



VANCOUVER ISLAND  
UNIVERSITY



2020-21

# International Programs



[world.viu.ca](http://world.viu.ca)

# Why students love it here



Mild weather  
all year



Safe community



Friendly and  
multicultural



Affordable  
cost of living



Engaged business  
community



Proximity to both  
natural attractions  
and urban hubs





# 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

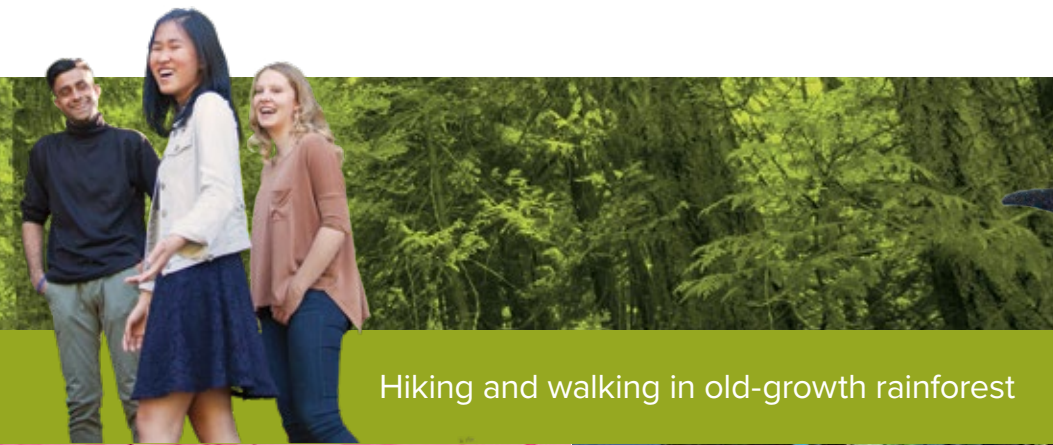
### COVID-19 Response

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](https://world.viu.ca/covid-19-updates-international-students)

# Explore Vancouver Island

Find out what **#vancouverisland** is all about!



Hiking and walking in old-growth rainforest



Safe and Affordable



Mild and warm climate



Close to natural attractions  
and urban hubs







### Aquatic adventures:

Scuba diving, kayaking, canoeing, paddle-boarding, sailing, surfing, whale-watching



Renowned surf and spa resorts on the West Coast



Friendly and multicultural



## Nanaimo, B.C.

Located in the central part of Vancouver Island, Nanaimo is a busy, beautiful harbour city and a welcoming community of over 90,000 people. The city offers the best of two worlds: urban opportunities and natural environment.

# Programs

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## Credential

1 year Certificate

2 year Diploma

4 year Degree

## Intake

September

January

## Experiential Learning

## Basic Admissions

## Additional Requirements

## Notes

### Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Anthropology	H M m			✓	✓	✓	●📍	✓		
Business	m			✓	✓	✓		✓		
Creative Writing	M m			✓	✓	✓	●	✓		
Criminology	M m		✓	✓	✓		●	✓	C in Eng 12; C in Precal 11	Admission ranking by Math / English GPA
Digital Media Studies	M m			✓	✓	✓		✓		
Digital Media	m			✓	✓	✓				
Media Studies	m			✓	✓	✓		✓		
Economics	M m			✓	✓	✓		✓		
English	H M m			✓	✓	✓		✓		
Indigenous/Xwulmuxw Studies	M m			✓	✓	✓	●	✓		
Geography	M m			✓	✓	✓	●	✓		
Global Studies	M m			✓	✓	✓	●	✓		
History	H M m			✓	✓	✓		✓		
Journalism	m			✓	✓	✓		✓		
Languages and Culture	m			✓	✓	✓		✓		
Liberal Studies	M m			✓	✓	✓	📍	✓		
Mathematics	M m			✓	✓	✓		✓	Math prerequisites will apply	
Philosophy	H M m			✓	✓	✓	●	✓		
Political Studies	M m			✓	✓	✓		✓		
Psychology	H M m			✓	✓	✓		✓		
Sociology	H M m			✓	✓	✓		✓		

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Programs viu.ca for details	Credential			Intake		Experiential Learning	Basic Admissions	Additional Requirements	Notes
	1 year Certificate	2 year Diploma	4 year Degree	September	January				

