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Graduate Programs

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Welcome To Vancouver Island University

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



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VIU

QUICK
FACTS

14,500 students

POPULAR

programs for international students

1. **MBA** 2. **ESL** 3. **BBA** 4. **BA** 5. **Hospitality** 6. **BSc**

34

max. students
per class

86%

domestic

14%

international

STUDENT satisfaction survey

92.8%

of students are satisfied with
their academic experience at VIU

92.1%

of students are satisfied with
their overall experience at VIU

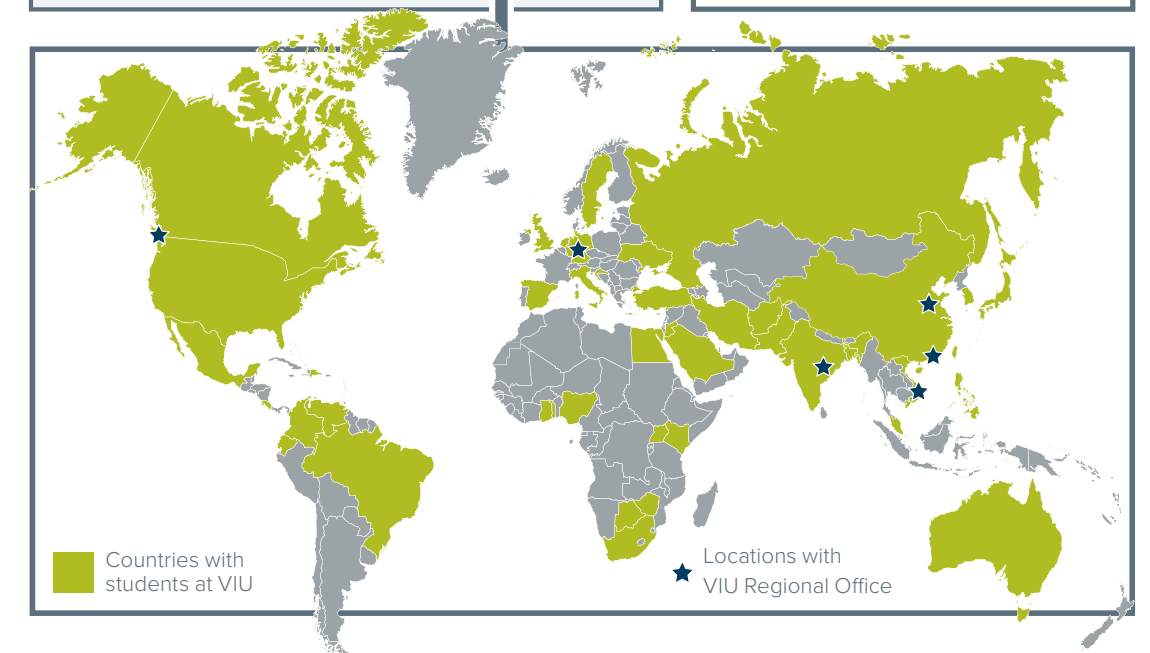
CLIMATE and weather

24°

average summer high
(in Celsius)

6°

average winter high
(in Celsius)





Master of Business Administration



Dual Degree MBA + MScIM*

viu.ca/mba

This powerful Canadian and British dual degree program awards students with two international business degrees: a Vancouver Island University Master of Business Administration and a University of Hertfordshire Master of Science in International Management. The highly sought after program gives students an opportunity to combine new knowledge and practical experience through the integration of theory, research and practice that can be applied at regional, national and international levels.

Candidates with knowledge of 5 of the 6 following academic pillars may be eligible for direct entry without the MBA Foundation Program: Accounting, Economics, Management and Strategy, Marketing, and Statistics/Quantitative Methods.

