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Graduate Programs

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Vancouver Island University is a public university located in the city of Nanaimo on beautiful Vancouver Island on the magnificent west coast of Canada. Our inspiring natural setting, personal attention in small size classes, quality programming and values-based education, together, set VIU apart from other universities. In this nurturing environment we celebrate students' academic accomplishments as much as we celebrate their social competencies. We aim to help students develop their relationship skills by engaging with local and global communities within and beyond the classroom.



Our core values

Quality teaching

Diversity

Equality

Community

Sustainability

14,500 Students

70+

Staff Supporting
International
Students

Class
Size
Maximum
34
students

2,000

International
students
from over
93 countries



120+

 programs

\$3.5 million

in scholarships, awards and
bursaries available to VIU students

100,000

alumni network
worldwide



FINALIST
2018

2018

Global Teaching
Excellence Award Finalist

The safety of our students, staff and community is always our first priority.
For the latest updates and more information on VIU's response to COVID-19, please visit:
world.viu.ca/covid-19-updates-international-students.

Graduate Programs viu.ca for details	Credential	Master's Degree 2 years	Graduate Diploma 1 year	Graduate Diploma 2 year	Graduate Certificate 1 year	Post-Degree Diploma 1 year	Intake September	January	Apply by	GPA	Letter of intent	Work Experience	References	Resume	Bachelor's Degree	Assessment Form	Notes
Business Administration (MBA)	✓						✓	✓	March 31 June 30	B*	✓	✓	2	✓	✓		No GMAT; internship
Sustainable Leisure Management	✓					✓	✓		March 31	B*	✓		3	✓	✓	3	
Community Planning	✓						✓		Feb. 28	B*	✓		3	✓	✓		
Geographic Information Systems	✓					✓	✓		Jan 31	B*	✓	✓	2	✓	✓		Intro GIS course; Practicum
Educational Leadership	✓						✓		March 31	B*	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	2	2 years of teaching experience preferred
Special Education	✓						✓		March 31	B*	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	2	2 years of teaching experience preferred
Business (GCIB)					✓		✓	✓	March 31 June 30	C+					✓		Can ladder into GDPM, GDIT and MBA programs
Project Management (GDPM)			✓				✓		March 31 June 30	C+		✓		✓	✓		Business degree + 1 year work experience, or completion of GCIB
Hospitality Management				✓			✓	✓	March 31	C+	✓	✓		✓	✓		
International Trade (GDIT)			✓					✓	March 31 June 30	C+		✓		✓	✓		Business degree + 1 year work experience, or completion of GCIB
Fisheries and Aquaculture						✓	✓		March 31	B					✓		Bachelor of Science; interview; permission of department
Online Learning and Teaching				✓			✓		Aug 15	B*					✓		

* Under review

* B average is calculated in the last 2 years

* Students from countries where English is not the official language must meet the following English Language proficiency scores for direct entry. IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5. TOEFL iBT 93 with no section under 20.

Master of Business Administration (MBA)



The MBA program at Vancouver Island University (VIU) is a full-time, cohort based program that builds the managerial competence to navigate and meet the challenges of an increasingly complex, digital, interconnected world. With a focus on building the leader of tomorrow, the VIU MBA program is one of the most technologically integrated programs in Canada, with data analytics embedded in research courses and four dedicated, technology-focused courses. MBA students are supported by career coaching throughout the program, and work with industry mentors during an internship where they undertake an applied business project.

Application Period

October 1 – March 31

September start

October 1 – June 30

January start

Program Length

20 months

Full Program Tuition

\$48,000 (CAD)

Features

Integrated business internship

Two start dates per year

No GMAT required

Any bachelor degree accepted

90% of graduates are working full-time in 4-8 months

Career Possibilities

Management

Business Development

Corporate Finance

Account Management

Consulting: Strategy, Operations or Human Resources

Sales and Marketing

Entrepreneur

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree with a minimum "B" average in the last two years of undergraduate degree.
- Letter of introduction explaining how the MBA will contribute to career plans.
- A résumé describing education, work and volunteer experience.
- Two letters of recommendation from past employers or professors.
- One year minimum of work experience.
- No GMAT (entrance examination) score.
- Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
 - IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
 - TOEFL iBT 93 with no band below 20; or
 - Completion of VIU's English Language Grad Prep program.

