

5 reasons to choose VIU for ESL

1. Earn University Credits

Earn credits from both completion of AP5 AND from an academic class taken concurrently with AP5

2. A Pathway to University

Completion of AP5 satisfies VIU's English language proficiency for academic classes

3. Electives

Non language classes taught in English such as Critical Thinking, Film-making, English for Travel, Canadian Culture, Public Speaking, Business English, Art and many more!

4. Engagement

English language acquisition through experiential learning and community engagement taught by dynamic and passionate instructors

5. Individual Language Coaching

One-on-one time with language coaches who address students' individual needs throughout their studies



Love where you learn.

“By attending ESL classes, I had the chance to learn about Canada and Canadian culture. We attended many events and trips organized for the ESL students. I also gained many friends from my ESL classes and had the chance to learn from students from many different cultures. That was a great experience. So, I do strongly suggest every international student take ESL Academic Preparation classes before starting their Academic classes.”

Gunel Gafarli, ESL Graduate
Azerbaijan

Choose your ESL Program

Academic Preparation

For students intending to continue on to university. This provincially articulated program focuses on building skills for success in Canadian academic culture; covering essay writing, academic integrity, lecture comprehension and effective class participation. Completion of AP5 allows direct entry into VIU academic programs.

ACCESS LEVEL + 5 LEVELS

13 WEEK SEMESTERS (AP1 – AP5)

Starts: September, January, May

6.5 WEEK ACCELERATED SEMESTERS (AP1-AP5)

Starts: September, October, January, February, May & June

Highlights: Individual language coaching, electives, direct entry to AP5 with 5.5 IELTS (with no band below 5) or TOEFL 71 (with no section under 17); direct entry to AP4 with IELTS 5 (no band below 5) or TOEFL 61 (with no section below 16)

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

- Acceptance to VIU academic programs upon completion of AP5
- Equivalent to IELTS 6.0, TOEFL 80
- Advanced skills acquired in reading, writing, research and academic communication
- Gain 3 VIU credits upon completion of AP5

Schedule

20 hours per week of English language instruction, including electives. Classes run five days per week. All students will have Friday afternoons free!

Sample Schedule for Academic Preparation and Communications programs

	M	T	W	T	F
8:30am to 12:30pm	No Classes in Mornings				Electives
12:30pm to 4:30pm	Core Classes				No Classes

Please note: AAP schedule is 8:30am-4:30pm

Communications

For students wanting to improve fluency and communication skills in English. This program provides comprehensive classes to improve English communication through experiential learning and community immersion.

ACCESS LEVEL + 3 LEVELS

13 WEEK SEMESTER (C1-C3)

Starts: September, January, May

6.5 WEEK SEMESTERS (C1-C3)

Starts: September, late October, January, late February, May, late June

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

- Connections with Canadians through community contacts, visits to schools and businesses, public speeches, radio interviews, campus-wide activities etc.
- Confidence in English communications, reading, writing and speaking
- Ability to manage conversation using listening, reading, writing and speaking skills
- Involvement in interesting subject themes such as art, career preparation, photography, storytelling and social media



4 Housing Options & Community

Live in a safe and welcoming environment

Nanaimo is a multicultural community that offers affordable choices for student housing. For a true immersion experience, the VIU Homestay/Peerstay Program provides opportunities for cultural exchange within the Canadian and international community.



On the VIU Homestay experience:

“It was like having 2 families: one far away in my home country and one to take care and watch out for me in Nanaimo.”

– Colin Creado, United Arab Emirates



Affordable accommodation options

world.viu.ca/housing

ON-CAMPUS

\$388-775/month

Enjoy single or double occupancy, residence activities & facilities. Spaces are limited so apply early!

HOMESTAY

\$780/month

Live with a Canadian family and experience culture and community in Canada. This option is highly encouraged for new students. Three meals per day are included in the price.

PEERSTAY

\$450/month

Experience homestay with the flexibility of preparing and purchasing food for your own meals.

OFF-CAMPUS

\$450-1000/month

Rent your own apartment. Affordable rental rates make this a desirable option for mature and returning students.