*Students have the option of doing the MBA as a single degree (without the MScIM)

Application Period	Program Length	Full Program Tuition
October 1 – March 31 <i>September 2019 Start</i>	14 – 18 months	MBA:*\$33,000–\$38,750 MBA (CAD) Foundation: \$5,190 (CAD) <i>*tuition fees dependent upon choice of dual degree and/or specialization</i>
October 1 – June 30 <i>January 2020 Start</i>		

Features

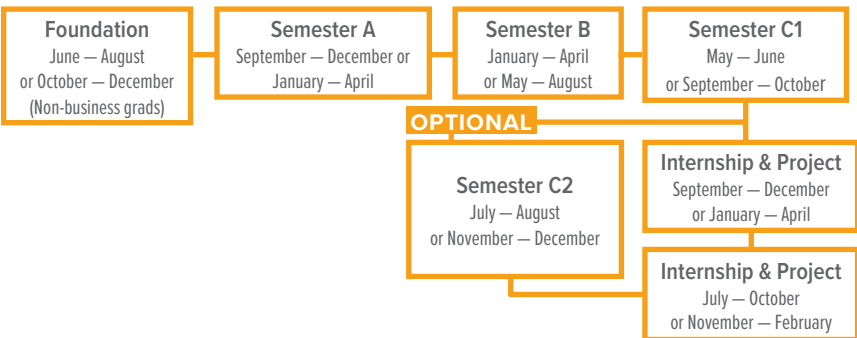
- Mandatory business internship
- Option to specialize in Finance or Marketing
- Two start dates per year
- No GMAT required, but helpful
- Any bachelor degree accepted**
- 90% of graduates are working full-time within 4-8 months

Career Possibilities

- Management
- Financial Advisor
- Marketing Manager
- Bank Services Officer
- HR Advisor
- Entrepreneur
- Business Administrator

**students without a business degree will be required to complete the MBA Foundation Program

Program timeline



Admission requirements

- ✓ Bachelor Degree
- ✓ A minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 in the last two years of the undergraduate degree
- ✓ Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
 - Completion of VIU's English Language Centre Grad Prep Program;
 - IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
 - TOEFL (iBT) 93 with no section under 20;
 - CAEL 70; or equivalent
- ✓ Letter of introduction explaining how the MBA will contribute to career plans
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Two letters of reference, ideally one professional and one academic
- ✓ One year minimum of work experience is required
- ✓ No GMAT (entrance examination) score is required, but helpful.

Note: Since this is a competitive limited entry program, students meeting the above requirements are not guaranteed admission.

Master of Arts in Sustainable Leisure Management



viu.ca/slm

The VIU Master of Arts in Sustainable Leisure Management (MASLM) places graduates at the intersection of two growing, exciting, and globally significant areas of theory and practice: Leisure and Sustainability. Our program prepares emerging leaders to examine and create solutions, which ensure that residents and travelers alike can enjoy recreational experiences, natural and cultural amenities, and heritage resources sustainably.

Application Period	Program Length	Full Program Tuition
October 1-March 31 <i>September start</i>	2 years	\$25,000 (CAD)

Features

- 2-year program
- 12 months of fieldwork and thesis research
- Strong ties to industry
- VIU is designated as a World Leisure Centre of Excellence with the World Leisure Organization.
- 8-month residency requirement

Career Possibilities

- Sustainability Analyst
- Eco-Tourism Consultant
- University Researcher
- Community Development Officer
- Tourism Development Manager
- Tourism Entrepreneur

Program timeline



Admission requirements

- ✓ Bachelor Degree
- ✓ A minimum average of "B" calculated in the last two years of the undergraduate degree
- ✓ Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
 - Completion of VIU's English Language Centre Grad Prep Program;
 - IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
 - TOEFL (iBT) 93 with no section under 20;
 - CAEL 70; or equivalent
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Three letters of reference and three assessment forms
- ✓ Statement of Interest addressing each of the following areas:
 - Areas of research interest
 - Statement of career interest
 - Summary of relevant preparation
- ✓ "B" average needed to move into the thesis phase of the program

Note: Since this is a competitive limited entry program, students meeting the above requirements are not guaranteed admission.



