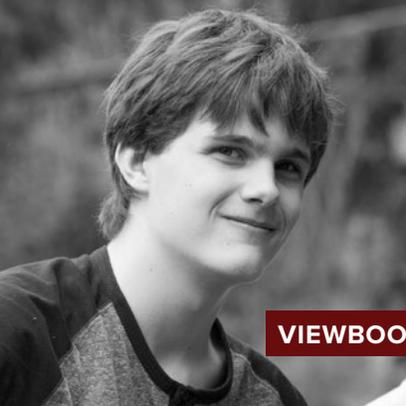





**VANCOUVER ISLAND  
UNIVERSITY**

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**THE HIGH SCHOOL**





# WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The High School at Vancouver Island University can only be described as one of the most unique, caring and personalized high schools in British Columbia. Situated on the campus of Vancouver Island University, students at The High School at VIU are exposed to university life from the time they start here in grade 10. Students have access to all of the university facilities and resources and soon begin to feel like VIU is their school...and it is!

As the only high school in British Columbia—and only one of two in Canada—that is directly connected to a university, we have a rare ability to expose our students to the multitude of options that the world of post-secondary programs offers to young adults. VIU is exceptional in that regard as it offers not only academic programs towards Bachelor and Masters degrees, Certificates and Diplomas, but also provides world renowned trades and vocational programs in Culinary Arts, Hospitality, Health, Industrial Arts and many, many more. There are many pathway options at VIU for our students to choose from.

Joining The High School at VIU is only the start of a journey that can lead to many exciting destinations. Come discover a school where enthusiasm reigns, where each student matters, where academic excellence is encouraged and supported and where a close knit community and safe environment is the norm.

Discover The High School at Vancouver Island University and start your journey here.



Catherine Brazier, **Principal**



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## WHAT MATTERS TO US

At The High School at VIU we are a small, dynamic group of students, staff and educators who care deeply about each other and the world around us. We align ourselves with the core values of Vancouver Island University because we are VIU and VIU is us.

### LEARNING

as a personalized, supportive experience

### DISCOVERY

of new ways of thinking, doing and being

### ENGAGEMENT

in the world around us both locally and globally

### ACHIEVEMENT

that responds to each student's potential

### DIVERSITY

of student body and in approaches to teaching and learning

### CELEBRATION

of all that is wonderful about our school and amazing students

### SUSTAINABILITY

through sound environmental practices and education





## WHY CHOOSE THS?

The High School (THS) at Vancouver Island University is a BC certified, independent school that offers the best of both worlds for Canadian and international students in grades 10 to 12—a high school and a university. Whether a student loves to study, is a potential future leader, has a special talent to nurture outside of class, or needs the academic or social-emotional support that a small, dedicated high school offers, they can thrive with The High School at VIU.

## WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

- A multicultural educational environment, which brings together students from Canada and around the world
- The internationally respected and recognized British Columbia (BC) Dogwood Diploma, which opens doors to university entrance worldwide
- Independence and flexibility of learning on a university campus
- A community of educators who care about student success
- Extensive English Language Learning support
- BC curriculum enhanced with courses in Global Studies Intercultural Awareness
- Easy access to university dual credit courses in grade 12
- A heightened sense of responsibility and respect for academic, physical, emotional, ethical and personal leadership growth
- Small class sizes, personalized attention, exploration of ideas and passions that are relevant to youth, and an environment that is welcoming, supportive and safe

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# PATHWAYS TO LEARNING AT THS

The High School at Vancouver Island University follows the British Columbia Ministry of Education curriculum that leads to the BC Dogwood Diploma. 80 credits (20 courses) is the minimum number of credits required for graduation. Students who are preparing to apply to university programs may need to take more than the minimum in order to satisfy university entrance and course pre-requisites.

