAM**
ST. CATHARINES, CANADA
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

“When I flew out to Vancouver, the campus sucked me in. That’s when I knew I would go to UBC.”

March 2015: Offer of Admission

“Deciding to attend UBC was an easy choice for me. After visiting the Okanagan campus for science fairs and leadership conferences over the years, I knew I wanted this to be my university.”

Vancouver Views

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Jeremiah Hyslop
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BIOLOGY

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Radia Mbengue
DAKAR, SENEGAL
POLITICAL SCIENCE, GENDER AND WOMEN’S STUDIES

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West Kelowna, Canada
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YOUR CHECKLIST

You’ve received your letter of admission and you’re ready to accept. Now what? Over the next few pages, you’ll find a step-by-step guide with everything you need to get you from home to campus and ready for your first day of class.

1 ACCEPT YOUR OFFER 📝
- Log in to the Student Service Centre (SSC) and accept your offer.
- Maintain your grades to keep your offer.
- Submit your final documents to confirm your offer. Check the SSC for updates.

2 APPLY FOR A STUDY PERMIT 📞
Check with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to determine which of the following documents you need to prepare:
- Letter of admission from UBC
- Proof of funds
- Passport
- Custodianship form

3 PLAN YOUR FINANCES 🎓
- Check your program’s tuition fees.
- Estimate your total expenses.
- Research financial-aid options and deadlines.
- Set up a bank account.

4 FIND A PLACE TO LIVE 🏠
- Explore housing options on and off campus.
- Apply for residence.
- Accept your residence offer and choose your meal plan.

5 EXPLORE YOUR ACADEMIC OPTIONS 📚
- Check out the learning spaces and resources on your campus.
- Learn more about studying abroad, co-op, and other opportunities.

6 REVIEW YOUR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 📊
- Check your English requirements.
- Check your math requirements.
- Check your program’s course requirements.
- Find out if you are eligible for advanced credit.
- Determine if and when you need to take the Language Proficiency Index (LPI) test.

7 REGISTER FOR YOUR COURSES 🔄
- Review the steps for course registration.
- Mark your registration date and time in your calendar.
- Practise building course worklists.
- Register for courses at your assigned time.
- Pay your initial fees and note other payment deadlines.
- Reserve your textbooks online.

8 GET READY FOR UBC LIFE 🏠
- Find out when your orientation starts.
- Register early for Jumpstart or Kick Start (Okanagan campus) or Jump Start (Vancouver campus).
- Confirm your medical coverage.
- Apply for your UBCcard online.
- Get your U-Pass.
- Locate the Collegia and other community spaces on your campus.

Look for these cues throughout the guide to find the right information for you.

◆ CANADIAN STUDENTS
◆ INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
◆ OKANAGAN CAMPUS
◆ VANCOUVER CAMPUS

If no symbol appears, the information applies to everyone.

ONLINE CHECKLIST
you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/admitted
ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

It’s time! UBC can’t wait to welcome you, but the University can only hold your spot for so long. To claim your place, accept your offer and pay your tuition deposit before the deadline indicated in your letter of admission (May 1 or June 1, for most students).

WHAT IS A CONDITIONAL OFFER?
Your spot at UBC is subject to the conditions outlined in your letter of admission. Work hard to maintain your grades and remember to submit your final documents to confirm your offer. Any significant changes in your academic standing will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

WHAT IF I APPLIED TO MULTIPLE PROGRAMS?
You will be evaluated for your second choice only if you are not admitted to your first choice, or if you contact the Admissions Office to request that UBC evaluate your second choice. If you are still waiting to hear back about your first- and second-choice programs, you can choose either one.

CAN I DEFER MY OFFER?
Under certain circumstances, UBC will consider deferring your offer of admission by one year (or two years for mandatory military service). Review the eligibility requirements and deadlines online.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?
As a first-year student, you will be matched with someone who can help you navigate UBC life:

Your Peer Mentor
Look for an email mid-summer from your Peer Mentor, an upper-year student in your faculty who you will meet in person at Create orientation. Your Peer Mentor is there to answer your questions, connect you to services, and help you find your place on campus throughout the academic year.

Your Enrolment Services Professional (ESP)
In the Student Service Centre, click on Personal Info followed by UBC Contacts to find your Enrolment Services Professional (ESP). Your ESP is paired with you for the duration of your degree and can advise you on financial planning, help you with registration, and direct you to resources online and on campus.

