



**VANCOUVER ISLAND
UNIVERSITY**

THE HIGH SCHOOL



QUICK FACTS

80-100
students

3 DAYS

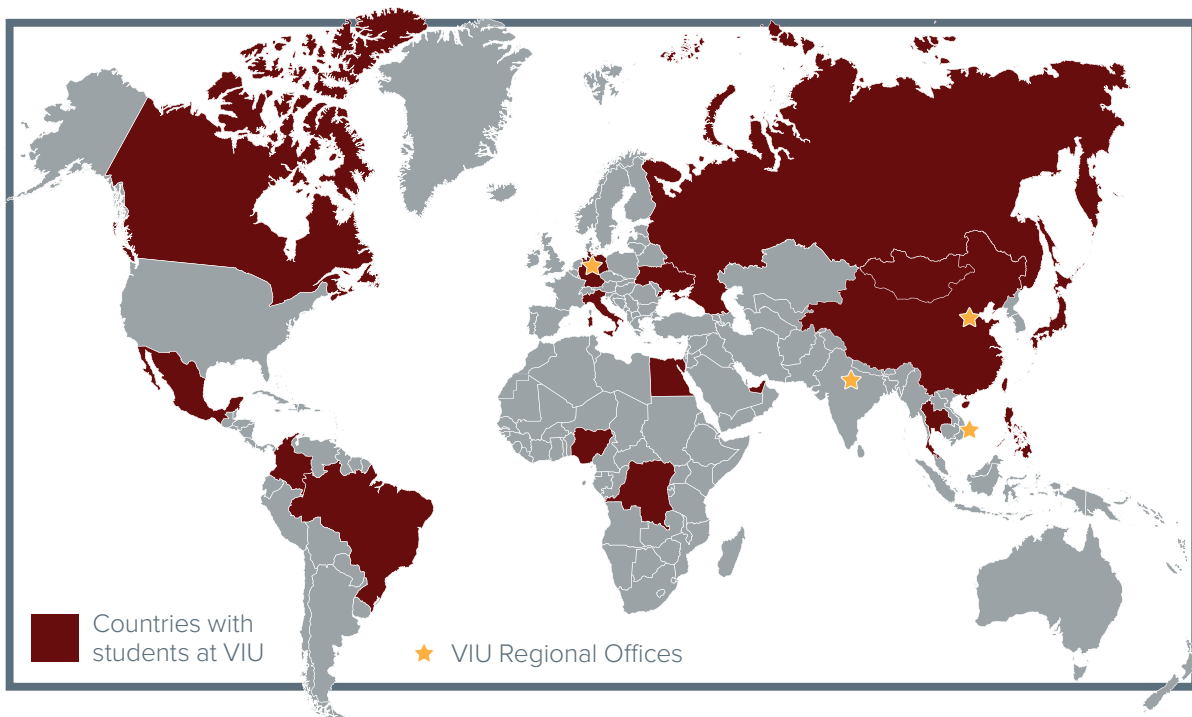


Average Application
Processing Time

12



Average students
per class





DOUBLE UP

Dual credit courses in grade 12
for high school and university



1:1

Chromebook
Environment

DIRECT ENTRY

into Vancouver
Island University
upon graduation



ANNUAL INTAKES

September and February

CLIMATE and weather



1,900+ annual average
hours of sunshine

6°

average winter high
(in Celsius)

24°

average summer high
(in Celsius)

Catherine Brazier Principal

BEd, MA, EdD Doctoral Student

Catherine has been the principal at The High School at Vancouver Island University (THS) since June 2014.

Prior to arriving at THS, Catherine taught in the Faculties of Education at VIU and UBC, has been a principal in two schools in Vancouver and was the founding Head of School at Aspengrove School in Nanaimo.

Throughout her 30 year career, Catherine has taught all grades from K-12, students at the university level as well as courses in Leadership and Communication to managers and directors in various Ministries in the Province of British Columbia as well as the City of Whitehorse, Yukon.



“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.”

— *Catherine Brazier*

UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

In Canada:

Vancouver Island University
University of British Columbia
McGill University
Camosun College
Douglas College, Vancouver
Emily Carr University of Art + Design
Langara College
Simon Fraser University
University of Northern
British Columbia
University of Victoria
University of Ottawa
Vancouver Community College
York University

Internationally:

Bangkok University
Evergreen State College, Olympia
European Institute of Design, Italy
Michigan State University
Tamagawa University, Japan



WHY CHOOSE THS?