International students who require English Language Learning courses may take the following courses for credit towards graduation. Students are assessed upon arrival and placed in the appropriate course level:

- English Language Preparation 10A, 10B, 10C
- English Language Preparation 11A, 11B, 11C
- English Language Preparation 12A, 12B, 12C

English language learners generally need to take Communications 11 and 12 prior to attempting English 10, 11 and 12. Communications 12 will satisfy graduation requirements for a Language Arts 12 but will not satisfy university entrance English proficiency requirements. Students who graduate with Communications 12 will need to submit English proficiency test results (e.g. IELTS or TOEFL) or take some time to upgrade to English 12 at a university Adult Basic Education program such as the one at VIU.

## REQUIRED COURSES

Subject Area	Minimum Credits
Planning 10	4
a Language Arts 10	4
a Language Arts 11	4
a Language Arts 12	4
a Mathematics 10	4
a Mathematics 11 or 12	4
a Fine Arts and/or Applied Skills 10, 11, or 12	4
a Social Studies 10	4
a Social Studies 11 or 12	4
a Science 10	4
a Science 11 or 12	4
Physical Education 10	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>

## ELECTIVE CREDITS

Students must earn at least 28 elective credits from Grade 10–12 courses.	<b>28</b>
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## GRADUATION TRANSITIONS

Students must earn 4 credits for Graduation Transitions	<b>4</b>
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<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>80</b>
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# SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer programs are geared to students between the ages of 14 – 18. Instruction will be provided by VIU faculty and BC certified teachers.

Visit our Summer Programs website at:

[world.viu.ca/high-school/2016-summer-programs](http://world.viu.ca/high-school/2016-summer-programs)

## GLOBAL STUDIES ACADEMY

As our world becomes more connected, it is increasingly important for students to have a global perspective. The High School at VIU offers students the opportunity to participate in a program designed to introduce them to living (residential option) and learning on a university campus with students from Canada and around the world. The program provides students with opportunities to explore solutions to global issues while working with university and industry experts. They may choose from 1, 2 or 3 two-week module programs. Students who attend all 3 modules (6 weeks) and complete required coursework will receive 4 elective credits towards their BC Dogwood diploma.

**Module 1:** Global Citizenship and Leadership

**Module 2:** Marine Ecology and Economics

**Module 3:** Sustainability

\* Students for whom English is not a first language need the equivalent of IELTS 4.5 (with no band lower than 4.0)/TOEFL iBT 34.

## ELL LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

This program offers English Language Learning at The High School at VIU and cultural experiences on and around Vancouver Island and the city of Vancouver. Students may choose from a 1 to 8 week experience.

The English ability of students will be assessed upon arrival and they will be assigned to an appropriate skill level class. Classes run Monday – Friday, 9 am to noon, followed by a lunch break and then cultural and sporting activities from 1 pm–3 pm. Students will live in Homestay accommodations.

## MATH 10 & 11 REVIEW

The High School at VIU offers a comprehensive summer Math program for students who, at minimum, have completed Math 9 with a passing grade.

Students who are planning to re-write one of the Math 10 Provincial exams can take the online exam during the program.

This course is designed to help students who need support entering into any of the Math 10 or 11 courses, including Pre-Calculus 11. Individualized programs are set up to assist the development of necessary skills. Students who have completed any of the Math 10 or 11 courses but wish to improve their skills are welcome to attend.

# HOMESTAY

International students (and domestic students whose families do not reside in the Greater Nanaimo area) live with local families as part of our Homestay program. The Vancouver Island University Homestay Department carefully screens and provides ongoing support to those families who take students from The High School at VIU.

The Homestay program is designed to promote friendship and language learning for students. It provides opportunities for cultural exchange between Canadians and international students who attend The High School at VIU.

Life in Homestay is just like being part of a family. Students are expected to join the family for meals, to take on their share of personal chores and to join the family for some activities and occasional trips. Students are provided with three meals per day. Students generally make their own breakfast and lunch and the host family will make dinner.

All students in Homestay have their own furnished bedroom and a quiet study area. There are often two students in each Homestay family (each with their own bedroom). When there are two students in a Homestay they will always be from a different language or culture group.

