



VANCOUVER ISLAND
UNIVERSITY



2018-19

International Programs

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2018



About VIU

- 1936 – VIU founded as a public institution
- VIU has four campuses — Nanaimo (the main campus), Cowichan, Powell River and Parksville Qualicum
- 58 unique buildings on our main campus
- 92 acres (37 hectares) with beautiful ocean and mountain views.
- Located on the traditional territory of the aboriginal Snuneymuxw First Nation
- 2 new buildings opening on the main campus this year
- A new geothermal exchange system (soon to be completed) can heat and cool 20% of the buildings on campus. This is created by filling water in old mine shafts!
- The Social Science / Education, building 356, is recognized for its environmentally sustainable design, which requires no perimeter heating or cooling
- VIU student residence houses over 500 students on campus each year



VIU QUICK FACTS

14,500
students

34

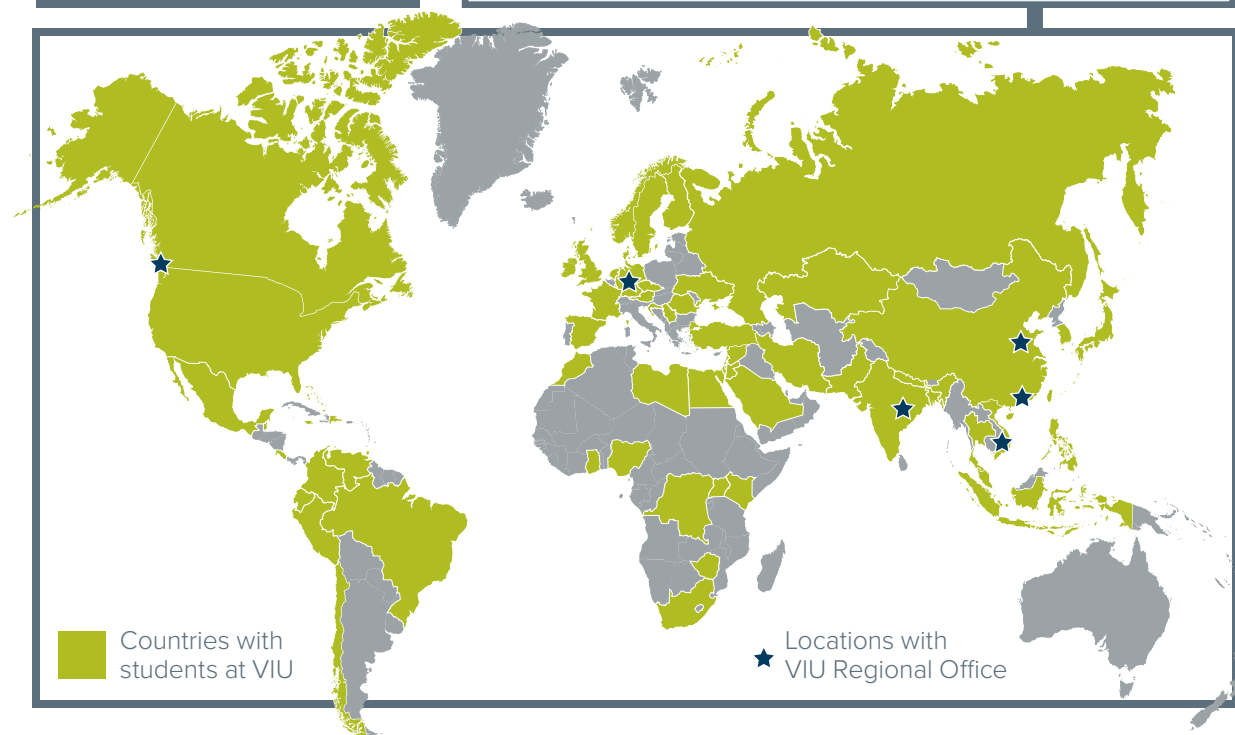
max. students
per class

86%

domestic
students

14%

international



POPULAR

programs for international students

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

STUDENT

satisfaction survey

92.8%

of students are satisfied with
their academic experience here

92.1%

of students are satisfied with
their overall experience at VIU

370

student jobs
on campus
last year

CLIMATE

and weather

6°

average winter high
(in Celsius)

24°

average summer high
(in Celsius)

Choose your VIU program

For full calendar list and requirements, see viu.ca/programs

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Community Planning, Master of

2-year graduate degree | **Deadline: February 28**

Résumé. Three letters of reference. Statement of interest and volunteer and/or career experience.

Languages and Culture (Romance Languages),

Post-Degree Diploma

1–4-year program

French and Spanish

Anthropology, Bachelor of Arts, Major

4-year degree

Upper classes in Social Anthropology, Archaeology, and Physical Biology

Internship

Arts, Associate Degree

2-year associate degree

Individual courses may have additional prerequisite

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

4-year degree program with

one Major (M) or two Minors (m); Honours (H)

English 12* min. C.

Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.