## Arts, Design and Performing Arts

Graphic Design			✓	✓		●	✓	Portfolio; references; resume; statement letter; C+ in Math 11 for management stream	Management stream available
Interior Design			✓	✓		●	✓	C in Precal 11; portfolio; resume; letter of intent; interview	
Jazz Studies		✓	✓	✓			✓	Audition	Bachelor's: 125 credits; Diploma: 64 credits
Technical Theatre		✓		✓		*	✓	Interview	Focus on Stagecraft
Theatre		✓		✓			✓	Interview	Focus on acting and directing
Visual Art		✓	✓	✓		■	✓	Letter of intent; portfolio; interview	

## Management

Business Administration		✓	✓	✓		●	✓	C in Precal 12	
Accounting <span>M</span>			✓	✓		●	✓		
Economics <span>M</span>			✓	✓		●	✓		
Financial Services <span>M</span>			✓	✓		●	✓		
Human Resources <span>M</span>			✓	✓		●	✓		
International Business <span>M</span>			✓	✓		●	✓		
Management <span>M</span>			✓	✓		●	✓		
Marketing <span>M</span>			✓	✓		●	✓		
Business Management	✓			✓			✓	C+ in Precal 11	Courses are transferrable to BBA

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**Basic Admission Requirements**  
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**Credential**

1 year Certificate

2 year Diploma

4 year Degree

**Intake**

September

January

February

**Experiential Learning**

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**Additional Requirements**

**Notes**

## Tourism, Recreation and Hospitality

Pastry Arts		✓		✓			①	✓	Foodsafe Level 1; min 17 years old; C in Eng 12; interview	Ladders into Hospitality Management Subject to board approval
Baking and Pastry Arts Management		✓		✓			①	✓	C+ in Eng12, C+ in Math 11 or Pre-Cal, Foodsafe Level 1, interview, assessment testing.	77 credits. Entry into Year 2 is possible.
Culinary Arts	✓			✓	✓	✓	①	✓	Foodsafe Level 1; min 17 years old; C in Eng 12; interview	Intakes in Jan, Feb, Aug 40 credits
Culinary Management		✓		✓	✓	✓	①	✓	Completion of Culinary Arts Certificate; C+ in Math 11; C+ in Eng 12; interview	Co-Op and Apprenticeship; complete 1 semester bridging program to ladder into year 3 of the Bachelor of Hospitality program 80 credits
Hospitality Management		✓	✓	✓	✓		①	✓	C+ in Precal 11	Diplomas: 80 credits
Recreation and Sport Management		✓		✓			①	✓	Criminal record check may be required	Bachelor's degree: 149 credits
Tourism Studies		✓	✓	✓			①	✓	Enter at Year 1 or 3; see website for requirements	
Wine Business	✓			✓				✓	Min. 19 years old	Embedded in Hospitality Management program 21 credits

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## Science and Technology

Biology	H M m			✓	✓		✓	B in Pre-cal 12;	
Chemistry	M m			✓	✓		✓	individual course prerequisites may include Biology 11/12; Chemistry 11/12 and Physics 11/12; see viu.ca/programs for details	
Computer Science	M m		✓	✓	✓		①		
Earth Science	m			✓	✓		✓		
Geography	m			✓	✓		✓		
Geoscience	M			✓	✓		✓		Environmental geoscience
Mathematics	M m			✓	✓		✓		
Psychology	M m			✓	✓		✓		
Engineering Transfer		✓	✓		✓		✓	C in English 12; C+ in Physics 12 & Chemistry 12; B in Precal 12	Certificate ladders to Year 2 at partner universities 65 credits Diploma
Integrated Engineering (Technologist) Diploma			✓				①	C in English 12; C+ in Physics 12 & Chemistry 12; B in Precal 12	103 credits
Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology			✓		✓		①		74 credits
Forest Resource Technology			✓		✓		■	C in Math 11 or Precal 11; C+ in one science 11 class	72 credits
Information Technology and Applied Systems - Web and Mobile Development Diploma or Systems Administration and Networking Diploma			✓		✓		① *	Math 11, letter of application; interview	September 2021 68 credits
Resource Management Officer Technology (RMOT)			✓		✓		*	C in Math 11, C in Biology 11; personal profile; 2 referee forms; interview	Ladders into Bachelor of Natural Resource Protection & BSc 72 credits
Natural Resource Protection				✓	✓		*	C+ in RMOT or equivalent	

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## Education, Health and Services

