

2023-24

# Vancouver Island University

International viewbook





# Why students love it here



Safe community



Engaged business  
community



Mild weather  
all year



Proximity to both  
natural attractions  
and urban hubs



Friendly and  
multicultural



Affordable  
cost of living





# Our core values

Connection · Understanding · Commitment



**12,000** students



Class size maximum  
**34** students



**120+**  
programs

Over **1,400**  
International  
students from  
**89** countries



**100,000**  
alumni network  
worldwide

**50+** Staff supporting  
international students

# Explore Vancouver Island

Find out what [#vancouverisland](#) is all about!



**Aquatic adventures:**  
Scuba diving, kayaking,  
canoeing, paddle-boarding,  
sailing, surfing, whale-watching



Renowned surf  
and spa resorts on  
the West Coast



Mild and  
warm climate



Hiking and walking  
in old-growth rainforest



Close to natural attractions and urban hubs

Safe and Affordable



Friendly and multicultural



## Nanaimo, B.C.

Located in the central part of Vancouver Island, Nanaimo is a busy, beautiful harbour city and a welcoming community of over 100,000 people. The city offers the best of two worlds: **urban opportunities** and **natural environment**.

# Programs

See [viu.ca](http://viu.ca) for details

Credentialed  
1 year Certificate

2 year Diploma

4 year Degree

Intake  
September

January

Experiential Learning

Additional Requirements

Notes

## Foundations

International University Foundation Year	✓			✓			O levels or grade 11	Direct entry to VIU undergrad
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## Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Anthropology	H M m		✓	✓	✓	● 📍	
Creative Writing	M m		✓	✓	✓	●	
Criminology	M m	✓	✓	✓		●	C in Eng 12; C in Precal 11
Digital Media Studies	M m		✓	✓	✓		
Digital Media	m		✓	✓	✓		
Kinesiology	m						
Media Studies	m		✓	✓	✓		
Economics	M m		✓	✓	✓		
English	H M m		✓	✓	✓		
Indigenous/Xwulmuxw Studies	M m		✓	✓	✓	●	
Geography	M m		✓	✓	✓	●	
Global Studies	M m		✓	✓	✓	●	
History	H M m		✓	✓	✓		
Journalism	m		✓	✓	✓		
Languages and Culture	m		✓	✓	✓		
Liberal Studies	M m		✓	✓	✓	📍	
Mathematics	M m		✓	✓	✓		Math prerequisites will apply
Philosophy	H M m		✓	✓	✓	●	
Political Studies	M m		✓	✓	✓		
Psychology	H M m		✓	✓	✓		
Sociology	H M m		✓	✓	✓		

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<b>Arts, Design and Performing Arts</b>								
Graphic Design		✓	✓	✓		●	Portfolio; references; resume; statement letter; C+ in Math 11 for management stream	Management stream available
Interior Design			✓	✓		●	C in Precal 11; portfolio; resume; letter of intent; interview	
Technical Theatre		✓		✓		*	Interview	Focus on Stagecraft
Theatre		✓		✓			Interview	Focus on acting and directing
Visual Art		✓	✓	✓		■	Letter of intent; portfolio; interview	

## Management

Business Administration		✓	✓	✓	✓	●	C in Precal 12	
Accounting <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">M</span>			✓	✓	✓	●	C in Eng 12	
Economics <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">M</span>			✓	✓	✓	●		
Financial Services <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">M</span>			✓	✓	✓	●		
Human Resources <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">M</span>			✓	✓	✓	●		
International Business <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">M m</span>			✓	✓	✓	●		
Management <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">M m</span>			✓	✓	✓	●		
Marketing <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">M m</span>			✓	✓	✓	●		
Business Management	✓			✓	✓		C+ in Precal 11	Courses are transferrable to BBA
Office Administration: Administrative or Legal specializations	✓			✓		*	C in Eng 12, C in Math 10	Available streams: Accounting assistant, Administrative assistant, Legal Administrative assistant

### Basic Admission Requirements

See page 10-11

Experiential Learning indicates option for ● co-op, ● internship, ■ work op  
\* practicum or 📍 field school.