## HOMESTAY FEES

**\$780 per month** (until December 2016)

**\$850 per month** (starting January 2017)





## MEET JOSHUA LUH

My time at The High School at VIU was memorable! I made friends from around the world and learned about new cultures and new languages. I loved my teachers, the principal and the staff...they were helpful, approachable, considerate and kind.

I felt very well prepared for my studies at VIU, especially through the Deep Learning Capstone project we needed to complete at The High School. I learned how to research well and present my research in front of an audience.

Going to high school on a university campus was fantastic! It was great to be able to use the university cafeteria, library, bookstore, theatre and more. We got to interact with university professors and even take first year university courses.

**Joshua Luh**, Myanmar  
*Bachelor of Interior Design, VIU*

# MEET BRIANNA RUSS

I'm Bree, and I am graduating from The High School at VIU in 2016. I've met tons of amazing people, made some really great friends and the teachers here are the friendliest I've ever met.

Being at this school was much more enjoyable than any other school I've gone to. This school really helped me learn not to have such bad anxiety when it comes to speaking to a large group of people, and the teachers really explain things to you instead of giving you work and expecting you to do it on your own.

I have met people from different countries and cultures and learned a lot of things I feel like I wouldn't have learned at any other school.

I feel like at a lot of other schools we are taught to pass tests instead of actually learning what the tests are about. This school really changed my perspective on school, and not only do I enjoy learning, I also now enjoy going to school.

**Brianna Russ**, Canada  
*Aboriginal University Bridging Program, VIU*





# LEARNING IN ACTION

Canadian education is renowned for a learning model that emphasizes skills development and conceptual understanding. The High School at VIU is designed to identify and develop student strengths as they transition into a university environment.

Through a combination of interactive teaching tools — such as individual coaching, real-life illustrations, audio-visual content and online assignment tools — THS teachers encourage open discussion and self-reflection in the classroom. Small class sizes guarantee individual attention while a self-directed learning style allows students to learn at the pace that is most appropriate for them. This teaching approach is perfectly suited to international students who may need additional support to develop their English skills.

THS students enjoy a flexible learning environment with a focus on personalized learning. The exploration of student interests and passions is encouraged and complements a thorough grounding in core subjects like English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. The opportunity to attend university level classes at Vancouver Island University cements this proactive approach to learning.



Discover a school where enthusiasm reigns, where each student matters and where a safe, caring environment is the norm!

# OUTDOOR RECREATION

On Vancouver Island, recreation is a way of life year-round, and THS students are encouraged to participate in outdoor recreation programs. This enhances the formal education process by involving students in a range of activities including:

- Downhill and cross-country skiing at Whistler Blackcomb
- Surfing at Canada's surf capital, Tofino, on the west coast of Vancouver Island
- Visits to the seaside city of Victoria, BC's provincial capital, home to the Butchart Gardens and the Royal BC natural and human history museum
- Day trips to Vancouver, one of Canada's most ethnically diverse cities, with its thriving art, theatre and music scenes.

Outdoor recreation programs provide opportunities for students to engage with the local community and experience cultural events, while exploring nature and connecting with peers. It also helps with the cultural adjustment process for students who are new to Canada or to the community.

## THS SPRING GAMES

The High School at VIU also believes in creating an environment of learning and celebration, and one of the best ways to do this is through sport. A language that everyone understands.

Our annual THS Spring Games, held between May and June, are dedicated to team building sports and activities such as Basketball, Dodgeball, Volleyball, Capture the Flag and Tug-o-War. The Games increase school spirit, improve fitness levels and foster a life-long interest in physical activity and healthy living.