Note: Applicants without a Bachelor degree, but with significant work experience, may apply with a GMAT score. These applicants will be considered on an individual basis.

The MBA program is intense in that it is condensed within a strict time-frame but that challenge alone has made me understand myself much better. Time management is one skill that I have had to pick up along the way. It is also demanding because it consists of many group projects. Therefore, collaboration is key. It has made me realize that patience is crucial when working in groups. There will be difficult situations that involve team members and one has to wisely manoeuvre through it.

— **Mahjabeen**, Bangladesh, *Class of 2020*



Master of Arts in Sustainable Leisure Management (MASLM)

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree.
- A minimum average of "B" calculated in the last two years of the undergraduate degree.
- Resume.
- Three letters of reference and three referee forms (preferably two academic referees and one professional).
- Statement of interest addressing each of the following:
 - Areas of research interest (i.e. parks, festivals, resorts, tourism, etc.);
 - Statement of career interest; and
 - Summary of relevant preparation (i.e. career and academic).
- Interview.
- Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
 - IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
 - TOEFL iBT 93 with no band below 20; or
 - Completion of VIU's English Language Grad Prep program.

The MASLM is a full-time, cohort based program that equips leaders with the knowledge and skills to apply innovative solutions to sustainability challenges in the global context. The program begins with eight months of course work, including: principles and paradigms of leisure and sustainability, influencing change, knowledge creation and mobilization, case studies in sustainability. In the second year, students are mentored individually as they apply their knowledge and skills to a field experience, and document their results in a research thesis. This world-class program prepares students to address sustainability challenges and create solutions that ensure all stakeholders can enjoy natural and cultural resources.

Application Period

October 1-March 31
September start

Program Length

2 years

Full Program Tuition

\$25,800 (CAD)
Subject to Board approval

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



I am inspired by the learning style at VIU. For the first time in my learning journey, I have experienced class sessions that are so interactive. All the instructors are open-minded, they always bring great discussions to the table, and students are able to share their experiences which has enabled us to examine different issues holistically.

I also enjoy the friendliness of the professors, the infrastructure, and the resources that are available to students. The good relationship between my cohort and instructors has helped us to navigate through the program. The diversity that exists among us in terms of cultural background has tied us together. We support one another in many circumstances, and we feel socially included.

— Whitney, Tanzania, *Class of 2021*

Master of Community Planning

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	\$25,800 (CAD) <i>Subject to Board approval</i>

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

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor’s degree with a minimum average of “B” calculated in the last two years of the undergraduate degree.
- Résumé.
- Three letters of reference (academic or professional referees).
- Statement of interest addressing each of the following areas:
 - Areas of research interest;
 - Statement of career interest; and
 - Statement of volunteer and/or career experience.
- Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
 - IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
 - TOEFL iBT 93 with no band below 20; or
 - Completion of VIU’s English Language Grad Prep program.

University is more than lectures and assignments. It’s about exploration, experimentation, and self-discovery. To date, I am most proud of being accepted into the MCP program at VIU and the projects I have been a part of. I have been able to work with Indigenous Services Canada, the City of Nanaimo, and the Town of Qualicum Beach to name a few.

– Felicia, Germany, Class of 2021



Master of GIS Applications

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree.
- Significant previous experience or training in GIS including completion of an introductory GIS course from an accredited post-secondary institution.
- A letter of intent that includes:
 - a summary of academic and professional experience; and
 - a statement of career goals; and
 - a description of the research topic which the applicant wishes to pursue.
- Two letters of reference.
- Interview (if requested).
- Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
 - IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
 - TOEFL iBT 93 with no band below 20; or
 - Completion of VIU's English Language Grad Prep program.

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. 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

October 1 – January 31

September start

Program Length

2 years

Full Program Tuition

\$36,000 (CAD)

Subject to Board approval

Features

2 year program with 2 month practicum included

Strong ties to industry, government and non-governmental organizations

Career Possibilities

GIS Administration

Research

Teaching

GIS Consulting

GIS Systems Design

GIS Applications Programming



Master of Education in Educational Leadership

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

October 1-March 31
September start

Program Length

2 years

Full Program Tuition

\$25,800 (CAD)
Subject to Board approval

Features

2-year full-time, cohort-based program

Directed project or thesis completed in year 2

Strong focus on developing leadership skills for the skills for the field of education

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

Education Researcher

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree (Bachelor of Education preferred) with a minimum average of "B" in the last two years.
- A résumé outlining teaching experience (two years preferred).
- Two current, confidential assessment reports.
- A letter of intent explaining why the applicant wishes to pursue graduate work in this area.
- Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
 - IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
 - TOEFL iBT 93 with no band below 20; or
 - Completion of VIU's English Language Grad Prep program.
- Flexible admission can be available when there is significant professional experience relevant to the proposed area of scholarship.