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## Tourism, Recreation and Hospitality

Professional Baking and Pastry Arts	✓			✓			📍	Foodsafe Level 1; min 17 years old; C in Eng 12; interview; personal profile and assessment testing	
Baking and Pastry Arts Management		✓		✓			📍	"C+" in Foundations of Math and Pre-Cal 10 or Workplace Mathematics 10 or equivalent; Foodsafe Level 1; interview; personal profile and assessment testing; C+ in Eng 12	Entry into Year 2 is possible.
Culinary Arts	✓			✓	✓	✓	📍	Foodsafe Level 1; min 17 years old; C in Eng 12; interview	Intakes in Jan, Feb, Aug Ladders into Culinary Management Diploma
Culinary Management		✓		✓	✓	✓	📍	Foodsafe Level 1; C+ in Math 10; C+ in Eng 12; interview	Co-Op and Apprenticeship; complete 1 semester bridging program to ladder into year 3 of the Bachelor of Hospitality program
Hospitality Management		✓	✓	✓	✓		📍	C+ in Math 10; C+ in Eng 12	
Recreation and Sport Management		✓		✓			📍	Criminal record check may be required	
Tourism Management:								Enter at Year 1 or 3; see website for requirements	
Tourism Studies and Recreation or Sport Management specializations		✓	✓	✓			📍		
Wine Business	✓			✓				Min. 19 years old	Embedded in Hospitality Management program

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<b>Biology</b>	H M m			✓	✓					B in Math 12; individual course prerequisites may include Biology 11/12; Chemistry 11/12 and Physics 11/12; see <a href="http://viu.ca/programs">viu.ca/programs</a> for details	
<b>Chemistry</b>	M m			✓	✓						
<b>Computer Science</b>	H M m		✓	✓	✓	✓		ⓘ			BSc in Comp Science has only Fall intake. Diploma has both intakes.
<b>Earth Science</b>	m			✓	✓						
<b>Geography</b>	m			✓	✓						
<b>Geoscience</b>	M			✓	✓						Environmental geoscience
<b>Mathematics</b>	M m			✓	✓						
<b>Psychology</b>	M m			✓	✓						
<b>Engineering Transfer</b>		✓	✓		✓					C in English 12; C+ in Physics 12 & Chemistry 12; B in Precal 12	Certificate ladders to Year 2 at partner universities 65 credits Diploma
<b>Integrated Engineering (Technologist) Diploma</b>			✓					ⓘ		C in English 12; C+ in Physics 12 & Chemistry 12; B in Precal 12	
<b>Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology</b>			✓		✓			ⓘ		C in Precal 11, C in Life Sciences 11	
<b>Forest Resource Technology</b>			✓		✓			■		C in Math 11 or Precal 11; C+ in one science 11 class	
<b>Information Technology and Applied Systems - Web and Mobile Development Diploma or Systems Administration and Networking Diploma</b>			✓		✓			ⓘ *		Math 11 (ITAS-WMD only), letter of application; interview	
<b>Resource Management Officer Technology (RMOT)</b>			✓		✓			*		C in Math 11, C in Biology 11; personal profile; 2 referee forms; interview	Ladders into Bachelor of Natural Resource Protection & BSc
<b>Natural Resource Protection</b>				✓	✓			*		C+ in RMOT or equivalent	

# Programs

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## Education, Health and Services

Education			✓	✓			C in Precal 11, CASPer test. Other requirements depend on entry point (see <a href="http://viu.ca/programs/education/bachelor-education">viu.ca/programs/education/bachelor-education</a> )	Elementary or Secondary teaching options; apply by Jan 31; 5-year degree
Bachelor of Kinesiology			✓	✓			C+ in Eng 12; C+ in Anatomy and Physiology 12; Math 11 or Precal 11	Must apply for Bachelor of Kinesiology
Diploma in Physical Education		✓		✓				
Child and Youth Care		✓	✓	✓		*	Depends on entry point (see <a href="http://viu.ca/programs">viu.ca/programs</a> )	
Dental Assistant	✓			✓		*	C in Biology 12, Chemistry 11 or 12 recommended; good personal health	10-month program
Dental Hygiene		✓		✓		*	See <a href="http://viu.ca/programs/health/dental-hygiene">viu.ca/programs/health/dental-hygiene</a>	1 year of qualifying courses can be taken at VIU prior to application
Early Childhood Education and Care		✓		✓		*	Resume, references, interview; 60 hours of volunteer experience with children	
Educational Assistant and Community Support	✓			✓		*	Resume, references; interview	8-month program
Social Services		✓		✓		*	Resume; references; interview; personal profile; experience in human services field	