- Internationally recognized British Columbia (BC) Dogwood Diploma
- Small class sizes with a student-teacher ratio of 12:1
- One to one technology initiative putting a Chromebook into the hands of every student
- Dual credit courses in grade 12, letting you earn high school and college credits at the same time
- Intensive English Language Learning support through a comprehensive set of courses aimed at preparing students to graduate from a Canadian high school and study in English at a university level
- Independence and flexibility of learning on a university campus
- A multicultural education environment, which acknowledges and respects the contributions of various ethnic groups, and incorporates them in the program of instruction
- Access to university facilities (including cafeteria, gymnasium, library and health clinic)

START YOUR JOURNEY HERE.



BRITISH COLUMBIA DOGWOOD DIPLOMA

The High School at VIU 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 intend to apply to university programs may need to take more than the minimum in order to satisfy university entrance and course prerequisites.

REQUIRED COURSES

SUBJECT AREA	MINIMUM CREDITS
Planning 10	4
Language Arts 10	4
Language Arts 11	4
Language Arts 12	4
Mathematics 10	4
Mathematics 11 or 12	4
Fine Arts and/or Applied Skills 10, 11 or 12	4
Social Studies 10	4
Social Studies 11 or 12	4
Science 10	4
Science 11 or 12	4
Physical Education 10	4
Total	48
Elective credits from Grade 10-12 courses	28
Graduation Transitions	4
OVERALL TOTAL	80

- Application Period
Throughout the year
- Start Dates
September and February
- Program Length
1 to 3 years depending on grade
- Sample Schedule

TIME	SUBJECT
8:30 - 9:50	Planning 10
9:50 - 10:10	BREAK
10:10 - 11:30	Psychology 11
11:30 - 12:15	LUNCH
12:15 - 1:35	Theatre 11
1:40 - 3:00	Pre-Calculus 10

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

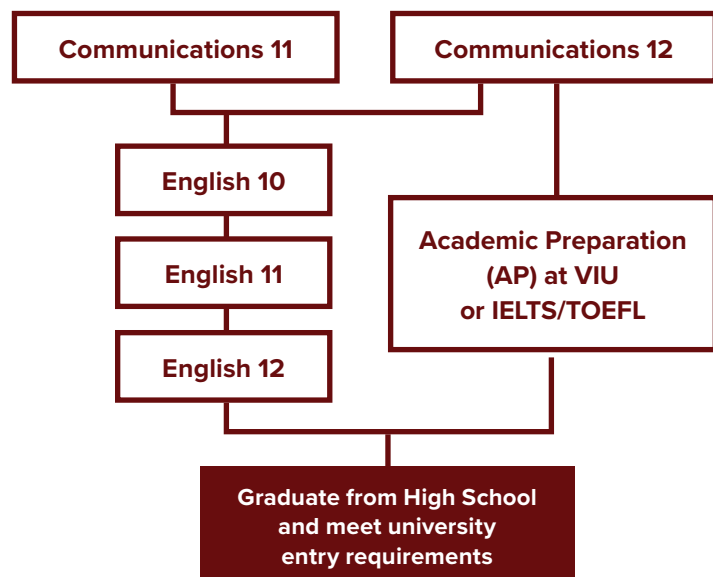
International students who require English Language Learning courses may take the following courses for credit towards graduation. Students are assessed upon arrival and placed in the appropriate course level:

- **English Language Preparation 10**
- **English Language Preparation 11**
- **English Language Preparation 12**

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 but not university entrance requirements.

Students who graduate with Communications 12 need to submit English proficiency test results (e.g. IELTS or TOEFL) or upgrade to English 12 at a university Adult Basic Education program such as the one at VIU.

Language Pathways to Enter University





VIU PREP

For students over the age of 17 years who would like to graduate with a high school diploma, and go on to pursue university studies.