Areas of study:

Anthropology

Business

Creative Writing

Criminology*

Digital Media Studies

Economics

English

First Nations Studies

Geography

Global Studies

History

Journalism

M m

Languages & Culture

m

Liberal Studies

m

M m

M m

Mathematics

M m

Media Studies

M m

Philosophy

H M m

M m

Physical Education

M m

H M m

Political Studies

M m

M m

Psychology

H M m

M m

Sociology

H M m

M m

Visual Art

M m

H M m

Women's Studies

M m

m

Within a BA degree, students may combine the Arts major or double minor with an additional science-based minor, which include; Biology, Chemistry, Computing Science, Earth Science, Geography, Mathematics, Psychology.

Additional majors and minors are under development, please check viu.ca/programs

Creative Writing, Bachelor of Arts, Major

4-year degree

Internship

Students wishing to complete a Major in Criminology must apply to the Criminology Diploma program

Important prerequisite notes

Basic requirements – Undergraduate

(see page 12-13 and viu.ca/programs for full details)

Grade 12 / high school diploma and English 12 with a minimum "C" grade or equivalent.

Basic requirements – Masters

A bachelor's degree from a recognized university, a minimum "B" average calculated in the last two years of that degree, English language proficiency (see admissions pages 12 and 13), resume, statement of interest, recommendation letters. Additional requirements and specifications can be found at world.viu.ca/graduate-programs

Program details and availability are subject to change

Criminology, Bachelor of Arts, Major, Diploma
4-year degree (2-year diploma + 2-years for degree completion) | **Deadline: January 31**
English 12* min. C. Min. C in Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11. Admission rankings are determined by the overall GPA of English 12 and Math 11.
Internship

Economics, Bachelor of Arts, Major,
4-year degree

English, Bachelor of Arts, Major
4-year degree
BA Honours available

First Nations Studies, Bachelor of Arts, Major
4-year degree

Geography, Bachelor of Arts, Major
4-year degree
Areas of study:
Sustainable Resource Management
Urban and Social Sustainability
Internship

Global Studies, Bachelor of Arts, Major
4-year degree
Areas of study:
Human Security and Global Governance
Human Development
Environment, Sustainable Development and Resource Management
International Economic Relations

History, Bachelor of Arts, Major
4-year degree

Language and Culture, (Proficiency in), Certificate
2-year, part-time certificate
Done in conjunction with bachelor's degree. French, Spanish, Chinese and Japanese available. Part-time and/or online programs may not qualify for the purposes of acquiring a study permit

Liberal Studies, Bachelor of Arts, Major
4-year degree

Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts. Major
4-year degree

Political Studies, Bachelor of Arts, Major
4-year degree

Psychology, Bachelor of Arts, Major
4-year degree

Sociology, Bachelor of Arts, Major
4-year degree

Women's Studies, Bachelor of Arts, Major
4-year degree

Art, Design and Performing Arts

Digital Media Studies, Bachelor of Arts, Major
4-year degree

Graphic Design, Bachelor of Design
4-year degree
Management stream available.
Letter of intent. Résumé. References. Portfolio.
For Management stream: Min. C+ in one of: Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11.

Interior Design, Bachelor of
4-year degree
Min. C in one of: Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11.
Letter of intent. Résumé. Portfolio. Interview.
Internship

Jazz Studies, Bachelor of Music, Diploma
4-year degree (2-year diploma + 2-years for degree completion) | **Deadline: June 15**
Audition
Areas of study:
Vocals, keyboards, winds, guitar, musical theory, composition, history, conducting and recording.

Technical Theatre, Diploma
2-year program
Interview.

Theatre, Diploma
2-year program
Interview.

Visual Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Major, Diploma
4-year degree (2-year diploma + 2 years for degree completion).
Letter of intent. Portfolio. Interview.

Areas of study:

Drawing	Sculpture
Printmaking	Watercolor
Photography	Digital Arts
Ceramics	Art History

Business and Management

Business Administration, Master of / Master of Science in International Management (University of Hertfordshire)

14 or 16-month graduate degree

Dual program available. Specializations in Finance and Marketing offered.

Internship. Letter of intent. Résumé. One year work experience. Two references from past employers or professors.

Applied Business Technology (Office Administration), Certificate

10-month or online

Part-time and/or online programs may not qualify for the purposes of acquiring a study permit.

English 12 min. C. Min. C in Mathematics 10 or Apprenticeship and Workplace Mathematics 10.

Areas of study:

Accounting Assistant
Administrative Assistant
Legal Administrative Assistant

Practicum

Business Administration, Bachelor of, Diploma

4-year degree with a 2-year diploma option

Min. C in one of: Foundations of Math 12 or Pre-Calculus 12. Optional internship.

Specializations:

Accounting	Human Resource Management
Economics	International Business
Financial Services	Management and Marketing

Business Management, Certificate

1-year program

Min. C+ in Foundations of Math 11. Min. C in Math 12 recommended.

Part-time and/or online programs may not qualify for the purposes of acquiring a study permit.