### Basic Admission Requirements

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# Graduate Programs

See [viu.ca](http://viu.ca) for details

	<b>Credential</b>	Master's Degree 2 years	Graduate Diploma 1 year	Graduate Diploma 2 year	Graduate Certificate 1 year	Post-Degree Diploma 1 year	<b>Intake</b>	September	January	<b>Apply by</b>	<b>GPA</b> (calculated in last 2 yrs)	<b>Letter of intent</b>	<b>Work Experience</b>	<b>References</b>	<b>Resume</b>	<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<b>ESL Available</b>	<b>Assessment Form</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Business Administration (MBA)	✓						✓	✓	March 31 June 30	March 31	B	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	✓		No GMAT, internship minimum 1 year of full-time work experience
Sustainable Leisure Management	✓						✓		March 31	March 31	B	✓		3	✓	✓	✓	3	
Community Planning	✓						✓		Feb 28	Feb 28	B	✓		3	✓	✓			
Geographic Information Systems	✓					✓	✓		Jan 31	Jan 31	B	✓		2	✓	✓	✓		Intro GIS course; Practicum. GPA is calculated only when for Master's
Educational Leadership	✓						✓		Feb 28	Feb 28	B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	2	2 years of teaching experience preferred. 2 references or 2 assessment forms
Special Education	✓						✓		Feb 28	Feb 28	B	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	✓	2	2 years of teaching experience preferred. 2 references or 2 assessment forms
Business (GCIB)					✓		✓	✓	March 31 Sept 30	March 31						✓	✓		Can ladder into GDPM, GDIT and MBA programs
Project Management (GDPM)			✓				✓		March 31	March 31	C+		✓		✓	✓	✓		Business degree, or completion of GCIB
Fisheries and Aquaculture						✓	✓		March 31	March 31	B					✓	✓		interview; permission of department
Online Learning and Teaching			✓				✓		Aug 15	Aug 15	B					✓			B.Ed or teaching experience preferred

# Admission requirements

## Undergraduate programs

- 1) Graduation from an accredited high school with a university/college preparatory curriculum.
  - 2) A minimum **“C” grade** in either **BC English 12** or **English 12 First Peoples** or equivalent; or provide proof of meeting one of the **English language proficiency scores** outlined below.
- Please see **VIU** calendar for additional admission requirements and instructions specific to each program: [viu.ca/programs](http://viu.ca/programs)

## Post-degree, advanced diplomas & graduate certificates

Post-degree and advanced diplomas require prior completion of an undergraduate degree. To see full English and Academic requirements go to: [world.viu.ca/admissions](http://world.viu.ca/admissions)

## Master's programs

Each program has specific instructions for admissions and requirements. Please see calendar for more detail: [world.viu.ca/graduate-programs](http://world.viu.ca/graduate-programs)

A bachelor's degree with a **minimum B average** in the last two years of study and;

Fulfill one of the English Language requirements for graduate programs (if the previous degree was obtained in a country where English is not the primary/official language and from a university where English was not the language of instruction)

Additional requirements may include:

- a) Resume (showing specific work experience)
- b) Statement of interest
- c) Supporting documents/letters of recommendation
- d) An interview

For students who meet the academic requirements but not the English language requirement, **conditional acceptance** into some VIU programs may be granted. In this case, admission is granted pending completion of VIU's English Language program (level UP5 for undergraduate and Grad Prep English for graduate programs).

Test	Minimum score: Undergraduate	Graduate
VIU English Language Centre	Successful completion of University Preparation Level 5	Successful completion of Grad Prep
IELTS (Academic)	<b>6.5</b> (no band below 6.0)	<b>7.0</b> (no band below 6.5)
TOEFL iBT	<b>88</b> (no section below 20)	<b>93</b> (no section lower than 20)
CAEL	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b> (no band below 60)
Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English	<b>176</b> overall	<b>185</b> overall
Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English	<b>176</b> overall	<b>185</b> overall
English 12 (BC)	Min. “C”	
Pearson (PTE)	<b>60</b> (no section below 60)	<b>65</b> (no section below 62)
International Baccalaureate English A1/A2	Higher Level (HL) / Standard Level (SL) grade 3 or higher	
Advanced Placement (AP) English language and Composition or English Literature and Composition	Grade 2 or higher	
Recognized university where English is the language of instruction	Completion of six credits of post-secondary English composition and literature with a minimum grade of “C”	A completed Bachelor degree or a 2 year Master's degree from a university in a country where English is an official language and primary language of instruction
Language Proficiency Index (LPI)	Score 5 or higher	
General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE)	English at the O level with a min grade of C or 4	