FEATURES

- 2-year program
- 1 year in high school and 1 year in the English Language Centre and Adult Basic Education
- Flexibility of course offerings
- Small class sizes

By the end of VIU Prep, the average student will obtain:

- British Columbia Adult graduation diploma
- English language proficiency requirement (AP5) for university entry
- Up to 6 credits towards a Bachelor's degree

Application Period
Throughout the year

Start Dates
September and February

Program Length
2 years

Program Tuition
\$30,480 for two years

VIU PREP PATHWAY (example of possible course pathway)



HOMESTAY

For international students (and domestic students whose families do not reside in the Greater Nanaimo area).

The program is managed internally by Vancouver Island University's Homestay department, and it fosters opportunities for cultural exchange between Canadians and international students.

FEATURES

- Private furnished bedroom and quiet study area
- 3 meals provided by the family
- Maximum of 2 students in each homestay
- 1 student per home from a specific language or cultural group
- Students generally make their own breakfast and lunch; the host family will make dinner
- Join the family for activities and occasional trips
- Feels like home!



A night scene of a forest. On the left, a large evergreen tree is silhouetted against a dark sky. Below it, a campfire burns brightly, casting a warm glow. In the distance, a bright light source, possibly a full moon or a distant town, illuminates the horizon. The sky is filled with stars.

FEATURED PROGRAM

INSPIRED BY NATURE

A blend of Environmental Science 11 and Art Foundations 11/12.

It connects students with the natural world, and offers a more holistic, engaging, and creative learning experience.

The program follows a modified timetable, which allows students to study in local natural areas (eg forests, beaches, parks) across Vancouver Island.

The Inspired By Nature program also arranges an annual multi-day Field School to provide high school students with a university-style learning experience.

CHROMEBOOK CLASSROOMS

Every student at the High School at Vancouver Island University benefits from always-on technology, thanks to an innovative initiative that provides all pupils with a Chromebook device.

Chromebooks look like laptops, but there's a crucial difference: they don't have a hard drive. Instead, they're cloud-based devices — which means that any work produced on them is saved on the Internet.

All of our high school students are equipped with Chromebooks, which feature Google education apps for classroom learning. Each device is lent to a student for the school year. Various school districts in British Columbia are using the devices, but in a limited capacity, making The High School at VIU one of the very few that have a one-to-one Chromebook environment.

The decision to offer the devices to all THS students was made in response to the “personalized learning” approach that is a feature of British Columbia's new K-12 curriculum.



ADVANTAGES OF A 1:1 CHROMEBOOK ENVIRONMENT

- Flexible instruction as teachers are able to differentiate based on the unique needs of each learner
- Encourage collaborative approach to projects since work is saved to the Cloud
- Controlled Internet access to ensure focus is on learning (no social media)
- No use of smart phones in the classroom
- Affordable technology at CAD \$325 (device is lent to student for the school year)



SUMMER CAMPS

English Language Development

This program offers English Language Learning and cultural experiences on and around Vancouver Island and the city of Vancouver. The English ability of students will be assessed upon arrival and they will be assigned to an appropriate skill level class.

Features

- 20 hours of English Language instruction per week
- Three levels: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
- Immersion into Canadian language and culture
- Multicultural education classroom
- BC certified teachers and outdoor activity instructors
- Day trips to Vancouver, Victoria, Parksville, Coombs and Cathedral Grove

Extra Curricular Activities Including:

- Surfing in Tofino
- Deep Bay Marine Field Station field trip
- The Butchart Gardens, Royal BC Museum and Legislature, Victoria
- Waterfall hiking
- Fishing
- Sea kayaking
- Paddle boarding

Program Tuition

1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	5 weeks	6 weeks	7 weeks	8 weeks
\$1,388	\$2,341	\$3,204	\$4,105	\$4,995	\$5,928	\$7,016	\$8,030

* Includes Tuition, activities and Homestay accommodations. Medical insurance not included.

Application Period
Throughout the year

Dates
July 3 to August 31, 2018

Admission Requirements
14 - 18 years
IELTS of 3.5 or equivalent

Program Length
Choose from 1 to 8 week experience

Accommodation
Homestay

Sample Schedule
world.viu.ca/high-school/summer-programs

University Pre-VIU

Two weeks of classes, workshops, activities and trips supervised by university faculty and current VIU students. This experience is sure to make your summer memorable!