Graduate Certificate in Business (GCIB)

1-year (3 semester) graduate certificate

Bachelor's Degree or Red Seal Endorsement

Optional non-credit Co-op. Students with a GPA of 3.0 may use the GCIB as the foundation year of the MBA program, if other prerequisites are completed. 2nd year specialization in International Trade or Project Management will provide a graduate diploma in Business.

Project Management, Graduate Diploma (GDPM)

1-year graduate diploma

*Subject to Senate Approval.

International Trade, Graduate Diploma (GDIT)

1-year graduate diploma

Tourism, Recreation and Hospitality

Sustainable Leisure Management, Master of Arts

2-year graduate degree

Recognized Bachelor's degree with min. B average in last two years. Meet VIU's English language requirements.

Résumé. Reference letters. Statement of intent.

Interview (in person or by video-conference).

Compulsory orientation in early Fall semester. Criminal record check may be required for field work.

Culinary Arts, Certificate

1-year program | Intakes: January, February, August

Co-op. Foodsafe Level 1.

Min. 17 years of age. Interview may be required.

Culinary Management, Diploma

2-year program | Intakes: January, February, August

Min. C in Math 11.

Sponsored Apprenticeship. Co-op. 1-year certificate program + 1 year for Diploma completion. Complete a 1 semester bridging program to qualify for admission to Year 3 of the Bachelor of Hospitality Management program

Important prerequisite notes

Basic requirements – Undergraduate

Grade 12 / high school diploma and English 12 with a minimum "C" grade or equivalent (see page 12-13). Individual programs may have additional requirements. Details can be found at viu.ca/programs.

Program details and availability are subject to change

Basic requirements – Masters

A bachelor's degree from a recognized university, a minimum "B" average calculated in the last two years of that degree, English language proficiency (see page 12-13), resume, statement of interest, recommendation letters. Additional requirements and specifications can be found at world.viu.ca/graduate-programs

Hospitality Management, Bachelor of, Diploma

4-year degree

4-year degree with a 2-year diploma option. Co-op English 12* min. C+. Min. C+ in one of: Pre-calculus 11, Foundations of Math 11, or equivalent.

Recreation and Sport Management, Diploma

2-year diploma

Criminal record check may be required for field work. Compulsory orientation in early Fall semester.

Tourism Management, Bachelor, Major in Recreation

4-year degree

2-year RMGT diploma or tourism diploma + 2 years for degree completion. Co-op. Criminal record check may be required for field work.

Wine Business, Certificate

1-year full time or 2-year part time program

Part-time and/or online programs may not qualify for the purposes of acquiring a study permit. Min. 19 years of age.

Education

Educational Leadership, Master of Education

2 year graduate degree

Bachelor of Education degree with a CGPA of B in final two years of study.

Résumé outlining teaching experience (two years is preferred). Letter of intent. Two confidential current assessment reports. Flexible admission available.

Special Education, Master of Education

2-year graduate degree

Bachelor's degree with min. B average in final two years of study.

Résumé outlining teaching experience. Two years of teaching experience is preferred. Letter of intent. Two confidential current assessment reports.

Education, Post-Baccalaureate Bachelor of

1.5-year (18-month) post-degree program | Deadline: January 31

Elementary Teaching Option:

Recognized previous degree, 3 credits Science, 3 credits Canadian studies, 3 credits Math.

Secondary Teaching Option:

Recognized previous degree or Red Seal endorsement.

Min c+ average on most recent 60 credits. Content must meet approval of VIU Faculty of Education.

Applicant profile.

Education, Bachelor of

5-year degree

3rd year entry for transfer student from VIU and other universities. Elementary or Secondary.

Entry at Year 3 | Deadline: January 31: Completion of a minimum of 48 post-secondary credits with a C+ (2.33) GPA. Completion of an Applicant Profile.

Online Learning and Teaching, Graduate Diploma

2-year program. Online and part-time

Part-time and/or online programs may not qualify for the purposes of acquiring a study permit.

Completion of either a Bachelor of Education degree, or a prior degree in another discipline with current teaching experience.

Physical Education, Bachelor of Arts, Major, Diploma

4-year degree

2-year diploma + 2-years for degree completion.

Practicum option in degree.

Internship

Teacher Training Professional Development Program (TESL Certificate)

5-week or 3-month program

English language instruction and teaching

English as a foreign language methodology

A completed undergraduate degree or permission of the Dean. An IELTS 6.5 or TOEFL 80 or equivalent for non-native speakers.

Health and Human Services

Child and Youth Care, Bachelor, Diploma

4-year degree

2-year diploma + 2-years for degree completion. Practicum.

Entry in year 2: Human Services Certificate or 30 first year university credits. Studies should include VIU Degree English Requirement and 6 credits of Human Development.

Entry in year 3: Human Services Diploma or 54 university credits. Studies should include VIU Degree English Requirement, 6 credits of Human Development and CYC 200A, 200B, 201, 252A, 252B, 260B and 265. Min. C+ GPA calculated on the most recent 24 credits completed. Min. C+ in each individual course.

Personal statement. Résumé. References.