STUDENT SERVICE CENTRE
students.ubc.ca/ssc
DEFERRALS
you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/admitted/deferring-admission
PEER MENTORS
students.ok.ubc.ca/peermentor
ENROLMENT SERVICES PROFESSIONALS (ESP)
students.ubc.ca/about/esp

HOW DO I ACCEPT MY OFFER?
Begin by visiting the Student Service Centre at students.ubc.ca/ssc
Log in, click Yes, I accept this offer, and follow the steps to pay your deposit:
• $500 for Canadian citizens and permanent residents
• $1,000 for international students
All figures are in Canadian dollars. Your deposit will be applied to your first-term tuition fees when you register for courses.

My ESP is my go-to for financial matters, tuition payments, and official document requests.”
KANCHI

“My Peer Mentor answered my questions when I was confused, was there for me when I needed someone to talk to, and even took us to a Rockets game!”
JEREMIAH

“Deferring my application is a good way to rest and relax before jumping into university.”
ASHLEY

“Having my Peer Mentor and my Peer Mentor’s Peer Mentor is great. Knowing that they are there if I need them is very reassuring.”
MYA
DO I NEED A STUDY PERMIT?
Unless you are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, you’ll need a valid study permit to attend UBC for longer than six months. If you are currently attending high school in Canada, see WHAT IF I’M ALREADY STUDYING IN CANADA?

WHEN DO I APPLY FOR A STUDY PERMIT?
Getting a permit can take a number of months, so check the processing time online at cic.gc.ca/english/information/times and submit your application as soon as you accept your offer of admission. You’ll want to be on campus for Jumpstart orientation (Okanagan campus) or Jump Start orientation (Vancouver campus) in mid-August.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?
When you apply for a study permit, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) may require you to provide the following or other documents:
• Letter of admission from UBC
• Proof of funds
• Passport
• Custodianship form (see WHAT IF I’M UNDER 19 YEARS OF AGE?)
• Medical examination report
• Two photos that meet IRCC specifications

Some international students will need to pass a medical examination before a study permit can be issued. Depending on your country of citizenship, you may also be required to provide biometric information (fingerprints and photos) at the nearest visa application centre (VAC) that is responsible for your country or region.

WHERE DO I APPLY?
You can apply for a study permit online. If you do not have access to the online application, you may submit a paper application to your local VAC. Please note that if you are required to provide biometric information, you may only submit your application online or in person at the VAC, and not by mail.

WHAT IF I’M ALREADY STUDYING IN CANADA?
If you are already attending high school in Canada on a study permit, please note that this permit does not allow you to study at the university level. If you are in Canada, you must renew and change the conditions on your permit in order to attend UBC. If you are outside Canada, you must apply for a new study permit. If you are transferring to UBC from another Canadian educational institution, visit the IRCC website to report your transfer or apply to extend your study permit.

If you are currently visiting Canada without a valid post-secondary study permit, you must obtain one before starting your first term at UBC.

WHAT IF I’M A U.S. CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT?
If you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States, you can apply for a study permit online, by mail, or in person at any major U.S.–Canada border crossing or Canadian international airport. Applying in advance, online or by mail, is recommended when possible. If you choose to apply at the border, or at the airport at the time of arrival, read IRCC Guide 5269 carefully, confirm if a medical examination is required, and prepare all of the required documents – particularly proof of adequate funds – before reaching the border crossing.

WHAT IF I’M UNDER 19 YEARS OF AGE?
If you are under 17 years of age, you are required to have a custodian in order to study in Canada. If you are 17 or 18 years old, this requirement may be waived at the discretion of your visa officer. Please note that the need for custodianship could add several weeks to the study permit application process. If you are unable to find a custodian, one option is to contact First Choice International (fciplacement.com, info@fcplacement.com, +1.604.984.0868).

“Find out in advance all the documents you need and start the application process as early as possible.”

RADA

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS
students.ubc.ca/enrolment/courses/registration/immigration-documents/study-permits

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS
students.ubc.ca/enrolment/courses/registration/immigration-documents

UBC INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISORS
(REGULATED CANADIAN IMMIGRATION CONSULTANTS)
students.ok.ubc.ca/international/welcome.html
ips.ubco@ubc.ca, +1.250.807.8822

students.ubc.ca/about/isd
isa@students.ubc.ca, +1.604.822.5021

IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES AND CITIZENSHIP CANADA
cic.gc.ca/english/study/study.asp
**WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?**

Scholarships and awards: UBC is strongly committed to recognizing students for academic excellence, community and school involvement, and demonstrated leadership through merit and need-based awards. You may already be familiar with the University’s entrance awards, but other scholarships and awards are available for subsequent years of study. Review eligibility requirements and application deadlines closely.