Test results must be from the past 2 years. VIU reserves the right to request English language testing to confirm appropriate placement.



# Applying to VIU

## 1 Before you apply

Explore **VIU** programs here: [viu.ca/programs](http://viu.ca/programs)

Check requirements for your specific program and gather your necessary documents for scanning:

- Your transcripts and a copy of your credential (diploma or degree)
- Proof of English language proficiency
- Certified English translation\* of any documents issued in a language other than English
- A copy of your passport (photo page)

*\*All documents must be translated by a certified translator or notarized if in a language other than English.*

## 2 Applying

Submit your application online:

- Scan all documents (in separate files).
- Fill in the online International Application for Admission. ([world.viu.ca/apply](http://world.viu.ca/apply))
- Upload your scanned documents in separate files.
- Pay the \$150 (CAD) non-refundable application processing fee (Visa, Mastercard, and American Express are preferred. Cheque, money order, and electronic transfer also accepted).
- Upon receipt of your application, supporting documents and application fee payment you will receive an acknowledgment email from the Admissions office.

**Note:** *Your application will not be processed until the \$150 (CAD) application fee is received, and all required scanned documents have been uploaded.*

- Send all original and certified translations of documents to:

### International Education

Vancouver Island University  
900 Fifth Street,  
Nanaimo, BC  
Canada V9R 5S5

## 3 After you apply

- Once your application fee has been paid and all of your documents have been received, we will begin to evaluate your application.
- It can take from 2-8 weeks to process an application. Ensuring that your application is complete and all of your documents are scanned in separate files and submitted with your application will decrease the wait time.

**Note:** *Master's programs and limited entry programs may take longer.*

- You will receive a **Letter of Offer (LOO)**, if you have met the admission requirements and have a competitive application. The **LOO** contains information on program start dates and instructions to pay your tuition deposit. To accept the offer, pay the tuition deposit and submit requested documents by the date indicated in the **LOO**.
- Once the tuition deposit has been paid an official **Letter of Acceptance (LOA)** will be emailed to you. With the **LOA** you may apply for your study permit online at [cic.gc.ca](http://cic.gc.ca) or at an authorised Visa Application Centre in your country. Be sure to apply early for your study permit and notify International Admissions if your study permit application has been unsuccessful.
- Bring your original documents to Canada, if not mailed in advance.
- Ensure that we have an email address that you check regularly, and then **read all emails carefully**. These emails will include important pre-arrival information including course registration instructions, immigration information and housing deadlines.

**Note:** *As some programs fill before the application deadline, we encourage all students to apply early.*

### University transfer credit

If you have taken courses at another university, you may be able to receive transfer credit at **VIU** (max. 50% of program).

Find out how: [international.viu.ca/admissions](http://international.viu.ca/admissions)

### Canadian grade equivalencies

**A** 4.0   **B** 3.0   **C** 2.0   **D** 1.0   **F** 0

# Learn English at a university **recognized for teaching excellence**

Program	Description	Length	Dates (2023)	Tuition
<b>Language Foundations (levels 1-3)</b>	An English language program focusing on reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. Students can enter ESL university preparation course upon successful completion of Level 3. * Listening & Speaking - 7 weeks, Reading & Writing - 7 weeks	7 weeks and 14 weeks	Jan 9 – Feb 24 (Term A) Mar 2 – Apr 19 (Term B)  May 3 – June 20 (Term A) June 26 – Aug 11 (Term B)	\$2,660 and \$5,310
<b>University Preparation (levels 4 &amp; 5)</b>	Academic preparation for students who want to study in a Canadian university. Students can enter undergraduate credit studies after successful completion of level 5. * Listening & Speaking - 7 weeks, Reading & Writing - 7 weeks	7 weeks and 14 weeks	Sept 5 – Oct 20 (Term A) Oct 26 – Dec 13 (Term B)	\$2,660 and \$5,310
<b>Graduate Preparation</b>	Academic preparation for students who want to study a master's degree at VIU. Students can enter graduate studies after successful completion of Grad Prep.	14.5 weeks	Jan 5–Apr 12 Apr 17–Aug 2 Sept 7–Dec 13	\$5,310
<b>TESL certificate**</b>	A TESL Canada accredited certificate in Teaching English as a Second or Foreign Language (TESL) with 100 hours of theory plus a 20-hour supervised practicum.			\$2,600