Dental Assistant, Certificate

10-month program

Practicum

Biology 12 min. C. Post-secondary coursework equivalent to 34 credits of: VIU Degree English Requirement; BIOL 151/152/153/154 or BIOL 156/157; CHEM 140/141 or CHEM 140/142; PSYC 111/112 or PSYC 121/122 or PSYC 131/132; MATH 211 or MATH 161; and any 100 or 200 level Post-Secondary course without a T or G suffix. Biology and Chemistry must have been completed within the last 5 years. Personal profile. Good health. 20/20 vision with correction required.

Dental Hygiene, Diploma

1-year qualifying university courses + 2 years for diploma completion

Early Childhood Education and Care, Diploma

2-year program

Practicum

60 hours of volunteer experience in a licensed childcare facility. Résumé. References. Interview.

Educational Assistant and Community Support, Certificate

8-month program

Practicum possible. Résumé. References. Interview. Fieldwork and/or practicums will require a satisfactory criminal record check prior to placement.

Social Services, Diploma

2-year program

Practicum option. Volunteer or paid experience in the human services field. Résumé. References. Interview. Personal Profile.

Social Work, Bachelor of

4-year degree

3rd year entry. Online. Part-time and/or online programs may not qualify for the purposes of acquiring a study permit. 60 credits of post-secondary courses including: VIU Degree English Requirements min. C+, 6 credits of SOCW 200A, SOCW 200B min. B-, 24 credits of Arts & Humanities and/or Social Science courses, 24 credits of other post-secondary courses not including Social Services/Social Work courses. Min. C+ average on most recent 24 credits. Personal Profile. Evidence of 100 hours work experience (paid and/or volunteer) in a community and/or clinical setting. Interview may be required.

Science and Technology

Geographic Information System Applications, Master of 2-year graduate degree

Blended in-class and online. 2.5-year fully online.

Part-time and/or online programs may not qualify for the purpose of acquiring a study permit.

Stage 1: Bachelor's degree. Significant experience or training in GIS. Introductory GIS course. Letter of Intent. References. Interview may be required.

Stage 2: Meet Stage 1 admission requirements. VIU's Advanced Diploma in GIS Applications (or equivalent) with a minimum B in all GIS diploma courses. Satisfactory assessment of the intended research topic.

Geographic Information System Applications, Advanced Diploma

8-month in-class option with mandatory practicum or 16-month online program

Feeds into MGISA. Part-time and/or online programs may not qualify for the purpose of acquiring a study permit.

University degree or technical diploma. Introductory courses in GIS and Computer Literacy.

Associate of Science, Degree

2-year associate degree

Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.

Bachelor of Science (BSc)

4-year degree

Major (M) or two minors (m)

Min. B in Pre-Calculus 12 or Provincials of Math 12.

Individual courses may have additional prerequisites including Biology 11/12, Chemistry 11/12 and Physics 11/12.

Areas of Study:

Biology	M m	Geography	m
Chemistry	M m	Geoscience	M
Computing Science	M m	Mathematics	M m
Earth Science	m	Psychology	M m

Transfer program: Physics (Co-op)

- Within a BSc degree, students may combine the Science major or double-minor with an additional minor in Arts.

Areas of study include: Anthropology, Business, Creative Writing, Criminology, Digital Media Studies, Economics, English, First Nations Studies, Geography, Global Studies, History, Journalism, Languages and Culture, Liberal Studies, Media Studies, Philosophy, Physical Education, Political Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Visual Art, Women's Studies.

Biology, Bachelor of Science

4-year degree

Areas of Study:

Microbiology
Molecular and Cellular Biology
Aquatic and Terrestrial Ecology

Computing Science, Bachelor of Science, Diploma

4-year degree

2-year diploma + 2-years for degree completion. Co-op can be mandatory or optional.
Min. C+ in Pre-Calculus 12.

Engineering Fundamentals, Certificate

8-month program

Qualified for 2nd year entrance to UBC, SFU, UVic and UofA with a specific GPA. See calendar for more details.
English 12 min. C+. Min. C+ in Principles of Physics 12 and Principles of Chemistry 12. Min. B in Pre-Calculus 12.

Fisheries and Aquaculture, Bachelor of Science

4-year degree program

English 12* min. C. Min. C+ in Biology 11, Chemistry 12 and Principles of Physics 11. Min. B in Pre-Calculus 12.
Practicum. Admission to third year requires completion of min. 54 university credits.

Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology, Diploma

2-year program

Practicum
Biology 11 min. C. Min. C in one of: Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Math 11.
Interview may be required.

Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology, Post-Degree Diploma

30 credit program (2 or 3 semesters)

Practicum.
Recognized Bachelor of Science (Biology) with a min. B average. Permission of department. Interview.

Forest Resource Technology, Diploma

2-year program

One Science 11 min. C+. Min. C in Pre-Calculus 11 or min. C+ in Foundations of Math 11.

Geoscience, Bachelor of Science

4-year degree

Program theme – Environmental Geoscience

Information Technology and Applied Systems, Diploma

2-year program

Letter of intent. Interview.

Natural Resource Protection, Bachelor of

4-year degree

2-year RMOT diploma + 2-years for degree completion
Resource Management Officer Technology Diploma or equivalent, min. C+ average.