Loans: If you are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident living in Canada or abroad, you may be eligible for federal and provincial student loans. If you do not currently live in Canada, apply to the province where you last resided. If you hold Canadian citizenship but have never lived in Canada, apply through the Province of BC (StudentAid BC).

Bursaries: Non-repayable, need-based bursaries are available through UBC. If you have a student loan and unmet financial need, a general bursary can help fill the gap between your educational costs and government assistance. If you are connected to a specific club, trade union, company, geographic region, or demographic group, there may be an affiliation bursary out there for you. Review eligibility requirements and application deadlines closely.

Band sponsorship: If you are an Aboriginal student, you may be able to finance some or all of your educational expenses with band funding. One common type of sponsorship is third-party billing, where your band office pays your tuition and fee payments directly to UBC through Enrolment Services. If you pursue band sponsorship, be sure to review responsibilities and deadlines closely with your band office.

Part-time employment: Most degree programs offer paid co-op placements or internships, and programs like Work Learn and Work Study can help you find a job on campus. Part-time employment is not only a way to help finance your university education, but also a chance to gain professional experience and develop critical skills.

**FINANCIAL PLANNING**

you.ubc.ca/financial-planning

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

students.ubc.ca/enrolment/finances/payment

International funds transfer:

students.ubc.ca/paybyift

**STUDENT SERVICES**

students.ok.ubc.ca/finance/welcome.html
+1.250.807.9100
+1.866.596.0767 (toll-free)

ENROLMENT SERVICES PROFESSIONALS (ESP)

students.ubc.ca/about/esp
+1.604.822.9836
+1.877.272.1422 (toll-free)
Where you live will shape your UBC experience – from who you meet to what you eat. If you’re looking for a supportive community that’s close to classes and campus activities, residence is a great place to be. If you have an independent streak and a desire to explore, then off-campus housing might be for you.

**HOW DO I GET A SPOT IN RESIDENCE?**

If you didn’t apply for on-campus housing when you submitted your application for admission to UBC, don’t wait any longer. Your place in residence is only guaranteed if you are a first-year student who is graduating from high school in 2017, if you submit your residence application for eight-month housing by the May 1 deadline, and if you accept UBC’s offer of admission by either May 1 or June 1 (as indicated in your letter of admission). If you applied to programs on both campuses, you must complete a separate residence application for each campus.

**WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY RESIDENCE OFFER?**

Residence offers are sent by email between June and August, so keep an eye on your inbox. You will have just one week to accept your offer. Residence offers are sent by email in mid-August.

**WHAT’S LIVING IN RESIDENCE LIKE?**

**Okanagan campus**

As a first-year student, you will live in a single room, single connected room, or four-bedroom apartment, some of which have kitchen facilities or additional furnishings. Your UBC card can be used at any food service location on campus, including EMEats, Green Thread Market, Starbucks, Subway, Sunshine Café, and Tim Hortons, plus select off-campus vendors, including Momo Sushi and Okanagan Pizza.

**Vancouver campus**

As a first-year student, you will most likely live in a single room, single connected room, or shared room in Totem Park, Place Vanier, or Orchard Commons. With your flexible meal plan, you can eat when and where you want on campus. The University’s dining rooms proudly serve fair-trade coffee, fresh fruit and vegetables from the UBC Farm, and free-range meat and eggs. Around campus you’ll find an additional 40 food vendors, including a growing number of food trucks, offering sushi, falafels, pub food, pizza, and much more.

**WHERE CAN COMMUTER STUDENTS GO ON CAMPUS?**

If you live off campus and commute to class, check out UBC’s Collegia. Safe and welcoming, these on-campus spaces are great spots to connect with other students and find a sense of community.

**CAN I ARRIVE EARLY?**

If you need to move in to residence before UBC’s official move-in day and you qualify for early arrival, submit an application by August 1 (Okanagan campus) or July 21 (Vancouver campus). If you are registered for Jumpstart or Kick Start orientation (Okanagan campus) or Jump Start orientation (Vancouver campus), your early arrival has already been noted. There’s no need to submit a separate application.

**HOW DO I FIND OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING?**

If you have time to walk around local neighbourhoods, there are often vacancy signs posted on rental properties and houses close to campus. Otherwise, browse online resources, or check the notice boards in the University Centre on UBC’s Okanagan campus or the AMS Nest and International House on UBC’s Vancouver campus.