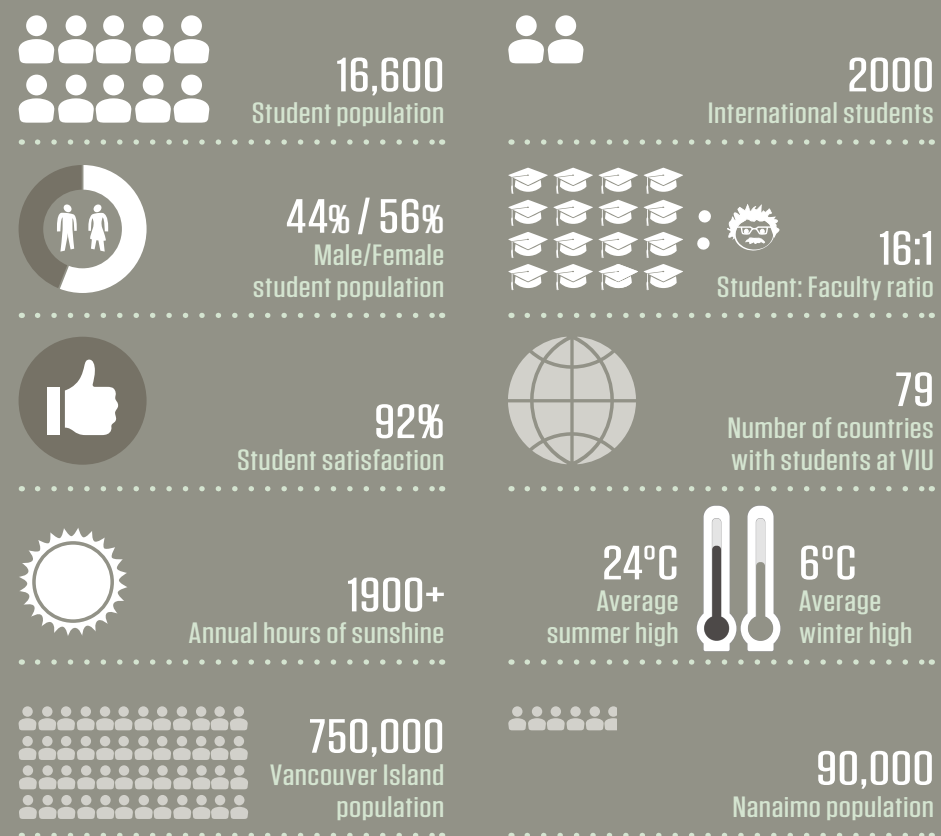
Prices quoted are in Canadian Dollars and are subject to change without notice.



Welcome to Vancouver Island University

Located in the city of Nanaimo on Canada's magnificent West Coast, Vancouver Island University (VIU) offers excellent academic programming in a spectacular natural setting. VIU encourages students to explore their potential, discover more about their world, and excel in both life and learning. So apply today, and discover what student life is like in one of the most inspirational and welcoming areas of the globe. **Love where you learn!**

Fast Facts about VIU



Tuition & Fees

	6.5 Weeks	13 Weeks
Application Fee	\$ 150	\$ 150
Tuition	\$ 2,450	\$ 4,900
Student Fees	\$ 137	\$ 280
Health & Dental	\$ 80	\$ 160
Total Tuition & Fees	\$ 2,817	\$ 5,490

Additional costs apply for books and living expenses.
Prices quoted are in Canadian dollars and are subject to change without notice.

Admissions

Apply online: world.viu.ca/apply

Beginner English skills are required for entry into VIU's English Language Programs. You must be able to pass this online self-test: viu.ca/elc/test

Students will be tested on their English skills on arrival and placed in the appropriate level.

TOEFL 71 (no band under 17) or IELTS 5.5 (no band under 5.0) allows for direct entry into Academic Preparation 5.
TOEFL 61 (no band under 16) or IELTS 5.0 (no band under 5.0) allows for direct entry into Academic Preparation 4.

Deadline for verification and placement guarantee is Wednesday at 12pm of semester orientation.

Conditional acceptance into specific faculties is given to students who meet VIU's academic requirements.
Successful completion of Academic Preparation 5 satisfies VIU's English requirements.

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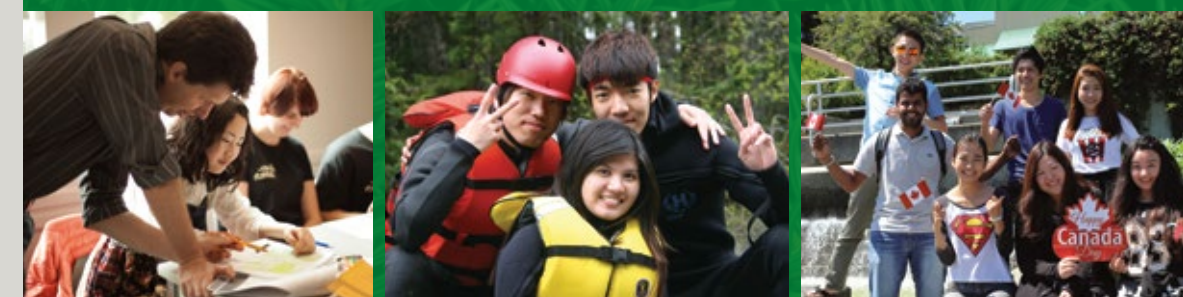


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