Master of Community Planning

viu.ca/mcp

Planning is a growing profession and this master’s degree opens doors to many opportunities within the field. Professional planners work for all levels of government, not-for-profit agencies and consulting firms to advance the public good and improve the quality of community life for citizens around the world. Our Master of Community Planning (MCP) combines research, applied learning and interactions with the professional planning community to assist students in gaining the skills, abilities and knowledge necessary to establish or advance a successful career as a Community Planner.

Application Period	Program Length	Full Program Tuition
October 1-February 28 <i>September start</i>	2 years	\$25,000 (CAD)

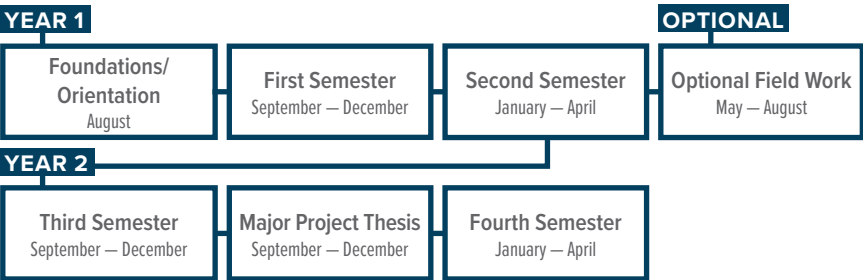
Features

- 2-year program
- Small city and town planning
- Community and urban design
- First Nations planning with attention to the issues relevant to the First Nations of Vancouver Island and coastal BC
- Sustainable economic issues including tourism

Career Possibilities

- Land Use Planner
- Project Manager
- Researcher
- Urban Designer
- City Manager
- Land Professional

Program timeline



Admission requirements

- ✓ Bachelor Degree
- ✓ A minimum average of “B” calculated in the last two years of the undergraduate degree
- ✓ Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
 - Completion of VIU’s English Language Centre Grad Prep Program;
 - IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5; TOEFL (iBT) 93 with no section under 20; CAEL 70; or equivalent
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Statement of interest addressing each of the following areas:
 - Areas of research interest
 - Statement of career interest
 - Statement of volunteer and/or career experience
- ✓ Three letters of reference

Note: Since this is a competitive limited entry program, students meeting the above requirements are not guaranteed admission.

Master of GIS Applications

viu.ca/mgisa

The Master of Geographic Information Systems Applications (MGISA) program is designed for students who have completed some GIS studies and want to prepare for work in GIS management and consulting. Students who have completed VIU’s Advanced Diploma in GIS Applications (ADGISA) program or a similar post-graduate GIS Diploma from another institution may be eligible for advanced placement into Stage 2 of studies. In addition to courses in advanced GIS techniques and management, students will complete a substantial research project under faculty supervision in consultation with an industry partner.

Application Period	Program Length	Full Program Tuition
October 1 – January 31 <i>September start</i>	2 years	\$34,800 (CAD)

Features

- 2 year program with 2 month practicum included

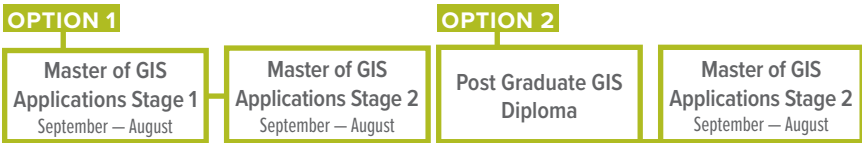
Credentials

- Advanced Diploma in GIS Applications (after Stage 1)
- Master of GIS Applications (after Stage 2)
- Strong ties to industry, government and non-governmental organizations

Career Possibilities

- GIS Administration
- Research
- Teaching
- GIS Consulting
- GIS Systems Design
- GIS Applications Programming

Program timeline



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Bachelor Degree
- ✓ A minimum average of “B” calculated in the last two years of the undergraduate degree
- ✓ Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
 - Completion of VIU’s English Language Centre Grad Prep Program;
 - IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5; TOEFL (iBT) 93 with no section under 20; CAEL 70; or equivalent
- ✓ Significant previous experience or training in GIS including completion of an introductory GIS course from an accredited post-secondary institution
- ✓ Statement of Interest that includes:
 - Summary of academic and professional experience
 - Statement of career goals
 - Description of the research topic which the applicant wishes to pursue
- ✓ Two letters of reference
- ✓ Interview (if requested)

Note: Since this is a competitive limited entry program, students meeting the above requirements are not guaranteed admission.