**FIND A PLACE TO LIVE**
WHO WILL BE TEACHING ME?
At UBC, you’ll learn from award-winning faculty who are recognized experts in their fields. Plus, through in-class discussions, presentations, seminars, and tutorials, you’ll have a chance to share your ideas and hear the unique perspectives of other students from around the world.

WILL I SPEND ALL OF MY TIME IN A CLASSROOM?
Definitely not. UBC believes in flexible learning that combines face-to-face classroom methods with digital and experiential learning opportunities. Depending on your program, the course, and your professor, you might solve complex problems in a classroom or online, conduct experiments in a laboratory, or gather research data in the field.

WHAT IF I WANT EXTRA HELP WITH A COURSE?
You can discuss concepts, compare notes, and develop study strategies with the help of upper-year students, who have already completed some of the toughest courses, through Supplemental Learning on UBC’s Okanagan campus and Peer-Assisted Study Sessions on UBC’s Vancouver campus.

WHAT IF I WANT A STRUCTURED FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE?
If you are a first-year student in Arts or Science on UBC’s Vancouver campus, programs like Arts One, Science One, the Coordinated Arts Program (CAP), and the Coordinated Science Program (CSP) offer an alternative approach to learning. If you are interested in a structured and integrated curriculum, want to be part of a small community, and feel you could benefit from dedicated spaces for studying and socializing, one of these programs could be for you.

WHERE CAN I STUDY?
UBC Libraries
Access resources, study solo, or book a meeting room at one of 15 library branches across the University’s two campuses. With over 7 million print and electronic volumes, 2.1 million ebooks, and more than 370,000 journal titles, UBC has one of the top research collections in Canada.

Arts Atrium
Get ahead on your course reading surrounded by greenery in a unique indoor space that has been deemed a “quiet zone” from Monday to Friday.

Inclusive Technology Lab
Take advantage of distraction-reduced study spaces and an accessible group study area with assistive technology and peer support.

Irving K. Barber Learning Centre
Find a quiet place to study for a few hours, then refuel at Ike’s Café before heading to class.

Learning Commons
Access peer tutoring and coaching, take part in interactive workshops and study groups, and learn how to improve your research and writing skills.

Math and Science Centre
Drop in and connect with one of more than 20 student tutors for help with courses in economics, engineering, math, science, and statistics.
Your UBC education begins with coursework on campus, but you have the power to take your learning on the road, into communities, organizations, and workplaces worldwide. Each year, the University invests tens of millions of dollars in programs and services designed to help you enrich your experience and transition to a career after graduation.

**HOW CAN I MAKE THE MOST OF MY EDUCATION?**

- **Give back**
  Gain real-world experience in your area of study and make meaningful contributions to important initiatives and research, on campus and in communities around the world.

- **Get work experience**
  Expand your career network and gain valuable hands-on experience in your field with local and global practicums, internships, and co-op terms ranging from three to 16 months.

- **Study abroad**
  Immerse yourself in another culture and gain a fresh perspective with study and research opportunities at more than 200 universities and institutions in over 40 countries worldwide.

**HOW DO I FIND THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ME?**

- **Advising and Involvement Centre**
  Get help developing and promoting a new event or initiative, or find volunteer opportunities on campus and in the community.

- **Centre for Student Involvement and Careers**
  Discover leadership, mentoring, volunteering, and workplace learning opportunities in the local community and beyond.

- **Go Global**
  Explore your study-abroad options around the world, learn how to apply, and find out if you are eligible for any international learning awards.

- **Career services**
  Take advantage of one-on-one advising services and online resources to explore your career options, get ready for the job market, and access career-building opportunities.

**GETTING INVOLVED**

you.ubc.ca/ubc-life/getting-involved

“In first year, an advisor told me to ask myself what skills and experiences I want to possess when I graduate. That question has steered most of my decisions at UBC.”

KANCHI
DO I NEED TO TAKE ENGLISH?
Most degree programs have an English, communication, or writing requirement, so be sure to check your program requirements online. You may need to take the Language Proficiency Index (LPI) test as early as this summer to be eligible to register for English courses in your first year. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and International English Language Testing System (IELTS) cannot be used to meet your first-year English requirement, but full or partial credit may be awarded for certain advanced curricula (AP, IB, and UK A Levels) and enriched secondary school program such as the International Baccalaureate (IB), the French Baccalauriat, Advanced Placement (AP), or the General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Levels. You may be eligible for advanced credit for certain first-year courses. To ensure you receive credit, please submit your high school transcript and official documentation for review.