Psychology, Bachelor of Science

4-year degree

Resource Management Officer Technology (RMOT), Diploma

2-year program

Practicum
Biology 11 min. C. Min. C in Foundations of Mathematics 11 or Pre-Calculus 11.
Personal profile. References. Interview may be required.

Upgrading Academic and Career Preparation

Adult Basic Education

For students who need to upgrade high school subjects for entrance into VIU's academic program.

Work Place Essentials Skills and Training Program

2-year, non-credit certificate program. Practicum. Part-time and/or online programs may not qualify for the purposes of acquiring a study permit.

English Language Pathway

Language Foundations 1–3

Language and Culture program focusing on communication skills.

University Preparation 4–5

6.5 weeks or 13 weeks per level.

Accelerated University Preparation (levels 4 and 5)

Full University Preparation courses condensed into 8 weeks
8-weeks per level.

Grad Prep

8-week and 13-week program to prepare graduate students to enter graduate studies.

Bridge VIU

13-week program. Students take one credit course while studying University Preparation level 5.

ESL Pathway to VIU

8-month program to upgrade your English and program prerequisites for university entry.

Exploratory Studies

Exploratory University

An opportunity to take university credit courses while exploring your options further.
Individual courses may have additional prerequisites.

Fun facts about Canada



Our national sports are hockey in the winter & lacrosse in the summer.



Canada has more lakes than any other country on earth.



We really do say “eh”!
It’s even listed in the Oxford English Dictionary.



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks to the audience at a Town Hall event at VIU's Nanaimo Campus Feb. 2, 2018.

The Canadian system

In British Columbia, students attend 12 years of education, which means that they graduate high school around the age 18.

University eligibility

High school graduation allows students to apply to any university in Canada.

Grading

In Canada, students receive a letter grade between A and F (except E) for their work. Each letter grade has a point value (4 for A, 3 for B, etc.) which is used to calculate a Grade Point Average (GPA). A GPA of 4.0 means the student earned all A's.

Letter grade	Grade points
A	4.0
B	3.0
C	2.0
D	1.0
F	0

VIU tips for success

- When you have been accepted to a program at VIU, you likely will need to register for specific classes. For the September intake, you will be able to register for classes for September and January in May.
- Even if you apply through an agent, make sure that your permanent personal email address is also on your student file so we can reach you directly prior to your arrival in Canada.
- Apply early! Programs can sometimes be full prior to the application deadline.

The most important thing to remember about applying at Vancouver Island University is that we are here to help you at every step. Please read all of our emails carefully!

Have other questions about Canada? Reach out to us by email at worldviu@viu.ca or on social media:



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Food isn't just food.

It's nourishment.
It's community.
It's life. It's art.
It's culture.



- 3 commercial kitchens •
- Fine dining restaurant •
- Local and national competitions •

Pictured: **Chetan Grover**, India
Culinary Management Diploma Program, Class of 2019



Our students participate in real time cooking and are ready to work in the industry as they learn to become top chefs. They participate in a co-op paid practicum gaining hours towards their apprenticeship Red Seal. Our students tell us the program is not only fun but it also challenges them and they learn a lot when they are working just outside their comfort zones. Some [students] are top chefs in hotels around the globe, they have opened their own restaurants or they have gone back to school to become teachers, hoteliers, sales representatives, etc.

— **Debbie Shore**
Chair, Culinary Arts

Culinary Arts Certificate

1 year, Co-op, paid work practicum

Culinary Management Diplomas

2 years, Co-op, paid work practicum. Students write Red Seal exam and are certified within Canada and worldwide

Bridging Semester (15 credits)

Bachelor of Hospitality Management

2 years, 2 Co-op terms

Admission requirements

Undergraduate academic programs

- 1) Graduation from High School in a university/college preparatory curriculum
- 2) Proof of English language proficiency is required from applicants who are applying from countries where English is not an official language and has not been the primary language of instruction.

Test	Minimum score
TOEFL Paper Based Test	550 (no section below 56)
TOEFL IBT	88 (no section below 20)
IELTS (Academic)	6.5 (no band below 6.0)
CAEL	60
Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English	176 overall
Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English	176 overall
English 12 (BC)	Min. “C”
Pearson (PTE)	65 (no section below 62)
International Baccalaureate English A1/A2	Higher Level (HL) / Standard Level (SL) grade 3 or higher
VIU English Language Centre	Successful completion of University Preparation Level 5
Advanced Placement (AP) English language and Composition or English Literature and Composition	Grade 2 or higher
Recognized university where English is the language of instruction.	Completion of six credits of post-secondary English composition and literature with a minimum grade of “C”
Language Proficiency Index (LPI)	Score 5 or higher
General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE)	English at the O level with a minimum grade of C or 4

** We will accept test results taken no more than 2 years before you apply to VIU.*

- Specific programs have additional requirements. Requirements listed at: **viu.ca/programs**
- For students who meet the academic requirements but not the English language requirement, **conditional acceptance** to VIU may be granted. In this case, admission is granted pending completion of VIU’s English Language Centre program (level UP5 for undergrad and Grad Prep for Graduate programs).