I have always been passionate about teaching English so I enrolled in two programs at VIU: Master of Education in Educational Leadership and TESL. Before I came to VIU, I thought the role of an educational leader was merely about the administration and management of a school since I barely interacted with the principals in my home country. However, through the MEDL program, I have recognized the importance of being a supportive leader in the education field. I have had the best two-year experience ever at VIU. I tried many things that I would not have had the courage to do. Being at VIU inspired me to be much braver than I thought I could be.

— **Mayo**, China, *Class of 2020*



Master of Education in Special Education

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree with a minimum average of "B" in the last two years.
- A résumé outlining teaching experience (two years preferred).
- Two current, confidential assessment reports.
- A letter of intent explaining why the applicant wishes to pursue graduate work in this area.
- Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
 - IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
 - TOEFL iBT 93 with no band below 20; or
 - Completion of VIU's English Language Grad Prep program.
- Flexible admission can be available when there is significant professional experience relevant to the proposed area of scholarship.

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

October 1-March 31

September start

Program Length

2 years

Full Program Tuition

\$25,800 (CAD)

Subject to Board approval

Features

2-year full-time, cohort-based program

Directed project or thesis completed in year 2

Responsive teaching

Principles of assessment and intervention planning

Examination of critical issues and evidence-based pedagogies

Career Possibilities

Independent School Special Education Teacher

College Instructor

Special Education Consultant

Disabilities Advisor

Industry Training

Education Researcher



The professors are awesome! Not only are they truly active listeners, but they also show profound understanding and unbelievable support to address the needs and challenges of international students. Professors are field experts who can give precise answers of what it is like in the job. Our program coordinator has offered us opportunities to shadow school support teachers at public schools. This has made the program more authentic and practical.

— Cuong, Vietnam, Class of 2021



Elena | Russia, ESL + MBA

When I came to Canada it was my first experience in a foreign country, so everything seemed so unusual to me. I was excited to learn a new language and a new lifestyle.

VIU provides many outdoor activities to explore the Island. I also got a chance to give something back to the community by volunteering at the local student radio.

I would like to thank #VIU for the fact that

I received a scholarship because of my volunteering engagement. I have learned a lot since I came to Canada by meeting different people, by doing different activities and [by getting] help from my teachers.



Shivam | India, MBA

I intended to pursue a career in Management so I chose VIU since I knew it would give me a forward-focused knowledge in marketing and finance. And the overall experience at VIU has been outstanding.

One thing that stood out for me was how hard the faculty members worked to make sure that students are getting an amazing experience, not just in terms of obtaining knowledge but making us all feel welcome.

I was struck by Nanaimo's cozy vibe.

The small city environment is comforting and has everything that a student needs — cafeterias, walking trails, nice scenery and all conveniences. I made a lot of friends and because I am a member of a cricket club, I would travel to Victoria and other towns too, to play with teams. It was a great way to build my network.

Graduate Certificate in Business (GCIB)

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or Canadian Red Seal Endorsement.
- Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
 - IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
 - TOEFL iBT 93 with no band below 20; or
 - Completion of VIU's English Language Grad Prep program.
- Preference will be given to candidates with at least one year of work experience.
- Graduates of the certificate program with a CGPA of 3.0 or higher and one year of work experience may apply for direct entry into the MBA program. Graduates 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.

The GCIB is a full-time, cohort based program that builds foundational business knowledge and skills. GCIB equips students with critical concepts in strategy, leadership, accounting, and finance. The program is delivered over three semesters and has two intakes: September and January. GCIB is designed for students looking to build business knowledge and/or for those needing a business credential before continuing on to one of the VIU Faculty of Management graduate diplomas or the MBA.