DO I NEED TO TAKE MATH?
Some degree programs have a math requirement, so be sure to check your program requirements online. First-year calculus courses at UBC require a minimum grade in BC Pre-Calculus 12 (or a Canadian or an international curriculum equivalent) and some require completion of a high school calculus course. To stay registered in a first-year calculus course, you must meet the eligibility requirements or take the UBC Math Basic Skills Test during the first week of classes in September. Satisfactory results on this test will qualify you to register in the course, space permitting, even if your high school math grades do not meet the minimum requirements.

CAN I GET ADVANCED CREDIT?
If you have a record of strong academic achievement in an enriched secondary school program such as the International Baccalaureate (IB), the French Baccalauriat, Advanced Placement (AP), or the General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Levels, you may be eligible for advanced credit for certain first-year courses. To ensure you receive credit, please submit your high school transcript and official documentation for review.

CAN I CHANGE DEGREE PROGRAMS OR CAMPUSES IN THE FUTURE?
If you are interested in transferring to another UBC faculty, school, or campus after first year, speak to an academic advisor as early as possible to ensure you meet the admission criteria and complete the appropriate prerequisites. Generally, prerequisites will be similar to the required or recommended courses for students already in that program. Keep in mind that you may face limits on the number of courses you can take outside your current faculty.

WHAT IF I'M A TRANSFER STUDENT?
If you have attended another post-secondary institution and have questions about program requirements or first-year credit at UBC, please contact your academic advisor.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?
If you have attended another post-secondary institution and have questions about program requirements or first-year credit at UBC, please contact your academic advisor.

ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS
students.ok.ubc.ca/enrolment-services/course-registration/first-year-english
www.lpiest.ca
ADVANCED CREDIT
you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/applied/first-year-credit
ACADEMIC ADVISORS
students.ok.ubc.ca/advising
students.ok.ubc.ca/enrolment/courses/academic-planning/advising

“Program had a standard timetable in first year, but I still had to choose electives. Check with your academic advisor to find out which non-major credits are mandatory for your degree.”

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### WHAT ARE MY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS? Okanagan campus ▲

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### Additional resources:
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- [UBC Campus Life](https://campuslife.ubc.ca)
- [UBC Academic Calendar](https://calendar.ubc.ca)
- [UBC Registrar’s Office](https://registrar.ubc.ca)
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- [UBC Student Services](https://students.ubc.ca)
- [UBC Library](https://library.ubc.ca)
- [UBC Main Website](https://www.ubc.ca)
- [UBC Website Directory](https://directory.ubc.ca)
**REGISTER FOR YOUR COURSES 📅 📅

Even as a new student to UBC, you have the freedom to design your own timetable. Course registration begins in June. Two weeks before you are eligible to register online, you will receive an email with your assigned registration date and time. It is very important that you register at that date and time – regardless of where you are in the world – for your best chance at securing your first choice of courses.

**How do I build my timetable?**

Review the course description for each course you are considering, checking that you meet the prerequisites (F) and confirming whether the course has an associated lab, discussion, and/or tutorial (H). If a course is offered at multiple times, choose one section. Once you have met your program requirements, you can complete your timetable with elective courses in subjects that interest you.

Please note that one-hour courses are actually 50 minutes long and 1.5-hour courses are actually 80 minutes long, which gives you 10 minutes to get from one class to the next. You must register for Term 1 (September through December) and Term 2 (January through April) at the same time.

**When does registration end?**

On UBC’s Okanagan campus, the timeline varies. On UBC’s Vancouver campus, course registration ends on July 15 for first-year students and July 31 for all other students. If you receive your offer of admission after these dates, you can register for courses until classes start.

**Can I add or drop courses after registration closes?**

Most courses can be added, dropped, or changed up until the second week of classes, but course availability decreases over time and essential courses may be full if you wait too long to register.

**What if the course I need or want is full?**

If a course you want is full, add your name to the wait-list (if available) and check back regularly to see if a spot becomes available. If you are unable to secure a spot in a course required for your program before registration closes, contact your academic advisor (see page 23).

**Can I take courses outside my program without affecting my grades?**

Most programs on UBC’s Vancouver campus give you the option to take eligible elective courses for a Credit, D, or Fail standing without affecting your grades.