Program	Credential	1 year Certificate	2 year Diploma	4 year Degree	Intake	September	January	Experiential Learning	Basic Admissions	Additional Requirements	Notes
Education			✓	✓					✓	Depends on entry point (see <a href="http://viu.ca/programs">viu.ca/programs</a> )	Elementary or Secondary teaching options; apply by Jan 31; 5-year degree 152 credits
Bachelor of Kinesiology			✓	✓	✓			● *	✓	C+ in Eng 12; C+ in Anatomy and Physiology 12; Math 11 or Precal 11	
Diploma in Physical Education		✓	✓	✓							
Child and Youth Care		✓	✓	✓				*	✓	Depends on entry point (see <a href="http://viu.ca/programs">viu.ca/programs</a> )	
Dental Assistant	✓			✓				*	✓	C in Biology 12, Chemistry 11 or 12 recommended; good personal health	10-month program
Dental Hygiene		✓		✓				*	✓	See <a href="http://viu.ca/programs">viu.ca/programs</a>	1 year of qualifying courses can be taken at VIU prior to application
Early Childhood Education and Care		✓		✓				*	✓	Resume, references, interview; 60 hours of volunteer experience with children	72 credits
Educational Assistant and Community Support	✓			✓				*	✓	Resume, references; interview	8-month program
Social Services		✓						*	✓	Resume; references; interview; personal profile; experience in human services field	

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<div> <div>Programs</div> <div>viu.ca for details</div> </div>	Credential	Master's Degree 2 years	Graduate Diploma 1 year	Graduate Diploma 2 year	Graduate Certificate 1 year	Post-Degree Diploma 1 year	Intake		Apply by	GPA	Letter of intent	Work Experience	References	Resume	Bachelor's Degree	Assessment Form	Notes
							September	January									
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*					✓		

\* 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.



# Admission requirements

## Undergraduate programs

- 1) Graduation from an accredited high school with a university/college preparatory curriculum.
- 2) A minimum “C” grade in either BC English 12 or English 12 First Peoples or equivalent; or provide proof of meeting one of the English language proficiency scores outlined below.
- Please see VIU calendar for additional admission requirements and instructions specific to each program: [viu.ca/programs](http://viu.ca/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](http://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](http://world.viu.ca/graduate-programs)

A bachelor's degree with a minimum B average in the last two years of study and;

Fulfill one of the English Language requirements for graduate programs (if the previous degree was obtained in a country where English is not the primary/official language and from a university where English was not the language of instruction)

Additional requirements may include:

- a) Resume (showing specific work experience)
- b) Statement of interest
- c) Supporting documents/ letters of recommendation
- d) An interview

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 undergraduate and Grad Prep English for graduate programs).

Test	Minimum score: Undergraduate	Graduate
VIU English Language Centre	Successful completion of University Preparation Level 5	Successful completion of Grad Prep
IELTS (Academic)	<b>6.5</b> (no band below 6.0)	<b>7.0</b> (no band below 6.5)
TOEFL iBT	<b>88</b> (no section below 20)	<b>93</b> (no section lower than 20)
CAEL	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b> (no band below 60)
Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English	<b>176</b> overall	<b>185</b> overall
Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English	<b>176</b> overall	<b>185</b> overall
English 12 (BC)	Min. “C”	
Pearson (PTE)	<b>60</b> (no section below 60)	<b>65</b> (no section below 62)
International Baccalaureate English A1/A2	Higher Level (HL) / Standard Level (SL) grade 3 or higher	
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”	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)	Score 5 or higher	
General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE)	English at the O level with a minimum grade of C or 4	

# Applying to VIU

## 1 Before you apply

Explore VIU programs here: [viu.ca/programs](http://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. ([world.viu.ca/apply](http://world.viu.ca/apply))
- Upload your scanned documents in separate files.
- Pay the \$150 (CAD) non-refundable application processing fee (Visa, Mastercard, and American Express are preferred. Cheque, money order, and electronic transfer also accepted).
- Upon receipt of your application, supporting documents and application fee payment you will receive an acknowledgment email from the Admissions office.

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

- Send all original and 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 evaluate your application.
- It can take from 2-8 weeks to process an application. Ensuring that your application is complete and all of your documents are scanned in separate files and submitted with your application will decrease the wait time.

**Note:** *Master's 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. To accept the offer, 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](http://cic.gc.ca) or at an authorised Visa Application Centre in your country. Be sure to apply early for your study permit and notify International Admissions if your study permit application has been unsuccessful.
- Bring your original documents to Canada, if not mailed in advance.
- Ensure that we have an email address that you check regularly, and then **read all emails carefully**. These emails will include important pre-arrival information including course registration instructions, immigration information and housing deadlines.