Scan it



\* Students must finish two terms to complete a level

\*\*Currently under review

In order to assign a student to the appropriate course level, an English Placement Test (EPT) must be submitted with the application to VIU.

## Direct entry scores to ESL courses

IELTS or equivalent test requirement	Level of direct entry
<b>IELTS 4.0</b> (no band lower than 3.5)	Language Foundation 1
<b>IELTS 4.5</b> (no band lower than 4.0)	Language Foundation 2
<b>IELTS 5.0</b> (no band lower than 4.5)	Language Foundation 3
<b>IELTS 5.5</b> (no band lower than 5.0)	University Preparation 4
<b>IELTS 6.0</b> (no band lower than 5.5)	University Preparation 5
<b>IELTS 6.5</b> (no band lower than 6.0)	Grad Preparation

## Sample budget for one ESL semester (14 weeks)

Application Fee	\$150
Tuition	\$5,310
Ancillary Fee	\$304
Student Union Fee	\$99.52
Medical Insurance	\$246
Homestay Registration Fee	\$275
Homestay Fee (\$1050/month)	\$4,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,584.52</b>

Prices are in Canadian dollars, and are subject to change without notice.



# International University Foundation Year

The International University Foundation Year at **Vancouver Island University (VIU)** is an **eight-month program** designed for international students who need to complete a qualifying year in order to meet Admissions requirements for undergraduate studies at **VIU**.

This is a full-time program with between **25 to 40 hours of study required per week**. Upon successful completion, you are guaranteed entry to the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Hospitality Management at **Vancouver Island University**. Contact us if you are interested in attending a different program at **VIU**.

## Features

- 1-year (2 semester) program
- September intake
- Applications are accepted throughout the year.

## Admission Requirements

- Passport photo page.
- For students aged 18 years and older by December 31 following a September enrollment. Students who are 16-17 should contact **unipath@viu.ca** for a customised foundation option.
- Minimum of 3 O-level subjects with a grade above C. We will accept provisional results as long as we receive final results by August.
- Minimum IELTS of 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5, or equivalent.\*

*\*Proof of English language proficiency is required from applicants for whom English is not their first language or from those whose education was completed in any country where English is not an official language.*

## Accommodation

Homestay, university residences and off-campus accommodation.

For more information: [international.viu.ca/international-university-foundation-year](https://international.viu.ca/international-university-foundation-year).

## Program cost

1-year (2-semester)	
Administration Fee	\$100
Tuition	\$20,000
Student and Ancillary Fees	\$800
Medical Insurance	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,900</b>

*Additional fees apply for accommodation, food, and personal expenses. To estimate your total fees and costs, please visit our international student Cost Calculator at [international.viu.ca/costcalculator](https://international.viu.ca/costcalculator)*



# Bachelor of Hospitality Management and Bachelor of Tourism Management

## Bachelor of Hospitality Management

Explore a career in the world's fastest growing industry

## Bachelor of Tourism Management

Forge valuable industry connections and experience with two paid co-op semesters and community-based projects

Available as a two-year diploma or four-year degree

### Career opportunities for Hospitality Graduates:

- Sommelier
- Event Planner
- Marketing & Public Relations
- Front Office Manager
- Travel Agent
- Operations Supervisor
- Restaurant / Bar Manager
- Entrepreneur

### Further education options at VIU:

- Master of Arts in Sustainable Leisure Management
- Wine Business (Tourism, Recreation and Hospitality)

### Career opportunities for Tourism Graduates:

- Commercial Recreation and Tourism
- Adventure Tourism
- Tour Operations
- Not-For-Profit Agencies
- Inclusive Leisure



## Provincial Snapshot: BC'S TOURISM INDUSTRY WORKFORCE

### Employment Openings: 10 Year Forecast



### Employment by Sector



### Visitor Economy

Based on direct visitor spending from 2017



This spending by tourists accounts for 137,800 jobs in BC. The remainder of jobs (approx. 164,900) are supported by locals visiting ski hills, restaurants, attractions, etc.