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**How do I read course descriptions?**

- **Subject code:**
  - A
- **Course number:**
  - B: The first number indicates the course’s year level.
- **Course name:**
  - C
- **Course description:**
  - D
- **Credits:**
  - E: One-term courses are usually worth three credits; full-year courses are usually worth six credits.
- **Prerequisites:**
  - F: Prerequisites are courses that must be completed prior to registration.
- **Co-requisites:**
  - G: Co-requisites are courses that can be taken prior to or concurrently with the selected course.
- **Registration directions:**
  - H: Register for one section of each activity listed.

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- **Co-reqs:** One of MATH 101, MATH 103, MATH 105, MATH 121
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**FINANCES 📊 📊

**Tuition History**

For detailed fee information, click [here](#) and [here](#). You will not receive a statement in the mail. Session is due by September 6. Note your fee balance in your financial account. The first instalment for the Winter Session is due by September 6. For detailed fee information, click [Financials](#) and [Tuition History](#).

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**TIME AND DATE**

**Review your timetable**

Review your timetable by clicking [My Timetable](#).

**Register section**

Register section by clicking [Register Selected](#). For a course that does not appear in your worklist, choose a course, select a course section, and click [Register Selected](#).

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**VIDEOS**

**Enrolment services**

- [Register All](#)
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you.ubc.ca/ubc-life/
campus-community/orientations

LATEST DATES AND DEADLINES
you.ubc.ca/deadlines

OKANAGAN CAMPUS

Destination UBC | May 12–14
If you are a student in Canada, Destination UBC is your chance to visit campus in advance, pick up insider tips from current students in your faculty or program, and get important advice about transitioning to university life. If you are an international student, your Destination UBC experience will kick off on May 11 with the Indigenous Welcome to campus.

Jumpstart | August 27–September 1
If you are an international student, Jumpstart is your introduction to UBC and the Okanagan Valley. Learn more about the community, the University, and your faculty in this intensive one-week program, which offers academic coaching and peer-to-peer support throughout your first year. Register by July 31.

Kick Start | August 30–September 3
If you are travelling to UBC from elsewhere in Canada, begin your university experience by joining other students from across the country in a series of informative workshops and fun activities. Register by July 17.

Aboriginal Student Orientation | September 4
Connect with other First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students as you get to know UBC’s Okanagan campus and get ready for an exciting school year ahead.

Create | September 5
Start your first day of university on the right foot. Join your Orientation Leader and Peer Mentor as they lead you and a group of your classmates to meet your Dean, tour your campus, and discover more than 100 resources, clubs, and groups.

Spark | September 11–October 6
Continue your orientation after classes begin with Spark, a five-week extended orientation program that features events and activities on a different theme every week. The program kicks off with the Week of Welcome during the first week of classes, and goes on to cover health and wellness, involvement, academics, and diversity.

VANCOUVER CAMPUS

International Welcome | January & May
If you are an international exchange, visiting, or transfer student who is arriving at UBC in the winter or spring, International Welcome will get you up to speed on study permits, health insurance, employment, and the services and resources available on campus.

Destination UBC | April 28–30
If you are a First Nations, Métis, or Inuit student in Canada, Destination UBC is your chance to visit campus in advance to connect with the Aboriginal community, pick up insider tips from current students in your faculty or program, and get important advice about transitioning to university life.

UBC Welcomes You | April 29
UBC Welcomes You is a full-day informational event on UBC’s Vancouver campus where you’ll get your questions answered, connect with the UBC community, and start preparing for life as a UBC student.

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Jump Start | Late August
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Faculty Orientations
Find your place in your faculty community and meet other first-year faces from your program at a student-run orientation event hosted by your Undergraduate Society.

AMS Firstweek | Early September
From barbecues and dances to phenomenal speakers, UBC’s student society, the AMS, hosts dozens of events during the first week of classes to get you pumped for the school year ahead.

“Jumpstart gave me the chance to discover the campus and city, and learn about university resources. Through Create, I met people in different faculties and programs.”

RADIA

“I’ve been friends with people I met at Imagine UBC for my entire degree. In fact, I’m spending Thanksgiving with them in Whistler.”

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GET READY FOR UBC LIFE ✨ Community

UBC is a welcoming community that values diversity and is dedicated to equity, inclusivity, and mutual respect. It won’t take long for you to find the people and places on your campus that make you feel right at home.

HOW CAN I FIND MY COMMUNITY ON CAMPUS?
Clubs and societies: Whether you’re a champion debater or a novice dragon boater, an aspiring thespian or an avid environmentalist, chances are there are others on campus who share your interest. If you don’t find what you’re looking for among UBC’s 350+ student-run clubs and course unions, gather a few friends and start a club of your own.