Post-degree, advanced diplomas & graduate certificates

Post-degree and Advanced Diplomas require prior completion of an undergraduate degree. To see full English and Academic requirements go to: **world.viu.ca/admissions**

Master's programs

Each program has specific instructions for admissions and requirements. Please see calendar for more detail: **world.viu.ca/graduate-programs**

- 1) Bachelor’s degree with a minimum B average in the last two years of study
- 2) Resume
- 3) Statement of interest
- 4) Supporting documents/letters of recommendation – the number and format vary depending on program.
- 5) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS may include: specific work experience and an interview
- 6) Fulfillment of the English language requirement:

Test	Minimum score
TOEFL iBT	93 (no section lower than 20)
IELTS	7.0 (no band below 6.5)
VIU English Language Centre (ELC)	Successful completion of Grad Prep
CAEL	70 (no band below 60)
Pearson (PTE)	65 (no section below 62)
Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)	185 overall
Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)	185 overall

VIU reserves the right to request English language testing to confirm appropriate placement.

Applying to VIU

1 Before you apply

Explore VIU programs here: viu.ca/programs

Check requirements for your specific program and gather your necessary documents for scanning:

- Your transcripts and a copy of your credential (diploma or degree)
- Proof of English language proficiency
- Certified English translation* of any documents issued in a language other than English
- A copy of your passport (photo page)

**All documents must be translated by a certified translator, or notarized if in a language other than English.*

2 Applying

Submit your application online:

- Scan all documents (in separate files).
- Fill in the online International Application for Admission form (world.viu.ca/apply) which includes uploading your documents and selecting your method of payment.
- Pay the \$150 (CAD) non-refundable Application Processing Fee (Visa, Mastercard, and American Express are preferred. Cheque, money order, and electronic transfer also accepted).
- Once you have submitted your online application you will receive an acknowledgment email with the receipt of payment.

Note: *Your application will not be processed until the \$150 (CAD) application fee is received, and all required scanned documents are uploaded.*

- Send all original or certified translations of documents to:
International Education
Vancouver Island University
900 Fifth Street,
Nanaimo, BC
Canada V9R 5S5

3 After you apply

- Once your application fee has been paid and all of your documents have been received, we will begin to process your application.
- It can take from 2-8 weeks to process an application. Ensuring that all of your documents are scanned in separate files and attached to the online application decreases wait time.

Note: *Masters programs and limited entry programs may take longer.*

- You will receive a **Letter of Offer (LOO)**, if you have met the admission requirements and have a competitive application. The **LOO** contains information on program start dates and instructions to pay your tuition deposit. You must pay the tuition deposit by the date indicated in the LOO.
- Once the tuition deposit has been paid an official **Letter of Acceptance (LOA)** will be emailed to you. With the **LOA** you may apply for your study permit online at cic.gc.ca or at an authorised Visa Application Centre in your country.
- Bring your original documents to Canada.
- Watch for emails from VIU as important pre-arrival information will be sent (i.e. course selection, immigration, housing).

Notes: *We encourage early applications.*

For masters programs, your LOA will not be issued until the tuition deposit is paid and all original or certified documents are received.

University transfer credit

If you have taken courses at another university, you may be able to receive transfer credit at VIU (max. 50% of program). Find out how: international.viu.ca/admissions

English Language Centre

Study English at an internationally diverse university.

Program	Entry requirements	Length	Intakes
Language Foundations (levels 1-3)	A language and culture program focusing on English for personal and professional communication.	6.5 weeks or 13 weeks per level	January, February, May, June, September, October
University Preparation (levels 4 & 5)	Academic preparation for students who want to study in a Canadian university. Students can enter undergraduate credit studies after successful completion of level 5.	6.5 weeks or 13 weeks per level	January, February, May, June, September, October
Accelerated University Preparation (levels 4 & 5)	Academic preparation for students who want to study in a Canadian university. Students can enter undergraduate credit studies after successful completion of level 5.	8 weeks per level	Level 4: May Level 5: May, July
Graduate Preparation	Academic preparation for students who want to study a master's degree in a Canadian university. Students can enter graduate studies after successful completion of Grad Prep.	Standard: 13 weeks Accelerated: 8 weeks	Standard: January, May, September Accelerated: July
ESL Pathway to VIU	Provides a direct pathway into VIU with all English language prerequisites and up to 15 academic credits.	8 months	January
Bridge VIU	Students can take one credit course while studying University Preparation level 5.	13 weeks	January, May, September

Direct entry scores	
English test requirement	Level of direct entry
IELTS 5.5 (no band lower than 5.0)	University Preparation 4
IELTS 6.0 (no band lower than 5.5)	University Preparation 5
IELTS 6.5 (no band lower than 6.0)	Grad Prep

For more information, visit world.viu.ca/elc

The High School at VIU



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Small class sizes with a student-teacher ratio of 15:1



1:1

Technology initiative putting a Chromebook laptop computer into the hands of every student