### Did you know you can upgrade your Math?

- Available for BBA, BSc and B-HOSM,
- Receive conditional admission to your desired program,
- Take university credit courses that you can apply towards your degree.

Visit: [international.viu.ca/expo-pathway](http://international.viu.ca/expo-pathway) for details.

Source: go2hr.ca





# Explore the **Centre for Experiential Learning**

## Develop graduate attributes and prepare for work experiences in Canada

### Visit the CEL's Career Studio

The Career Studio and its staff provide students and alumni with professional guidance and support for both career planning and job search. Meet with our skilled staff to explore Canadian job opportunities, and workplace culture, gain insights into employment opportunities related to your program area.

### Internships

- Allow student to explore career options and apply academic knowledge in the field of interest
- Optional or mandatory
- Hours, duration, and compensation may vary
- Typically worth 3-7 credits
- Designated placement coordinators

### Co-ops

- Hands-on discipline oriented work experience embedded within the program
- Vary in length, typically 1 semester (full-time)
- Optional
- Paid
- 9 elective credits
- Designated placement coordinators



### Develop Your Co-Curricular Record

- VIU is committed to student success and learning through experience. The Co-Curricular Record (CCR) encourages you to experience more holistic academic and career development.



### Joyal Mathew · India

Bachelor of Hospitality Management

“After my graduation from the program at VIU I am planning to work in the hospitality industry in British Columbia for 3-4 years and after that I am wanting to go back to school in order to further my studies and knowledge in the hospitality world by pursuing a master’s degree.”





# Your World VIU

## Free access to international-specific

- Admissions
- Academic advising
- Personal counselling
- Language tutoring and writing help
- Accommodation assistance for homestay, residence and off-campus housing
- Study abroad support and global partnerships

## Student supports

### VIU Student Health and Wellness Clinic

- On-site primary health care
- Health and wellness education and programming
- Yearly THRIVE week focused on building mental health awareness

### VIU Student Union

- Choose among 50+ student clubs and associations
- Attend weekly events or suggest your own
- Socialize at the student pub
- Get student discounts and deal
- Volunteer



### Melika Nazer · Iran

BA in Psychology

"I love how helpful the professors are! At times when I needed help the most, they helped with the course contexts, assignments, and exams. The opportunities my program offers to psychology students are amazing.

There are so many volunteer or job opportunities here at VIU. I've worked as a student coordinator at CHLY radio station, and I loved the experience! I also got hired at the VIU alumni call centre for 5 campaigns! The opportunities are amazing if you are willing to give it a try!"



## Have fun and meet new friends!

- Local trips and activities planned by Cultural Connections
- Field schools and exchange programs
- Cultural celebrations
- Global Citizens Week
- WorldVIU Days
- International music concerts on campus



**Florenca Grace • Indonesia**  
Early Childhood Education and Care

"The courses and the teachers were very helpful. The practicums were a great way to practice and interpret what I learned in class. Some of the assignments were not paper based, therefore I could express myself through other means like arts, power point presentations, scrapbooks, etc."





# University Athletics

**Athletic scholarships available!**

The **VIU Mariners** varsity athletics program is one of the most decorated programs in the Canadian Collegiate Athletics Association (CCAA) and British Columbia's PACWEST Conference. Student-athletes are supported and geared towards excellence in competition and in the classroom. For more information about **VIU** teams, recruitment, and student recreation opportunities, visit [viu.ca/mariners](http://viu.ca/mariners).