**Note:** *As some programs fill before the application deadline, we encourage all students to apply early!*

*For master's 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](http://international.viu.ca/admissions)

### Canadian grade equivalencies

**A 4.0   B 3.0   C 2.0   D 1.0   F 0**

# Learn English at a university recognized for teaching excellence

Program	Description	Length	Intakes	Tuition
<b>Language Foundations (levels 1-3)</b>	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
<b>University Preparation (levels 4 &amp; 5)</b>	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
<b>Graduate Preparation</b>	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
<b>Online: ESL (levels 1-4)*</b>	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
<b>TESL certificate</b>	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
<b>IELTS 5.5</b> (no band lower than 5.0)	University Preparation 4
<b>IELTS 6.0</b> (no band lower than 5.5)	University Preparation 5
<b>IELTS 6.5</b> (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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,961.12</b>
<i>Prices are in Canadian dollars, and are subject to change without notice.</i>	



# International University Foundation Year

If you do not meet the entry criteria for your chosen undergraduate course, a University Foundation year at Vancouver Island University may offer an alternative entry route. Upon successful completion, you can continue to first year university studies at Vancouver Island University or other universities in Canada\*

We welcome applicants with O-levels, AS and A-level subjects unsuited to their chosen course, non-standard qualifications or those who require additional English language support.

*\*Academic upgrading for specific university programs may be required, which will be built into the student's Foundation Year to the extent possible.*

## Features

- 1-year (2 semester) program
- September entry
- Applications are accepted throughout the year.

## Admission Requirements

- For students aged 16-25 years by December 31 following a September enrollment.
- English proficiency score\* (IELTS or equivalent).
- Minimum of 3 O-level subjects with a grade above C. We will accept provisional results as long as we receive final results by August.
- Passport photo page.
- Statement of intent clearly identifying the post-secondary program you intend to pursue.

*\*An IELTS of 5.5 is required to complete this program in 1 academic year (8 months). Add an extra semester of study for each level of IELTS below 5.5.*

## Accommodation

Homestay, university residences and off-campus accommodation

## Program Cost

1-year (2-semester)	
Tuition	\$20,000
Student and Ancillary Fees	\$739.44
Medical Insurance	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,739.44</b>

Additional fees apply for accommodation, food, and personal expenses. To estimate your total fees and costs, please visit our international student Cost Calculator at [international.viu.ca/costcalculator](https://international.viu.ca/costcalculator)



# Integrated Engineering (Technologist) Diploma

Become job-ready to design, draft,  
model and document projects

- Leads to licensing as a professional technologist (AScT, PTech)
- Includes co-op term to gain work experience and build your resume
- Free membership to Engineers & Geoscientists BC (EGBC) for 1 year after graduation



## Nik Ramsay

Canada  
Fundamentals of Engineering

"While I continue to charge ahead, I am thankful for the program at VIU for getting me to where I am. I can say I haven't missed a beat since transferring over to UBC to finish my degree, but I gained a lot by starting at VIU."

Build a career in:



**Fabrication Facilities**



**Engineering  
Consulting Firms**



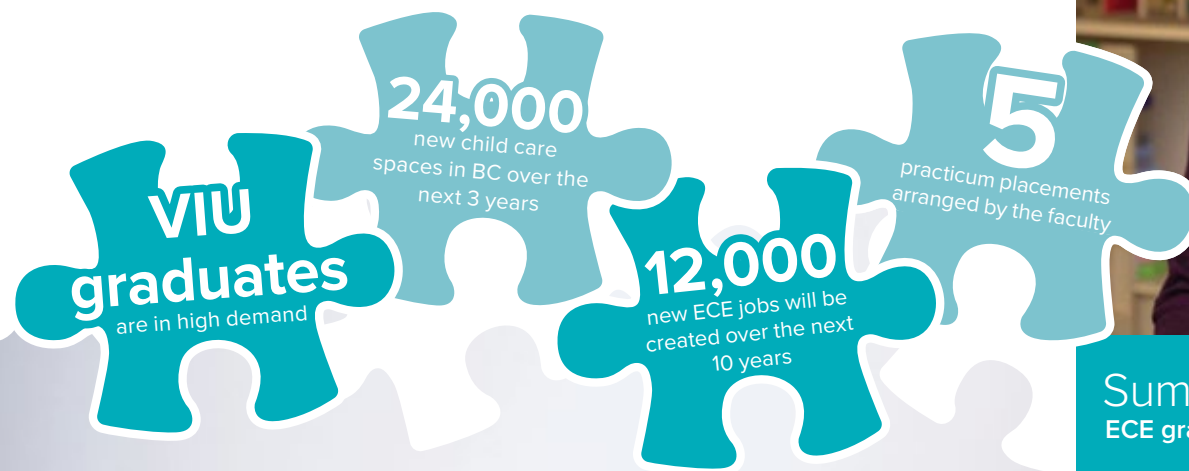
**Municipal Engineering  
Departments**



**Heavy Industry**

# Early Childhood Education Diploma

Nurture Young Minds Today,  
Make a Difference Tomorrow



## A profession in demand

### ECE Careers:

Early Childhood Educator  
School Supervisor or Owner  
Policy Analyst  
Behavioral Consultant

Supported Child Development  
Family Support Consultant  
Resort and Recreation Child Care  
Programs Coordinator

Learn more [viu.ca/ecec](http://viu.ca/ecec)



Summer Lin  
ECE graduate

Taiwan

Owner of Tenderfoot Childcare  
in Nanaimo

"I worked as an ESL teacher for eight years in Taiwan. When we moved to Canada, I knew I wanted to pursue a career that allowed me to build more one on one connections with children. Before I even graduated from my program, I had a full-time job waiting for me. I was quickly promoted to a supervisor, and after two years at the facility, I was promoted again as the manager to six staff members looking after 37 children. I was doing a lot of licensing and paperwork, and thought I could start my own daycare. I love being a small business entrepreneur and am also the Executive Board member for the ECEBC Nanaimo branch and assist with professional development workshops".





# Your World VIU

## Student Supports

### VIU Student Union

- Choose among 50+ student clubs and associations
- Attend weekly events or suggest your own
- Socialize at the student pub
- Get student discounts and deals
- Volunteer

### VIU Student Health and Wellness Clinic

- On-site primary health care
- Health and wellness education and programming
- Yearly THRIVE week focused on building mental health awareness



## Witness Lyimo

**Tanzania**  
**Master of Arts in Sustainable  
Leisure Management**

"For the first time in my learning journey, I experienced the class sessions that were so interactive."

## Free access to international-specific:

- ✓ Admissions
- ✓ Academic advising
- ✓ Personal counselling
- ✓ Language tutoring and writing help
- ✓ Accommodation assistance for homestay, residence and off-campus housing
- ✓ Study abroad support and global partnerships



## Have fun and meet new friends!

- ✓ Local trips and activities planned by Cultural Connections
- ✓ Field schools and exchange programs
- ✓ Cultural celebrations
- ✓ Global Citizens Week
- ✓ WorldVIU Days
- ✓ International music concerts on campus

Lisa Wahlen

Switzerland  
BSc in Geography

"I have found VIU to be a very friendly and open-minded environment where everybody is welcome the way they are."





# 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 ten years in a row. For more information visit [viu.ca/mariners](http://viu.ca/mariners)

## Varsity teams and coaches

### Men's Basketball

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### Men's Soccer

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## Competitive clubs and coaches

### Hockey

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## 2019-20 Highlights

- CCAA National Champions Women's Volleyball
- CCAA National silver medalists women's and men's soccer.
- PACWEST (Provincial) Champions in men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball and women's Soccer
- 8 CCAA All-Canadians
- 11 CCAA Academic All Canadians



## Andrea Čanković

Croatia

BSc in Geoscience

"Beautiful location with proximity to parks and lakes and all kinds of outdoor recreation which I find extremely important, as well as a great athletics program reputation."



# Gain work experience before graduating

Build your confidence, resume and connections by participating in one of the Experiential Learning opportunities offered at VIU. Be ahead of the game and transition into the job market with sought-after skills and experience.

## Career Services

Career Services provides students and alumni with professional guidance and support for both career planning and job search. Meet with our skilled faculty to explore job opportunities, link your studies to a fulfilling career and use our online resources.

## Success Coach

Success coaching supports personal development, well-being and academic potential.