Application Period

October 1 – March 31

October 1 – June 30

September and January start

Program Length

1 year (3 semesters)

Full Program Tuition

\$21,450 (CAD)

Subject to Board approval

Features

Gain core business knowledge and skill

Build academic skills required for success at the graduate level

Cohort based program

Two start dates per year

Admission with any bachelor degree or Red Seal certification

Career Possibilities

Administrative Officer

Human Resources Specialist

Marketing Coordinator



The university's openness to accepting different cultures and at the same time providing students with the opportunity to showcase their culture is encouraging. It helps international students to feel comfortable and proud of our heritage. It's a small step with a big impact. I have honestly enjoyed my time at VIU. The business faculty, as well as the services and additional activities that allow a student to grow and explore new opportunities, are noteworthy. I looked forward to attending classes every single day. An added benefit is that the view of the sea and the mountains from the campus is breathtaking!

— Shraddha, India, Class of 2019 (now enrolled in the MBA)

Graduate Diploma in International Trade (GDIT)

The GDIT is a full-time, one-year cohort based program that builds specialized expertise in international business and trade. GDIT equips students with critical knowledge and skills to engage in international import/export activities, including: feasibility assessment, international marketing, international trade finance, and global supply chain management. Successful GDIT students are eligible for the internationally recognized Certified International Trade Professional (CITP) designation. The program has one intake that starts in January and is delivered over three semesters.

Application Period

October 1 – March 31

January start

Program Length

1 year (3 semesters)

Full Program Tuition

\$21,450 (CAD)

Subject to Board approval

Features

Specialized international trade knowledge and skills

Cohort based program

Certified International Trade Professional certification

Applied import/export project

Career Possibilities

International Trade Manager

International Business Advisor

Importer/Exporter

Logistics Analyst

Admission Requirements

- An acceptable undergraduate or master's degree in business from a recognised university with a minimum "C+" (2.33) grade point average on the most recent 60 credits, or VIU's Graduate Certificate in Business (GCIB) with a minimum "C+" (2.33) grade point average.
- Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
 - IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
 - TOEFL iBT 93 with no band below 20; or
 - Completion of VIU's English Language Grad Prep program.
- Preference will be given to individuals whose background, prior work, and study indicate preparation for careers in international business and trade.



Graduate Diploma in Project Management (GDPM)

Admission Requirements

- An acceptable undergraduate or master's degree in business from a recognised university with a minimum "C+" (2.33) grade point average on the most recent 60 credits, or VIU's Graduate Certificate in Business (GCIB) with a minimum "C+" (2.33) grade point average.
- Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
 - IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
 - TOEFL iBT 93 with no band below 20; or
 - Completion of VIU's English Language Grad Prep program.
- Preference will be given to individuals whose background, and prior work and study indicate preparation for careers in project management.
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The GDPM is a full-time one-year cohort based program that builds specialized expertise in the tools and techniques of project management. GDPM equips students with the critical knowledge and skills for effectively managing medium/large scale projects, including: project scoping and scheduling, cost and time control, risk assessment, project implementation, monitoring and control systems. Successful GDPM students are eligible to complete assessment for the Certified Associate Project Management (CAPM) and Project Management Professional (PMP) designations of the Project Management Institute (PMI). The program has one intake that starts in the fall and is delivered over three semesters.

Application Period

October 1 – March 31

September start

Program Length

1 year (3 semesters)

Full Program Tuition

\$21,450 (CAD)

Subject to Board approval

Features

Specialized project management knowledge and skills

Cohort based program

Preparation for CAPM and PMP designations

Integrated project management applied project

Career Possibilities

Business Project Manager

Development Project Manager

Operations Project Manager

Site Manager



Graduate Diploma in Hospitality Management (GDHM)

The GDHM is a full-time, cohort-based program that builds innovative leaders in hospitality management. This highly experiential and interactive program incorporates both internship work experience and laboratory modules. Delivered over two years, the program begins with foundational course work cumulating in a concentrated visiting scholars lecture series prior to a scheduled break. In the second year, students are mentored individually as they apply their knowledge and skills to a field experience, documenting their results in a graduate level consulting report. Hospitality Management graduates are in demand, and VIU’s world-class program prepares students to be the “go to” decision-makers prepared with analytical skills, business acumen, and future orientated leadership.