Sports and recreation: You don’t have to be a sports star to stay active at UBC. Join an intramural team or recreational league, or take advantage of the state-of-the-art recreational facilities and year-round programming on your campus.

WHERE CAN I CONNECT WITH OTHERS ON CAMPUS?
Aboriginal community: If you are a First Nations, Métis, or Inuit student looking to connect with others, or would like to learn more about Aboriginal peoples and culture, visit Aboriginal Programs and Services in the Aboriginal Centre on UBC’s Okanagan campus or First Nations House of Learning in the Longhouse on UBC’s Vancouver campus.

International community: If you are an international student, or simply interested in other cultures, there are places on campus where you can gather to exchange ideas. Visit the International Programs and Services Office and Global Collegium on UBC’s Okanagan campus or International House and the Global Lounge on UBC’s Vancouver campus.

Collegia: UBC’s Collegia are on-campus spaces designed to look and feel just like a living room. If you live off campus and commute to class, a Collegium is a great place to study, eat your lunch, meet up with friends, or catch your breath between lectures and labs.

Integrated Learning Communities: On UBC’s Okanagan campus, you have the opportunity to live in a close-knit group with peers who share your interests – everything from Indigenous Culture and Expressive Arts to Healthy Living and Sustainable Leadership. Each Integrated Learning Community is paired with a faculty or staff member who organizes programs and activities that will be of interest to your group.

HOW CAN I ACCESS DISABILITY SUPPORT?
If you have a disability or medical condition that could affect your full participation at UBC, reach out to the Disability Resource Centre on UBC’s Okanagan campus or Access and Diversity on UBC’s Vancouver campus before you arrive on campus.

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WHERE CAN I CONNECT WITH OTHERS ON CAMPUS?
Aboriginal community: If you are a First Nations, Métis, or Inuit student looking to connect with others, or would like to learn more about Aboriginal peoples and culture, visit Aboriginal Programs and Services in the Aboriginal Centre on UBC’s Okanagan campus or First Nations House of Learning in the Longhouse on UBC’s Vancouver campus.

International community: If you are an international student, or simply interested in other cultures, there are places on campus where you can gather to exchange ideas. Visit the International Programs and Services Office and Global Collegium on UBC’s Okanagan campus or International House and the Global Lounge on UBC’s Vancouver campus.

Collegia: UBC’s Collegia are on-campus spaces designed to look and feel just like a living room. If you live off campus and commute to class, a Collegium is a great place to study, eat your lunch, meet up with friends, or catch your breath between lectures and labs.

Integrated Learning Communities: On UBC’s Okanagan campus, you have the opportunity to live in a close-knit group with peers who share your interests – everything from Indigenous Culture and Expressive Arts to Healthy Living and Sustainable Leadership. Each Integrated Learning Community is paired with a faculty or staff member who organizes programs and activities that will be of interest to your group.

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MSP coverage is not immediate. If you are a new-to-UBC international student, you will be covered by a compulsory temporary health insurance plan called iMED during the three-month period before your MSP coverage takes effect. If you are a one-term exchange student, iMED will cover you for the duration of your studies. iMED covers emergency hospitalization and medical services, including visits to the doctor for sickness or injury.

You will be automatically enrolled in iMED when you register for courses at UBC. If you change your mind about attending UBC, you must withdraw from all courses before the term begins to ensure cancellation of your iMED fee. If you are already covered by MSP or another Canadian provincial health plan, you can opt out of iMED online until the third week of classes.

What if I’m a Canadian student living abroad?

If you are a Canadian student returning to Canada after living abroad and you need temporary insurance while you become eligible for MSP, you can purchase the Global Campus Health Plan.

3. Extended health and dental plan

You will be automatically enrolled in the extended health and dental plan offered by the UBC Okanagan Students’ Union (UBCSUO) or the Alma Mater Society/Graduate Student Society (AMS/GSS) when you register for courses at UBC – unless you are an exchange student, in which case you must opt in. Review the health-care fees listed in your Student Service Centre account to determine if you are covered.

Can I opt out?

If you are already covered by an extended health and dental plan, you may be able to opt out of the UBCSUO or AMS/GSS plan until the third week of classes. For more information, email service@studentcare.net.

WHAT KINDS OF HEALTH SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS?

As a UBC student, you will have access to a wide range of health and wellness services should you need medical attention, mental health support, or health information and advice.

WILL I HAVE HEALTH COVERAGE?