## Co-ops

- Hands-on discipline oriented work experience embedded within the program
- Vary in length, typically 1 semester (full-time)
- Optional
- Paid
- 9 elective credits
- Region/Canada
- Designated placement coordinators

## Internships

- Allow student to explore career options and apply academic knowledge in the field of interest
- Occur in a wide variety of formats, length, hours required and terms
- Optional or mandatory
- Paid/Unpaid
- 3-7 credits elective/required credits
- Region/Canada/World
- Designated placement coordinators

## Practicums

- Field experiences that facilitate learning through performing professional tasks
- Integral part of a program curricula
- Mandatory
- Unpaid
- 1-9 required credits
- Region
- Course instructors arrange practicum placements

## Enrique Pecellin Rosas

Mexico | ESL & BBA

"Amazing experience meeting people from many countries. Now I have friends improving their English with me from all around the World!"



## Mahjabeen Ashraf

Bangladesh | MBA

"My program is a demanding one because it mainly consists of a lot of group project work. Therefore, collaboration is key in most of my coursework."

## Long Phu Pham

Vietnam  
Culinary Management

"I have gained a lot of experience in not only food, baking and drinks but also management. Besides the main curriculum, there are many field trips that provide learning opportunities."



# 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](https://services.viu.ca/food-services/meal-plans)

**Note:** Fees are subject to change. Please check [world.viu.ca/cost-calculator](https://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](https://world.viu.ca/homestay)**

**Contact:** [homestay@viu.ca](mailto: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](https://viu.ca/residence)**

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## 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

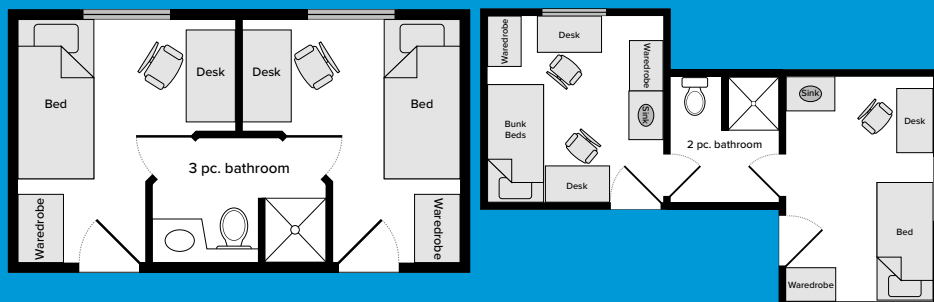
Flexibility of choice (apartment, house, etc.)

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



A homestay Canadian family experience



# Tuition

**Undergraduate, Diploma, Certificate, and Academic & Career Preparation programs**  
\$8,700 per semester (\$725 per credit to a maximum of \$8,700 for 12-15 credits; \$725 per credit beyond 15 credits)

**Advanced, Post-Degree, & Graduate Diplomas**  
From \$9,000 to \$11,261.25 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)  
\$1,550 (3 weeks)

**Master of Arts in Sustainable Leisure Management**  
**Master of Community Planning**  
**Master of Education in Educational Leadership or Special Education**  
\$25,800 per program\*

*\*Subject to Board's approval.*

**Master of Business Administration**  
\$48,000 - per 20 month program

**Master of GIS Applications**  
\$36,000\*

**Graduate Certificate in Business (GCIB)**  
**Graduate Diploma in International Trade**  
**Graduate Diploma in Project Management**  
\$21,450 per program\*





**Graduate Diploma in Hospitality Management**  
\$45,045\*

*Note: student fees, lab fees, cost of living, etc., are not included in these amounts. For a cost of living estimate, please visit [world.viu.ca/cost-calculator](http://world.viu.ca/cost-calculator)*

*Note: Over the next 4 years, VIU will be in a transition process leading to a credit-based program structure. Most Certificate programs are 30 credits, Diplomas - 60 credits, Bachelor degrees - 120 credits. For exact number of credits, please review Program Outline online.*

## Average first year budget

*Estimated expenses based on shared off campus accommodation and tuition for Bachelor of Arts.*

Expense		1 semester*	2 semesters	12 months
	Tuition	\$8,700	\$17,400	\$17,400
	Medical & Dental insurance	\$525	\$775	\$1,025
	Student Fees	\$465	\$930	\$930
	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
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$15,460 CAD</b> <i>(based on 15 credits/semester)</i>	<b>\$30,645 CAD</b> <i>(based on 30 credits/semester)</i>	<b>\$36,095 CAD</b> <i>(based on 30 credits/year)</i>

*\*Based on 5 courses or 15 credits. Cost per credit \$725. Subject to Board's approval.*





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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)**

