

Master of Arts **in Sustainable Leisure Management**



A World of Difference

The MA in Sustainable Leisure Management will prepare emerging leaders to examine and create innovative solutions ensuring that residents and travelers alike can enjoy recreational experiences, natural and cultural amenities, heritage resources and adventure as part of their life experience on a sustainable basis.

- Two years from start to finish
- Field experience
- Global learning environment
- Competitively priced
- Applications considered from any undergraduate discipline
- Authorised by Degree Quality Assessment Board (Ministry of Science and Universities)

- No GRE required
- Spectacular learning environment
- Instructed by VIU faculty and international scholars from the World Leisure Organization

Structure

The Master of Arts in Sustainable Leisure Management is comprised of two primary components: An 8 month residency in Nanaimo for course work and 12 months for fieldwork and thesis research. Coursework will start in September with a one week orientation for all students.

The MA SLM is modular in design, and has students focusing on one course for four weeks with a transition week between modules.

Program Schedule



Field Experience

The field experience will allow learners to apply the lens of sustainability concepts and theories from the classroom setting to a “real world” setting. Learners will travel to, and engage in, a project, conference or internship where the theme includes sustainability and the opportunity to work with a diversity of stakeholders.

Career Opportunities

Graduates can pursue careers in government, private sector, non-governmental organizations, non-profit organizations, regulatory agencies, higher education, and consultancies. The position titles for the careers in this field include sustainability officers, analysts, managers, coordinators, and directors. Graduates will have a worldview of environmental, social and economic consequences inherent in the effort to plan, design, deliver and monitor leisure services at all industry levels. The curriculum strongly supports communication skills, analytical ability, critical thinking and problem solving ability along with a customer service orientation.

Tuition

Domestic Students	Amount
Application Fee	\$150
Tuition	\$11,500
Student Activity fee	\$190
VIU Students' Union fee	\$272
Health and Dental Plan fee: \$286 per year	\$572
Lab Fee	\$850
Total	\$13,534
International Students	Amount
Application Fee	\$150
Tuition	\$19,500
Student Activity fee	\$190
VIU Students' Union fee	\$272
Lab Fee	\$850
Health and Dental Plan fee: \$286 per year	\$572
Total	\$20,684
Special Expenses	Amount
Textbooks & supplies (approximate cost)	\$1,000
Total	\$1,000.00

Fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Cost of Living

The average cost of living including housing, food, local bus transportation and medical insurance is \$800–1000 per month.

Admission

Start Dates and Application Deadlines

The program starts the beginning of September. Applications are accepted from October 3 to March 31. The program is in high demand so apply early.

General Admission Requirements

- An undergraduate degree from an accredited university.
- A minimum average of “B” calculated in the last two years of the undergraduate degree, with a review of the entire degree.
- International students from countries where English is not the predominant language must present a TOEFL or IELTS score of 86 iBT with no section less than 21 or IELTS 6.5 no band less than 6. An alternative option is successful completion of VIU’s English-as-a-Second-Language program or equivalent.
- Acceptance and satisfactory review of the following items by the Faculty Admissions Committee:

Resume and three letters of reference (two academic referees and one professional) as well as a comprehensive statement addressing each of the following areas:

- Areas of research interest (e.g. parks, festivals, resorts, tourism, community development, recreation, lifestyle & wellness, leadership, voluntourism, etc.);
- Statement of career interest;
- Summary of relevant preparation (i.e. career and academic)



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