## PACWEST varsity teams and head coaches

### Men's Basketball

Matt Kuzminski  
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### Women's Basketball

Tony Bryce  
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### Men's Soccer

Kevin Lindo  
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### Women's Soccer

Bobbie Taylor  
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### Men's Volleyball

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### Women's Volleyball

Shane Hyde  
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## Competitive clubs and head coaches

### Badminton

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### Baseball (CCBC)

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[salahub39@gmail.com](mailto:salahub39@gmail.com)

### Spirit (Dance)

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### Golf

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### Men's Hockey (BCIHL)

Steve Paul  
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### Swimming

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## 2021-22 Highlights

- CCAA National Champions Women's Volleyball
- CCAA National Silver Medalists Women's Basketball
- PACWEST Provincial Champions Men's Basketball
- CCAA National Players of the Year Akoi Yuot (Men's Basketball) & Yevgeniya Lytvynenko (Women's Volleyball)
- PACWEST Aggregate Champions Top Overall Program in the Conference

## Yevgeniya Lytvynenko • Ukraine

Bachelor of Business Administration

**CCAA Women's Volleyball Player of the Year, CCAA National Championship MVP, PACWEST Female Athlete of the Year Across All Sports**

"The moment I moved to Nanaimo, I loved the community and finally felt at home. People here are really welcoming and supportive.

For those who decide to join VIU, I would suggest being prepared to live their best years – full of fun, joy, and professional development."



# Housing: The right fit for you

Your Canadian experience may vary significantly depending on the accommodation option you choose.

It is up to you to decide which arrangement is more suitable for you, or you can try them all throughout the term of your program.

Meal plans and/or gift cards can be purchased in advance.

View details at [services.viu.ca/food-services/meal-plans](https://services.viu.ca/food-services/meal-plans)

**Note:** Fees are subject to change. Please check [world.viu.ca/cost-calculator](https://world.viu.ca/cost-calculator) for updates.

## Homestay

Provided by the Canada Homestay Network

(Fees available on request)

- A Canadian family experience
- Practice everyday English language skills
- Off-campus
- Trained host families
- 24-hour emergency support

### Apply:

Minimum 6 weeks before move-in day

### Contact:

[studentinfo@canadahomestaynetwork.ca](mailto:studentinfo@canadahomestaynetwork.ca)

### Visit:

[canadahomestaynetwork.ca](https://canadahomestaynetwork.ca)

## Residence

\$550 double room

\$925 - \$987.50 single room

(Additional fees between terms)

- Semi-Independent living
- Live on campus with Canadian and international students
- Mentorship, support and social events

**24-hour staff on site**

\$500 Room Deposit

### Apply:

By May 1 for 1st year guarantee

[viu.ca/residence](https://viu.ca/residence)

### Contact:

[residence@viu.ca](mailto:residence@viu.ca)

## Off-campus Housing

From \$600/room

\$1,200-1,600/apartment

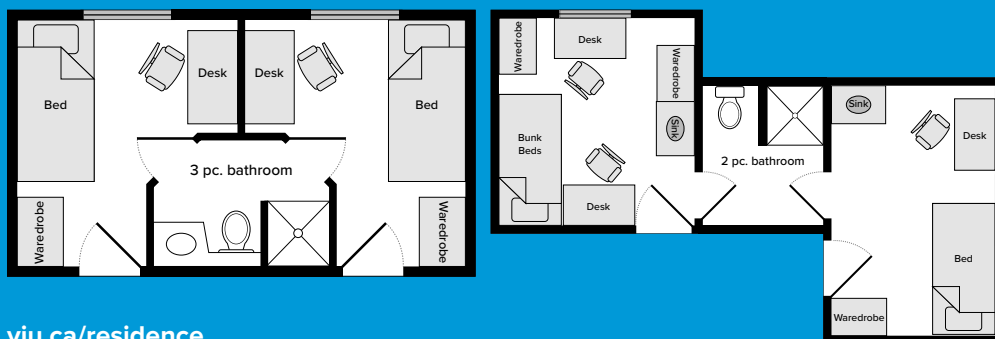
(Damage deposit required by landlord)

- Options for roommates, families and couples
- Flexibility of choice (apartment, house, etc.)
- Independent living with landlord and/or roommates
- Self-directed search with ongoing support from off-campus housing

### Contact:

[housing@viu.ca](mailto:housing@viu.ca)

## VIU Residence Room Layouts



[viu.ca/residence](https://viu.ca/residence)

A homestay Canadian family experience



# Scholarships

## VIU Worldwide Entrance Award

**Number:** Maximum 20 per year

**Amount:** \$1,000 each

## BC High School Entrance Award

**Number:** Maximum 5 per year

**Amount:** \$2,500 each

## International Undergraduate Student Regional Entrance Scholarship

**Number:** One scholarship each of the following areas:

China · India · ASEAN · Africa · CIS/MENA · Latin America · USA · Global Scholarship (the rest of the world)