Yes. As a UBC student, your health coverage plan includes three main components:

1. BC Medical Services Plan (MSP)

This basic health insurance policy is legally required for anyone who is planning to live in BC for longer than six months and is not already covered by another provincial health plan. MSP benefits include medically required services provided by MSP-enrolled physicians, maternity care, and dental and oral surgery. You should apply for MSP as soon as you arrive in BC. Current maximum fees are:
   - $75 per month for an individual
   - $136 per month for a family of two
   - $150 per month for a family of three or more

What if I’m a Canadian student from outside BC?

If you are already covered by another Canadian provincial health plan, you do not need to apply for MSP. If you do not have a Canadian provincial health plan, you must apply for MSP once you arrive in BC.

HEALTH SERVICES

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BC MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN (MSP)
www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/msp/bc-residents/premiums
GLOBAL CAMPUS HEALTH PLAN
david-cummings.com/services/student
EXTENDED HEALTH AND DENTAL
ubcsuo.ca/health-dental
ams.ubc.ca/services/health-dental-plan

A healthy mind and body are a critical foundation for your academic success. As you navigate your first lecture hall, write your first midterm, and adjust to life with a roommate, UBC has the resources you need to stay active, feel good, and be at your best.
International students: Getting a study permit can take a number of months, so it’s essential to apply as soon as you accept your UBC offer.

YOUR CALENDAR

LATEST DATES AND DEADLINES
you.ubc.ca/deadlines

APR 28–30
Aboriginal students in Canada: Destination UBC on UBC’s Vancouver campus.

APR 29
Students in Canada: UBC Welcomes You on UBC’s Vancouver campus.

MAY 1
Deadline to apply for residence and receive the first-year residence guarantee. If you applied to programs on both campuses, you must complete a separate residence application for each campus.

MAY 1–31
Transfer students: Submit your final documents to confirm your offer.

MAY 12–14
Students in Canada: Destination UBC on UBC’s Okanagan campus. Programming for Aboriginal students begins early, on May 11.

EARLY JUN
Start building worklists for course registration.

Students with a first-year residence guarantee: Time-limited residence offers are sent by email.

JUN–AUG
High school students: Submit your final documents to confirm your offer of admission. Residence offers are sent by email.

AUG 1
Deadline to apply for early arrival to residence on UBC’s Okanagan campus. Jumpstart and Kick Start participants do not need to apply.

AUG 27–SEP 1
International students: Jumpstart orientation on UBC’s Vancouver campus.

SEP 3
Move-in day on UBC’s Okanagan campus. Jump Start participants move in on August 26 and 27. Kick Start participants move in on August 29.

SEP 4
Aboriginal students: Orientation on UBC’s Okanagan campus.

SEP 5
The academic year begins. Create orientation on UBC’s Okanagan campus. Imagine UBC orientation on UBC’s Vancouver campus.

SEP 6
Deadline to pay your first instalment of tuition fees.

SEP 6–8
Week of Welcome on UBC’s Okanagan campus.

SEP 15
Canadian students: Deadline for general bursary applications.

SEP 2
Move-in day on UBC’s Vancouver campus. Jump Start participants will be notified of their earlier move-in day.

SEP 3
Canadian students: Kick Start orientation on UBC’s Okanagan campus.

AUG 30–SEP 3
U.S. students: Deadline to submit a U.S. loan request form and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to ensure loan funding for September.

AUG 27–SEP 1
International students: Jumpstart orientation on UBC’s Okanagan campus.

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Residence room assignment information is sent by email.

LATE AUG
International students: Jump Start orientation on UBC’s Vancouver campus.

SEP
AMS Firstweek on UBC’s Vancouver campus.

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LATE JUN
Course registration opens for first-year students.

EARLY JUL
International students: Recommended deadline to apply for federal and provincial loans and UBC bursary programs to ensure funding for September.

JUL
First-year students: Deadline to register for courses on UBC’s Okanagan campus.

JUL 15
Deadline to register for Kick Start orientation on UBC’s Okanagan campus.

JUL 17
Deadline to apply for early arrival to residence on UBC’s Vancouver campus. Jump Start participants do not need to apply.

JUL 21
Transfer and returning students: Deadline to register for courses on UBC’s Vancouver campus.

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UBC BOOKSTORE
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YOUR UBCCARD
Your UBCcard is your student ID card, library card, and meal plan card – it’s an essential for life at UBC. Order yours online and pick it up on campus.

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YOUR U-PASS
As a UBC student, you have unlimited access to local public transit, which connects your campus to the city. Get your U-Pass and start exploring!

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STUDENT SERVICE CENTRE
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