Master of Education in Educational Leadership

viu.ca/medl

The Master of Education in Educational Leadership (MEd) is a program of professional preparation for aspiring and practicing school leaders. Grounded in rich educational leadership literature supplemented by extensive faculty expertise and experience, the program provides a balance of research, policy and practice. Join a select group of international and Canadian students at scenic Vancouver Island University in a program that will prepare you for leadership roles.

Application Period	Program Length	Full Program Tuition
October 1-March 31 <i>September start</i>	2 years	\$25,000 (CAD)

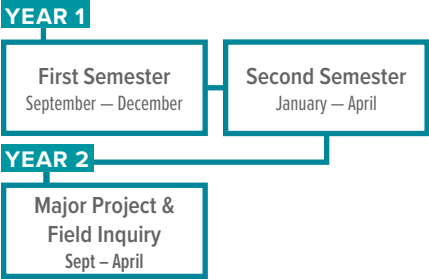
Features

- 2-year full-time, cohort-based program
- Directed project or thesis completed in Year 2
- Strong focus on developing leadership skills for the education industry
- Rich program grounded in educational transformation
- Internationalized curriculum and perspective

Career Possibilities

- Independent School Teacher/Leader
- College Instructor and/or Leader
- International Education Professional
- Industry Training

Program timeline



Master of Education in Special Education

viu.ca/medl

VIU's Master of Education in Special Education (MEd) embodies an innovative approach to working with students who have special needs (e.g. learning, developmental, behavioural, or physical needs). Grounded in research and evidence-based practices, our program challenges students to critically examine historical and contemporary special education policies and approaches to formulate a best practice. Faculty bring their extensive experiences to maximize student learning in each part of the program.

Application Period	Program Length	Full Program Tuition
October 1-March 31 <i>September start</i>	2 years	\$25,000 (CAD)

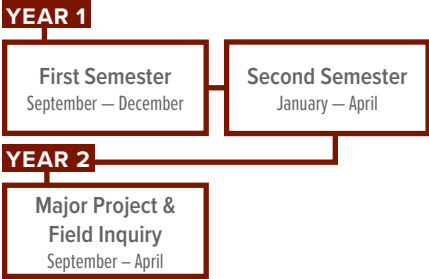
Features

- 2-year full-time, cohort-based program
- Directed project or thesis completed in Year 2
- Responsive teaching
- Principles of assessment and intervention planning
- Examine critical issues and evidence-based pedagogies

Career Possibilities

- Independent School Special Education Teacher
- College Instructor
- Special Education Consultant
- Disabilities Advisor
- Industry Training

Program timeline



Admission requirements

- ✓ Bachelor Degree
- ✓ A minimum average of "B" calculated in the last two years of the undergraduate degree
- ✓ Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
 - Completion of VIU's English Language Centre Grad Prep Program
 - IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
 - TOEFL (iBT) 93 with no section under 20;
 - CAEL 70; or equivalent
- ✓ A resume outlining related work experience (*minimum two years recommended*)
- ✓ Statement of Interest explaining why the applicant wishes to pursue graduate work in this area
- ✓ Two letters of reference
- ✓ Two current, confidential assessment reports

Admission requirements

- ✓ Bachelor Degree
- ✓ A minimum average of "B" calculated in the last two years of the undergraduate degree
- ✓ Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
 - Completion of VIU's English Language Centre Grad Prep Program;
 - IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
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Shreya Sachdeva

Shreya Sachdeva came to VIU from New Delhi, India, as an MBA student. “Studying at Vancouver Island University has been an experience of a lifetime for me. It made me look at life from a different perspective and transformed me in the best way possible.” One of the challenges Shreya faced when she began her studies was writing reports. The constant feedback sessions with her professor helped her to hone her writing skills and to improve her grades. “I believe that I matter here because my professors paid attention to me. We worked together to improve my future.” Shreya completed her internship at VIU’s international marketing and recruitment department, where her bubbly personality and excellent organizational skills were a welcome addition to the team. “This program has helped me professionally, but more than that VIU helped me to grow as a person. Learning with other students from around the world helps to build respect for all nationalities and cultures.”