**Amount:** \$5,000 each

## International Baccalaureate Scholarship

**Number:** Maximum 2 per year

**Amount:** \$10,000 each

## Athletic scholarships

**Sports:** soccer · basketball · volleyball

Scan QR-code below for details

*\*Separate application is required for some scholarships. Complete application must be submitted prior to Feb. 15*

*\*\*All scholarships are subject to approval and may change without notice.*



For details, requirements, and application process, **please scan**

# Work in Canada

## On campus

- Can work any amount of hours during semester and scheduled (study) breaks.
- Can work on or off campus if your study permit lists a condition that says “you’re allowed to work on- or off-campus.”
- Have a Social Insurance Number (SIN)

## Co-op or Intern

- Work permit required
- The intended employment must be an essential part of the academic program, but not exceeding 50% of it

## Off campus

- 20 hr/week during semesters and full-time during study breaks
- Can work on or off campus if your study permit lists a condition that says “you’re allowed to work on- or off-campus.”
- Program must be at least 6 months long
- Have valid study permit, be a full-time student

## Post-graduation

- Work permit required (e.g. PGWP)
- Graduation from VIU or other eligible DLI
- Length of PGWP ranges 8 months – 3 years



# Tuition

## Undergraduate, Diploma, Certificate, and Academic & Career Preparation programs

\$754.29 per credit up to a maximum of \$10,560 per semester for 14-15 credits; \$739.50 per credit beyond 15 credits

## English as a Second Language programs

\$5,310 full-semester (14.5 weeks)

\$2,660 half-semester (7 weeks)

\$2,160 short-term (4 weeks)

\$1,800 (3 weeks)

## Master of Arts in Sustainable Leisure Management

## Master of Community Planning

## Master of Education in Educational Leadership or Special Education

\$26,850 per program

## Master of Business Administration

\$49,950 - per 20 month program

## Master of GIS Applications

\$37,500 per program

## Graduate Certificate in Business (GCIB)

## Graduate Diploma in Project Management

\$22,350 per program








**Note:** student fees, lab fees, cost of living, etc., are not included in these amounts. For a cost of living estimate, please visit [world.viu.ca/cost-calculator](http://world.viu.ca/cost-calculator)

**Note:** VIU is in a transition process leading to a credit-based program structure. Most Certificate programs are 30 credits, Diplomas - 60 credits, Bachelor degrees - 120 credits.

For exact number of credits, please review Program Outline online. All tuition fees are subject to Board's approval and change without notice. Above mentioned fees are for tuition only. Cost of study materials, lab student and other fees is not included.

## Average first year budget

Estimated expenses based on shared campus-based accommodation and tuition for Bachelor of Arts.

Expense	1 semester*	2 semesters	12 months
 Tuition	\$10,560	\$21,120	\$21,120
 Medical & Dental insurance	\$525	\$765	\$1,015
 Student Fees	\$526	\$1,052	\$1,052
 Books	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,200
 Food & Accommodation	\$5,555	\$10,780	\$15,505
 Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
 Transport (bus)	\$200	\$400	\$600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,966 CAD</b> <i>(based on 15 credits/semester)</i>	<b>\$37,317 CAD</b> <i>(based on 30 credits/year)</i>	<b>\$43,492 CAD</b> <i>(based on 30 credits/year)</i>

\*Based on 5 courses or 15 credits. Cost per credit. \$754.29. Subject to Board's approval.





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The Vancouver Island University community acknowledges and thanks the Snuneymuxw, Snaw-Naw-As, Quw'utsun and Tla'amin peoples, on whose traditional lands we teach, learn, research, live and share knowledge.

## Getting to campus



### Airplane

20 minute flight from Vancouver



### BC Ferries

There are two car/passenger ferry routes linking Vancouver to Nanaimo

**Horseshoe Bay to Departure Bay** (1.5 hours)

**Tsawwassen to Duke Point** (2 hours)



### Float plane

There are two float plane companies that link Vancouver to Nanaimo

**Harbour Air** (20 minutes)

**Sea Air** (20 minutes)