Intensive English language learning support



2 for 1

Dual credit courses in grade 12, letting you earn high school and university credits at the same time

1 of 2

Canadian high schools that are based on a university campus allowing guaranteed entry to university

Programs

British Columbia Dogwood Diploma

Grades 10, 11 and 12

Program tuition

\$17,000 per year (including supplies, texts and use of a Chromebook laptop)

Adult International High School Diploma

1-year pathway to university entrance

Summer Camps

English language development

20 hours of English language instruction per week, and activities on Vancouver Island

University Pre-VIU

An introduction to university life unfolding over 2-weeks

How to apply

1

Open the True North application page:
ths.viu.ca/become-student

2

Register as a Parent or Agent

3

Fill the application. Upload the photo page from your passport, high school transcripts and English assessment scores. Submit the application.

4

Pay the CAD\$250 application fee

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Did you know?

As an international student with a valid study permit you may be able to work 20 hrs/week during full time studies?

cic.gc.ca/english/study

If you have graduated in Canada from a post-secondary institution as an international student, you may be eligible for a post-graduate work permit to work in Canada for up to 3 years? For more information on working as an international student in Canada please refer to:

cic.gc.ca/english/study

The campus itself provides a lot of great opportunities for students to engage and feel connected. I am one of the executive directors of the VIU Model United Nations Club, which provides an opportunity to excel and broaden my skills in the field of international politics.

— **Anastasiya Kryvonos**
Sociology & Global Studies
Ukraine

Education abroad and work experience

Field school

See our latest: international.viu.ca/education-abroad/field-schools-and-field-trips

Exchange programs

international.viu.ca/education-abroad/outgoing-exchange

Pick your country and transfer credit back from 1 or 2 semesters abroad at a University partner in Australia, Germany or New Zealand (just to name a few).

Co-ops

Gain academic credit for a structured work experience.

- Sports and Recreation Management (Diploma)
- Hospitality Management (Diploma/Bachelor)
- Tourism Management (Bachelor)
- Computer Science (Bachelor)
- Culinary Arts (Certificate/Diploma)

Practicums

The practical application of your coursework.

- Child and Youth Care (Diploma/Bachelor)
- Early Childhood Education (Diploma)
- Education (Bachelor / Post-Baccalaureate)
- Fisheries and Aquaculture (Post-Degree Diploma)
- Dental Assistant
- Educational Assistant and Community Support (Certificate)
- Fisheries and Aquaculture (Diploma/Bachelor of Science)
- Natural Resource Protection (Bachelor & RMOT)

Internships

A position in an organization that will help you gain experience.

- MBA
- BBA
- Interior Design
- Criminology
- Physical Education
- Creative Writing
- Anthropology
- Global Studies

Centre for Experiential Learning

viu.ca/cel

Helps students transition into the job market with sought-after skills and experience.

Career Services

Provides career development support viu.ca/career-services

Housing and food

On-Campus student housing — Nanaimo

viu.ca/residence

Single or double rooms.

Homestay

world.viu.ca/homestay

Live with and be a part of a Canadian family.

With 3 meals included **or** without meals.

Off-campus housing

places4students.com

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

Food Services

viu.ca/food-services

2 Cafeterias.

- Student Value Meal Plan - receive 5% bonus and don't pay tax.
- Dining Dollars - receive 5% bonus dollars at the time of purchase.

Grocery shuttle

world.viu.ca/grocery-shuttle

For international students living in residences there is a free bus service to the supermarket twice a week.

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 viu.ca/residence for more details.





Student life and support

International academic support

world.viu.ca/academic-support

Tutoring, coaching and academic success workshops for graduate and undergraduate students.

Campus recreation

viu.ca/campus-rec

Gym and facilities, intramurals, fitness classes and outdoor recreation programs.

Peer helpers

world.viu.ca/peer-helper

Students helping new students.

VIUSU activities

viusu.ca

Clubs, social events, advocating for students, welcome festivities, movie nights and the Students' Union Pub.

VIU Health and Wellness Centre Clinic

viu.ca/health-and-wellness

Cultural Connections

world.viu.ca/cultural-connections

Cultural activities aimed at getting to know Vancouver Island and making new friends.

Public buses

rdn.bc.ca

One of the main transfer hubs for city buses is on our campus.

International student advising

world.viu.ca/advising

Our experienced advisors help with academic advising, personal counselling, class scheduling, and directing students in finding resources for renewing study permits or working with Canadian immigration.

Disability services

viu.ca/disability-services

To help all persons with disabilities navigate university life.