Application Period

October 1 – March 31
October 1 – June 30

September and January start

Program Length

2 years (6 semesters)

Full Program Tuition

\$45,045 (CAD)

Subject to Board approval

Features

Fully integrated internship
Cohort based
Experiential learning
Direct contact with hospitality industry experts

Career Possibilities

Hotel General Manager
Hotel Chain Regional Vice President
Regional Sales Manager
Accommodation Service Manager
Retail / Wholesale Trade Manager

Application Requirements

- Bachelor’s degree in hospitality management, or a related discipline with a “C+” average calculated in the last 2 years of the undergraduate degree; or Bachelor’s degree with a “C+” average calculated in the last 2 years of the undergraduate degree, and
- a minimum of 1 year work experience in a supervisory or managerial capacity, preferably in a service organization; or, a minimum of 3 years work experience in the hospitality industry demonstrating increased responsibility; or, a minimum of 10 years of directly related work experience in a hospitality organization at a supervisory or managerial position, with a minimum of “C+” grade in Mathematics 11 or equivalent.
- Meet one of the following VIU English language requirements:
 - IELTS 7.0 with no band below 6.5;
 - TOEFL iBT 93 with no band below 20; or
 - Completion of VIU’s English Language Grad Prep program.



Learn English at a university recognized for teaching excellence

Program	Description	Length	Intakes	Tuition
Language Foundations (levels 1-3)	A language and culture program focusing on English for personal and professional communication. * Listening & Speaking - 6.5 weeks, Reading & Writing - 6.5 weeks	6.5 week and 13 weeks	August 31 - October 20, 2020 October 19 - December 8, 2020 January 4 - February 23, 2021 February 22 - April 13, 2021 April 26 - June 15, 2021 June 14 - August 3, 2021	\$2,550 and \$5,100
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. * Listening & Speaking - 6.5 weeks, Reading & Writing - 6.5 weeks	6.5 week and 13 weeks	August 31 - October 20, 2020 October 19 - December 8, 2020 January 4 - February 23, 2021 February 22 - April 13, 2021 April 26 - June 15, 2021 June 14 - August 3, 2021	\$2,550 and \$5,100
Graduate Preparation	Academic preparation for students who want to study a master's degree at VIU. Students can enter graduate studies after successful completion of Grad Prep.	13 weeks	August 31 - December 8, 2020 January 4 - April 13, 2021 April 26 - August 3, 2021	\$5,100
Online: ESL (levels 1-4)*	Academic English in a livestreamed online delivery format. * Listening & Speaking - 6.5 weeks, Reading & Writing - 6.5 weeks	6.5 week and 13 weeks	August 31 - October 20, 2020 October 19 - December 8, 2020 January 4 - February 23, 2021 February 22 - April 13, 2021 April 26 - June 15, 2021 June 14 - August 3, 2021	\$2,550 and \$5,100
TESL certificate	A TESL Canada accredited certificate in Teaching English as a Second or Foreign Language (TESL) with 100 hours of theory plus a 20-hour supervised practicum.	3 months part-time 5-weeks full time	January 11 - April 13, 2021 (part-time) September 7 - December 7, 2021 (part-time) June 28 - July 30, 2021 (full-time)	\$2,499

* Students must finish both 6.5 week courses to complete a level

Direct entry scores to VIU

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

Sample budget for one ESL semester (13 weeks)

Application Fee	\$150
Tuition	\$5,100
Ancillary Fee	\$303.70*
Student Union Fee	\$82.92
Medical Insurance	\$249.50
Homestay Application Fee	\$275
Homestay Fee (\$950/month)	\$3,800
Total	\$9,961.12

Prices are in Canadian dollars, and are subject to change without notice.
*Subject to Board Approval.





Andre | Brazil, Grad Prep + MBA

This university has an excellent reputation in Canada. Their MBA program is accredited by ACBSP, which reinforces its seriousness, and the program price matches my budget.

I believe that the teachers' support and availability have been the most important part of my ESL studies at VIU. To be honest, if you need support, there will always be someone to help you. And my advice for new students joining VIU? Remember that you are living in another culture, and you are interacting with people from all over the world. Always be open-minded and respectful. Of course, you need to be focused on your studies, but try your best to enjoy your stay as much as you can. Vancouver Island is a beautiful region, and there are many activities to do.



Damon | China, ESL + MBA

The size of the classes at VIU is one of the most attractive factors because, from my perspective, having more chances to communicate with teachers is more suitable for me. And the reputation of the MBA degree at VIU is pretty nice in Canada.