Shreya Sachdeva
Master of Business
Administration
Class of 2018

Graduate Certificate in Business

The graduate certificate in business is a year-long full time three semester program. The certificate addresses student development needs in academics followed by foundational knowledge of all requisite business skills. Designed for students looking to build their academic business knowledge or for those looking to continue into VIU’s MBA program*.

Application Period	Program Length	Full Program Tuition
October 1 – March 31 October 1 – June 30 <i>September and January Start</i>	1 year (3 semesters)	\$20,850 (CAD)

Features	Career Possibilities
Academic Development Skills	Administrative Officer
Two start dates per year	HR Specialist
Any Bachelor Degree	Insurance Broker
Canadian Red Seal accepted in lieu of Degree	Executive Assistant

Program timeline



Admission requirements

- ✔ Bachelor Degree or Canadian Red Seal Endorsement
- ✔ Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
 - Completion of VIU’s English Language Grad Prep Program;
 - IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
 - TOEFL (iBT) 93 with no section under 20;
 - CAEL 70; or equivalent

**Graduates of the certificate program with a CGPA of 3.0 or higher and one year of work experience can apply for direct entry into the MBA program. Graduates of the certificate program with a CGPA of 2.33 can apply for direct entry into the Graduate Diploma in Project Management or the Graduate Diploma in International Trade.*



Graduate Diploma in Project Management

The Graduate Diploma in Project Management provides specialization in Project Management. The Diploma employs the internationally recognized curriculum endorsed by the Project Management Institute (PMI). Graduates of the program are able to enter the VIU MBA Program.**

Application Period	Program Length	Full Program Tuition
October 1 – March 31 October 1 – June 30 <i>September and January start</i>	One year (3 semesters)	\$20,850 (CAD) <i>Subject to Board and Senate Approval.</i>

Features

Curriculum based on The Project Management Institute Guidelines (PMI)
Preparation for Certified Associate Project Manager (CAPM) designation
Applied Project Management practicum included

Career Possibilities

Business Project Manager
Development Project Manager
Operations Project Manager
Site Manager

Program timeline



****Graduates of the program with a CGPA of 3.0 or higher and one year of work experience can apply for direct entry into the MBA program.**

Graduate Diploma in International Trade

The Graduate Diploma in International Trade provides specialization in International Trade. The Diploma affords emerging business leaders a concentrated specialization in the field of International Trade and provides students with advanced standing towards certification as an International Trade Professional. Graduates of the program are able to enter the VIU MBA program**.

Application Period	Program Length	Full Program Tuition
October 1 – March 31 October 1 – June 30 <i>September and January start</i>	One year (3 semesters)	\$20,850 (CAD) <i>Subject to Board and Senate Approval.</i>

Features

Advanced Standing towards Certified International Trade Professional (CITP) certification
Forum for International Trade Training (FITT) accredited program
Real world supervised import/export project included.

Career Possibilities

International Trade Manager
International Business Advisor
Importer/Exporter
Logistics Analyst

Program timeline



****Graduates of the program with a CGPA of 3.0 or higher and one year of work experience can apply for direct entry into the MBA program.**



Admission requirements

- ✔ An acceptable undergraduate degree in business from a recognized university, with a C+ grade point average from the last 60 credits completed; or, an acceptable graduate degree in business from a recognized university; or, VIU's Graduate Certificate in Business (GCIB).
- ✔ Meet one of the following VIU English Language Requirements:
Completion of VIU's English Language Grad Prep Program;
IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
TOEFL (iBT) 93 with no section under 20;
CAEL 70; or equivalent



Admission requirements

- ✓ Bachelor of Science (Biology) with a minimum B average.
- ✓ Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
Completion of VIU's English Language Centre Grad Prep Program;
IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
TOEFL (iBT) 93 with no section under 20;
CAEL 70; or equivalent.
- ✓ Interview and Permission of the department.