University athletics

The VIU Mariners varsity program has a tradition of excellence on the court, field or course and in the classroom as well. Our athletes are supported on their journey to success and the VIU Mariners have won the BC Collegiate Aggregate Award for top overall athletic program in the PacWest for nine years in a row. For more information visit viu.ca/mariners

- 2018 Women's National Volleyball Gold (CCAA)
- 2018 VIU's Mikayla Wagner named female athlete of the year in Volleyball (PACWEST)
- 2018 Kaitlyn Lafontaine wins Premier's Award for Aboriginal Excellence in Sport
- 2018 VIU's Megan Roselund wins—Sport BC College Athlete of the Year
- 2018 VIU's Emma Platner named "All-Canadian" Basketball (CCAA)
- 2018 VIU's Usama Zaid named "All-Canadian" Basketball
- 2017 Men's Soccer National Champions



Varsity teams and coaches

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Women's Soccer Kevin.Lindo@viu.ca
Men's Volleyball Abe.Avender@viu.ca
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Competitive clubs and coaches

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Baseball Nick.Salahub@viu.ca



I want to help my team on the pitch and be a positive influence for the team. My Canadian team mates are helping me a lot on and off the pitch.

— **Shun Takano**, Japan
ESL + Bachelor of Tourism
Voted MVP during 2017 Men's National Soccer Championship win

Scholarships

For more information: international.viu.ca/international-student-scholarships-and-awards

Entrance scholarships

Entrance scholarships are based on academic merit and are awarded 6 weeks after the application deadline.

VIU World-Wide Entrance Scholarships

Number: Maximum 20 each year / Amount: \$2,000 each

British Columbia High School International Excellence Entrance Scholarship

Number: Maximum 3 each year / Amount: \$1,000 per year for up to 4 years of Academic study

The High School at Vancouver Island University International Excellence Award

Number: Minimum 2 each year / Amount: \$1,000 each

VIU International Undergraduate Regional Scholarships

Number: 6 each year / Amount: \$5,000 (\$2,500 awarded for the first year of study and \$2,500 for the second year)

Regions:

- China - 1 scholarship
- India - 1 scholarship
- Europe - 1 scholarship
- Africa - 1 scholarship
- South America - 1 scholarship
- Open - 1 scholarship. The open scholarship is available to students from any nation outside of the countries already identified in the other Regional Scholarships.

IB Full Program Scholarships

Number: Maximum 3 each year / Amount: \$1,000 per year for up to 4 years of Academic study

IB Entry Scholarships

Number: All IB Diploma holders receive this scholarship
Amount: \$1,000 each for the first year of study

British Columbia Offshore School Entrance Scholarship

Number: Maximum 2 each year / Amount: \$1,000 each

MBA Entrance Scholarship

Number: 1 per cohort / Amount: \$1,000

Continuing scholarships

International Education Academic Excellence Scholarship

Number: Maximum 15 each year / Amount: \$1,000 each

VIU Peer Helper Award

Number: Minimum 2 each year / Amount: \$1,000 tuition credit

VIU English Language Program Academic Award

\$1000

VIU English Language Program Community Engagement

\$1000

Outstanding International Student Award

Number: Maximum 2 / Amount: \$1,000 each

VIU Outstanding International Student Athlete Award

2 each year / Amount: \$1,000 each

Masako & Stanley Fukawa Scholarship (Social Sciences / Social Justice)

1 each year / Amount: \$2,000 (\$1000 awarded for the first year, and \$1000 for the second year)



Did you know?

There are some scholarships available through the Canadian Government: scholarships-bourses.gc.ca

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Tuition

Note: student fees, lab fees, cost of living, etc., are not included in these amounts.

Undergraduate, Diploma, Certificate, and Academic and Career Preparation programs

\$8,340 per semester (up to 15 credits)

Advanced, Post-Degree, & Graduate Diplomas

From \$8,340 to \$10,425 per semester (up to 15 credits)

English as a Second Language programs

\$5,100 full-semester (13 weeks)

\$2,550 half-semester (6.5 weeks)

\$1,975 short-term (4 weeks)

\$1,650 (3 weeks)

Master of Arts in Sustainable Leisure Management

Master of Community Planning

\$25,000 per program

Master of Business Administration

Single degree (MBA) with Project **or** Specialization

\$33,000 – 14-16 months

Single Degree (MBA) with Project **and** specialization

\$36,500 – 16 months

Dual Degree (MBA/MScIM) with Project:

\$35,000 – 14-16 months

Dual Degree (MBA/MScIM) with Project and Specialization:

\$38,750 16 months

Foundation: \$5190 – 2 months

Graduate Certificate in Business (GCIB)

\$20,850 per program

Master of Education in Educational Leadership or Special Education

\$25,000 per program

Master of GIS Applications

\$34,800 per program

Graduate Diploma International Trade

\$20,850

Graduate Diploma Project Management*

\$20,850

Pathway to VIU

\$18,540 per program

* Subject to VIU Senate approval

Average first year budget			12 months
Estimated expenses based on shared off campus accommodation and tuition for Bachelor of Arts.			(includes 2 semesters of study and one summer off)
	1 semester	2 semesters	
Tuition	\$8,340*	\$16,680*	\$16,680*
Medical & Dental insurance	\$275	\$550	\$825
Student Fees	\$450	\$900	\$900
Books	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,200
Food & Accommodation	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$12,000
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
Transport (bus)	\$170	\$340	\$540
Total	\$14,835	\$29,670	\$35,145

*All fees are quoted in Canadian dollars and are subject to change without prior notice



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FINALIST
2018

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)