Living in Nanaimo has also helped me to experience real Canadian life. Canada is a multicultural country, so being open does not only mean being able to embrace new things but also understanding the differences. Your classmates definitely grew up in a different cultural background. Sometimes, being a listener is a good way to make yourself become more open. And do not feel shy when it is your time to express yourself. Grab every chance to communicate and learn. We are not native English speakers and some of your classmates will not be either. They may be able to speak English smoothly and soon you will also be able to do that.

Housing: The Right Fit for You

Your Canadian experience may vary significantly depending on the accommodation option you choose. It is up to you to decide which arrangement is more suitable for you or you can try them all throughout the term of your program.

Meal plans and/or gift cards can be purchased in advance.

View details at services.viu.ca/food-services/meal-plans

Note: Fees are subject to change. Please check world.viu.ca/cost-calculator for updates.

Homestay

**Effective from May 2021*

\$950/month with meals

\$650/month without meals

A Canadian family experience

Practice English language skills in a household

Off-campus, within a 45-minute bus ride to campus

Host families are trained by VIU Homestay staff

24-hour emergency support available through the Homestay Office

\$275 Application fee

Apply:

Minimum 6 weeks before move-in day
world.viu.ca/homestay

Contact: homestay@viu.ca

Residence

\$525 double room

\$965.50 single room

(Additional fees between terms)

Semi-Independent living

Live on campus with Canadian and international students

Mentorship, support and social events

24-hour staff on site

\$500 Room Deposit

Apply:

By May 1 for 1st year guarantee
viu.ca/residence

Contact: residence@viu.ca

Off-campus Housing

From \$600/room

\$1,200-1,600/apartment

(rental rates will vary)

Independent living

Options for roommates, families and students with partners

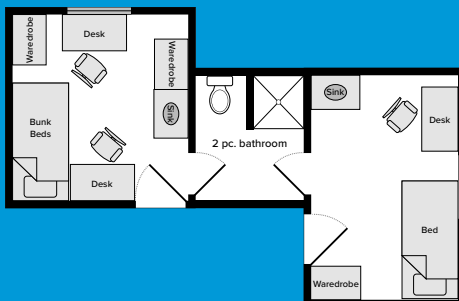
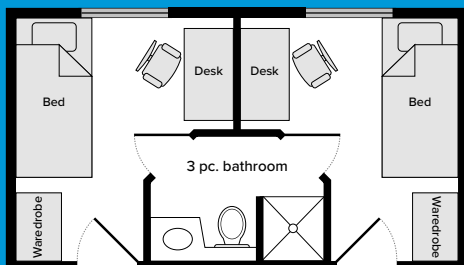
Flexibility of choice (apartment, house, etc.)

Independent arrangements with landlord and/or roommates

Self-directed search with support from off-campus housing

Damage deposit required by landlord

VIU Residence Room Layouts



viu.ca/residence

A homestay Canadian family experience



Applying to VIU

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
- Official 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 PDF separate files)
- Pay the non-refundable application fee of **\$150 CAD**

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.

After Applying:

- Receive your Letter of Offer, if successful, within 6-8 weeks after application from **masters@viu.ca**
- 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, V9R 5S5
Canada**
- Watch your email for an official Letter of Acceptance from **masters@viu.ca**
- Apply for your visa/study permit from the nearest Canadian Embassy, Consulate or High Commission

Test	Graduate
VIU English Language Centre	Successful completion of Grad Prep
IELTS (Academic)	7.0 (no band below 6.5)
TOEFL iBT	93 (no section lower than 20)
CAEL	70 (no band below 60)
Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English	185 overall
Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English	185 overall
English 12 (BC)	
Pearson (PTE)	65 (no section below 62)
International Baccalaureate English A1/A2	
Advanced Placement (AP) English Language and Composition or English Literature and Composition	
Recognized university where English is the language of instruction	3 years of study (Bachelor degree) from a university in a country where English is an official language and was primary language of instruction
Language Proficiency Index (LPI)	
General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE)	


Typical one-year budget

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




\$12,000

Living Costs
Shared off-campus
housing & food




\$1,200

Books




\$1,725

Student fees +
medical insurance



\$540

Transportation
(Bus)



\$3,000

Miscellaneous

For a cost of living estimate, please visit world.viu.ca/cost-calculator



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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 this 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)

Seair (20 minutes)