Post Degree Diploma in Fisheries and Aquaculture

This is a very popular program for students that already have a B.Sc. in a related biological/environmental science. Students take applied, lab-oriented courses in fisheries and aquaculture. These courses are taught in conjunction with weekly practicum placements in a wide range of situations. The program will be tailored to reflect the student's advanced background and expertise. Graduates find the knowledge, practical skills and work experience gained to be excellent direct gateways to careers and graduate school.

Application Period

October 1 – March 31
September start

Program Length

1 Year

Full Program Tuition

\$20,850 (CAD)
*Tuition subject to
VIU Board approval*

Features

Weekly practicum placement
Practical and Theoretical
Direct contact to Industry
Aquaponics
International Centre
for Sturgeon Studies

Career Possibilities

Fisheries Biologist
Fish Health Technician
Habitat Restoration
Hatchery Technician/ Manager
Provincial/Federal Government
Licensing Agent

Program Timeline

YEAR 1

First Semester
September – December

Second Semester
January – April



Featured Alumni Maryam Salari

Maryam Salari is from Iran. She came to study at Vancouver Island University in 2015 and was anxious before her arrival. "I was a bit scared about the type of professors I would have. I was anxious about the assignments and also about being alone." This changed on the day Maryam was asked to contribute to a group assignment. "I assumed that in being a foreigner, people would not be interested in what I had to say. I was wrong. That feeling was only in my imagination." Maryam credits the openness of VIU, the support and expertise of her professors and the camaraderie of her fellow Canadian classmates in helping her to achieve her goals. "I could share my vulnerabilities, my perspective and they understood how I felt." Maryam currently works as an instructor, teaching English for academic purposes at the University of Toronto. She has permanent resident status and is waiting to write her Canadian citizenship exam. To those students who may be thinking of pursuing their education in Canada she says, "jump...take the leap...it will be unforgettable."

Maryam Salari
*Master of Education
in Educational Leadership
Class of 2017*



Admission requirements

- ✔ Conditional acceptance into a graduate program at VIU
- ✔ A minimum TOEFL iBT 88 with no section under 20, or IELTS 6.5, for direct entry into Grad Prep.
- ✔ Successful completion of UP5 with an overall grade of B

Grad Prep

Grad Prep prepares students for graduate level classes at VIU. While giving students the opportunity to enhance their discussion and presentation skills, this course focuses on developing reading strategies, responding to readings, putting together literature reviews and writing reports.

Tuition

\$5,100 (CAD) 13 weeks or \$2,550 (CAD) 8 weeks accelerated

Program Dates

January	13 weeks	July	8 weeks
May	13 weeks	September	3 weeks

Objectives

- understanding in detail a wide range of lengthy, complex texts
- understanding, summarizing and evaluating the development of arguments in complex texts
- writing semi-formal reports and proposals
- researching and writing a literature review
- developing a logical line of argumentation in support of a conclusion
- understanding extended speech on abstract and complex topics beyond their field
- developing their proficiency in fluent and spontaneous speech in social and academic situations
- using an expanding range of concrete, abstract, technical and idiomatic language suited to context and purpose, which may include figures of speech and cultural references
- giving seminar-style presentations to explain complex concepts and ideas on familiar or researched topics (up to 40 minutes)

English Language Centre - University Preparation (UP)

Language Foundations - Levels One to Three

Tuition

\$5,100 (CAD) 13 weeks or \$2,550 (CAD) 6.5 weeks

Program Dates

6.5 weeks or 13 weeks per level

January	6.5 or 13 weeks	June	6.5 weeks
February	6.5 weeks	September	6.5 or 13 weeks
May	6.5 or 13 weeks	October	6.5 weeks

University Preparation (UP) Levels Four and Five

Tuition

\$5,100 (CAD) 13 weeks or \$2,550 (CAD) 6.5 weeks

Program Dates

January, February, May, June, September and October.