Features

- Introduction to university programs in the faculties of:
 - > **Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences**
 - Anthropology
 - Criminology
 - Geography
 - Journalism
 - Political Studies
 - Psychology
 - Sociology
 - > **Art, Design & Performing Arts**
 - Digital Media
 - Interior Design
 - Graphic Design
 - > **Science & Technology**
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Computing Science
 - Geoscience
 - > **Tourism & Recreation**
 - > **Hospitality & Culinary Arts**
 - > **Business & Management**
- Visits to University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University and University of Victoria
- Experiential learning opportunities
- Day trips to Vancouver and Victoria
- Two outdoor activities per week including hiking, caving, and aerial adventures

Key outcomes

- **Portfolio:** collection of documents that helps students to negotiate the process of university application and entrance
- **Project:** Students will have a new understanding of the wide range of university options available to them, and will be given the opportunity to express it in a creative digital format.

Program Tuition

International students

Residence: **\$2,500**

Non-residence: **\$2,000**

Domestic students

Residence: **\$1,250**

Non-residence: **\$600**

* Residence option includes accommodation and meals. Medical insurance not included.



Application Period
Throughout the year

Dates
July 9 to 20, 2018

Admission Requirements
15 - 18 years
IELTS of 5.0 or equivalent

Program Length
2 weeks

Accommodation
University Residence

Sample Schedule
world.viu.ca/high-school/summer-programs

Average One Year (10 month) Budget (Canadian Students)



\$50

Application Fee



\$9,000

Tuition Fees

including supplies, texts and
use of a Chromebook laptop



\$410

Transportation

PROGRAM FEES AND HOW TO APPLY

CANADIAN STUDENTS

Application Process

Please send an email to highschool@viu.ca with the following documents:

1. Application for Admission: world.viu.ca/high-school/become-student-0
2. A copy of your most recent grades (report cards) for the last year
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 Student Profile for Homestay.

Scholarships and Discounts

First People Scholarship

\$2,500 scholarship offered to a First Nations student

Sibling/child discount

\$1,500 annual tuition discount for sibling or children of current full time VIU students

Two Generations of Learning Scholarship

\$2,000 scholarship for children entering Grade 10, 11 or 12 whose parents are VIU employees

Apple Financial Bursary

Limited bursaries available to new and returning students based on financial need.

Visit: world.viu.ca/high-school/canadian-student-scholarships for more details.

* Fees are subject to change

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Application Process

Please send an email to highschool@viu.ca with the following documents:

1. Application for Admission: 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. Student Profile for Homestay
6. Custodian Application (if custodian is required)
7. \$200 payment for Application Processing Fee (non-refundable).

Note: application will not be processed without this fee.

Scholarships and Discounts

The High School at Vancouver Island University International Excellence Award

\$1,000 each to international student graduates of The High School at Vancouver Island University as a tuition credit at Vancouver Island University

Sibling/child discount

\$3,000 annual tuition discount for students new to The High School at VIU who have siblings or a parent concurrently attending THS or VIU

* Fees are subject to change

Average One Year (10 month) Budget (International Students)



\$200

Application Fee



\$15,150

Tuition Fees

including supplies, texts and use of a Chromebook laptop



\$750

Medical insurance



\$8,500

Living Costs

Homestay Application Fee \$250
Homestay Damage Deposit \$850



\$410

Transportation



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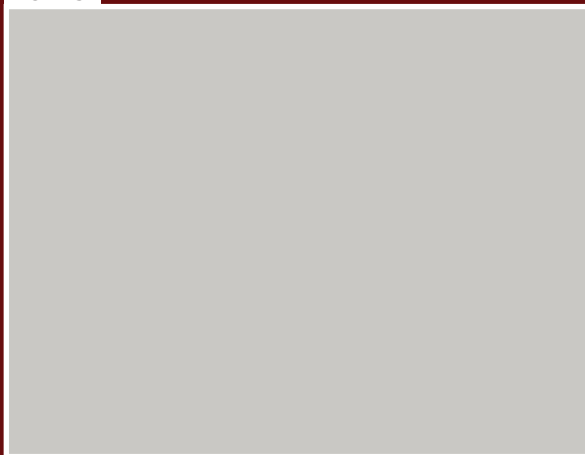
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 BC 省留学 (Study at BC)

NOTES



TRAVEL OPTIONS TO NANAIMO 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 and Nanaimo

• **Harbour Air** (20 minutes)

• **Sea Air** (20 minutes)



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