# PROGRAM FEES

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### CANADIAN STUDENTS

EXPENSE	FULL YEAR 10 MONTHS
Application Fee	\$50
Tuition (including supplies, texts)	\$9,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,050</b>

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

EXPENSE	1 SEMESTER 5 MONTHS	FULL YEAR 10 MONTHS
Application Fee	\$200	\$200
Custodianship Application	\$250	\$250
Tuition (including supplies, texts)	\$7,625	\$15,150
Medical	\$375	\$750
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,450</b>	<b>\$16,350</b>

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

### GLOBAL STUDIES ACADEMY

PROGRAM LENGTH	RESIDENCE OPTION	NON- RESIDENCE OPTION
1 Module (2 Weeks)	\$3,000	\$2,500
2 Modules (4 Weeks)	\$5,250	\$4,200
3 Modules (6 Weeks)	\$7,500	\$6,000

*\*For ELL Intensive, add \$2,750 for one semester or \$5,500 for a full year.*

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

WEEKS	FEE
1 Week	\$1,330
2 Weeks	\$2,275
3 Weeks	\$3,130
4 Weeks	\$3,985
5 Weeks	\$4,905
6 Weeks	\$5,830
7 Weeks	\$6,910
8 Weeks	\$7,840

*Fees include: Tuition, activities, medical insurance, and Homestay accommodation (includes meals)*

### MATH

WEEKS	FEE
4 Weeks	\$600

*\* All prices quoted are in Canadian dollars and are subject to change without notice*

# HOW TO APPLY

## CANADIAN STUDENTS

To apply for admission to The High School at Vancouver Island University as a Canadian student, please submit:

1. Application for Admission:  
[world.viu.ca/high-school/become-student-0](http://world.viu.ca/high-school/become-student-0)
2. A copy of your most recent grades (report cards) for the last 2 years.
3. A copy of your birth certificate and care card.
4. \$50 payment for Application Processing Fee (non-refundable). **Note: application will not be processed without this fee.**
5. Optional: Complete the Homestay Profile for High School Students

A Letter of Acceptance and invoice will be sent advising the total amount of fees payable, and how and when to pay.

Discover a school where youth challenge their own world views and learn to understand other cultural perspectives!

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

To apply for admission to The High School at Vancouver Island University as an international student, please submit:

1. Application for Admission:  
[world.viu.ca/high-school/become-student](http://world.viu.ca/high-school/become-student)
2. A certified copy of educational documents for the past two years, in the student's own language.
3. A certified copy of educational documents for the past two years, translated into English.
4. A copy of the student's passport photo page as proof of age.
5. Homestay Profile for High School Students
6. Custodianship Application (if custodian is required)
7. \$200 payment for Application Processing Fee (non-refundable). **Note: application will not be processed without this fee.**
8. An English assessment. For students aged 14 and 15, this will be on Skype. Students older than 15 are to submit a TOEFL/ IELTS score or be assessed by Vericant. For details of required scores, please refer to our website.

A Conditional Letter of Acceptance and invoice will be sent advising the total amount of tuition and homestay fees payable, and how and when to pay.

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Please submit your complete application to [highschool@viu.ca](mailto:highschool@viu.ca).

### FAMILY DISCOUNT

- Students new to The High School (THS) who have a sibling concurrently attending THS or VIU will receive a \$3,000 reduction for the period that both siblings are in THS and VIU.

- Students new to THS who have a parent concurrently attending VIU will receive a \$3,000 reduction for the period that the parent is in attendance at VIU.
- Two siblings at THS will generate a discount for one, not both.



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## DISTANCES VIU NANAIMO CAMPUS

<b>NANAIMO AIRPORT</b>	15 km	15 minutes
<b>VANCOUVER</b>	36 km	1 hour 40 minutes by ferry 20 minutes by plane
<b>VICTORIA</b>	110 km	1 hour 30 minutes
<b>MT. WASHINGTON</b>	128 km	1 hour 45 minutes
<b>WHISTLER</b>	171 km	4 hours 30 minutes (with ferry)
<b>TOFINO</b>	205 km	3 hours
<b>SEATTLE</b>	315 km	5 hours (including ferry)



The High School at VIU is affiliated to Vancouver Island University's Faculty of International Education, and is located on its Nanaimo campus.