*Please note intakes are further subdivided into modules of 6.5 weeks to accommodate specific elements of English language proficiency i.e. speaking, listening, reading and writing. Students can take either one module (6.5 weeks) as necessary or two modules (13 weeks) if they need to complete all elements of language proficiency.

Accelerated University Preparation (AUP) Levels Four and Five

Tuition

\$5,100 (CAD)

Program Dates

Level Four: May	Duration: 8 weeks
Level Five: May and July	Duration: 8 weeks



Admission requirements

- ✔ Conditional Acceptance into a graduate program at VIU
- ✔ Complete a VIU ESL assessment test. Students will be assessed upon arrival at VIU and placed in the appropriate level
 - IELTS 5.5 for direct entry into UP4/AUP4
 - IELTS 6.0 for direct entry into UP5/AUP5



Accommodations and food

On-Campus Student Housing — Nanaimo viu.ca/residence

Offering single or double rooms.

Homestay world.viu.ca/homestay

Live with and be part of a Canadian family. Option for Host family to provide 3 meals a day or option to purchase your own meals.

Off-Campus Housing places4students.com

Find your perfect place off-campus with friends, family or on your own.

Food Services viu.ca/food-services

On-campus food prepared by our staff and culinary students.
A 10% discount is offered with the purchase of cafeteria dining dollars.

Grocery shuttle world.viu.ca/grocery-shuttle

For international students living in residence to easily pick up food for cooking.

Malaspina Child Care malacc.com

On-campus day care

Want to live in residence?

On-campus student residences are in high demand, so apply early. Guaranteed spot if you apply before May 1st.
Visit viuresidences.ca for more details.



Apply

Before Applying:

Explore VIU programs, check the entrance requirements for your specific program and gather the required documents to scan and upload with your application.

Documents required:

- Official academic transcripts
- Any other supporting documents (resume, statement of intent etc.)
- Proof of language proficiency
- English translations of any documents being submitted that are in a language other than English
- A copy of your passport (photo page)

Apply:

- Complete the online application at world.viu.ca/apply
- Attach scanned copies of all required documents (in separate files)
- Pay the non-refundable application fee of **\$150 CAD**

After Applying:

- Receive your Offer of Admission, if successful, within 6-8 weeks after application
- Note program start dates and payment information
- Send your tuition deposit
- Courier or mail your original or certified copies of your academic transcripts to

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

- Watch your email for an official Letter of Acceptance
- Apply for your visa/study permit from the nearest Canadian Embassy, Consulate or High Commission

Note: Due to limited space in certain programs, qualified applications received by the application deadline do not guarantee that an offer will be made. Early applications are encouraged.

Advanced and Post-Degree Diplomas

Languages and Culture, Post Degree Diploma (Romance Languages)

1 year program | Start date in September
Fees: \$15,240 CAD
Apply: October 1 – Mar 31

GIS Applications (ADGISA), Advanced Diploma

1 year program | Start date in September
Fees: \$17,400 CAD
Apply: October 1 – Jan 31

Online Learning and Teaching, Graduate Diploma

2 year program | Start date in September
Fees: \$15,240 CAD | **Apply:** Year round

Post Degree Diploma in Business (PDDB) 2 year program | Start dates in September & January **Fees:** \$20,850

**Tuition fees subject to Board approval*

Typical one year budget

This budget does not include tuition fees.
Based on 2 semesters of study and one semester off

 **\$1,725**
Student fees +
medical insurance

 **\$1,200**
Books

 **\$12,000**
Living Costs
Shared off-campus
housing & food

 **\$540**
Transportation
(Bus)

 **\$3,000**
Miscellaneous



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As a finalist for the **Higher Education Academy's 2018 Global Teaching Excellence Award**, we are one of 17 finalists shortlisted from applications from more than 40 countries, and one of just two universities in Canada to make the list. The award recognizes an institution-wide commitment to the pursuit of teaching excellence.

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)

