



**VANCOUVER ISLAND  
UNIVERSITY**



# Graduate Programs

Vancouver Island University

**2021-22**

International Admissions





# Nanaimo, British Columbia

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Vancouver Island University is a public university located 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 Campus

## Vancouver Island University Facts



**14,500**  
Students



Maximum class size of  
**34**  
Students



**120+**  
Programs



**2,000+**  
international students



**93**  
Countries



**9**  
Faculties

**Our campus is centrally located in downtown Nanaimo.**  
**Our students enjoy close proximity to:**

Public Transit | Aquatic + Ice Centre  
Shopping | Museums | Restaurants

**Our facilities include:**

Gymnasium | Cafeterias | Library  
Student Lounges | Medical Clinic  
Bookstore | Student Residence

## Did you Know?

### Nanaimo Facts



Population of  
**100,000**



**2nd**  
Largest city on Vancouver Island

**1**  
Airport with connections  
to Vancouver, Toronto,  
and Calgary

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)

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 (calculated in last 2 yrs)	Letter of intent	Work Experience	References	Resume	Bachelor's Degree	ESL Available	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
Online Educational Leadership (Montessori option)					✓		✓		March 31	B*	✓	✓	2	✓	✓		✓	2 years of teaching experience preferred. Can ladder into the Master of Educational Leadership
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				✓			✓		August 15	B*								Can ladder into the Master of Educational Leadership

\* Under review



# 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 leaders 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*

First business day in  
January to June 30

*January start*

## Program Length

20 months

## Full Program Tuition

\$48,000 (CAD) for 2 years

## 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.*

Today's fast changing business environment and globalization has made it mandatory for university graduates to stay up-to-date on all the latest business trends. VIU's MBA program was developed with that in mind and has subjects that are extremely relevant for today's workforce.

— Sandipan, Bangladesh



# 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.
- Résumé.
- 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 (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 MASLM is a full-time, cohort based program that equips leaders with the knowledge and skills to apply innovative solutions 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 and 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) for 2 years

## 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



It was not easy to move from my home country to Canada but I have not regretted it. VIU has become my second home. A place where I can be me.

— **Brighton, Tanzania**

# 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

October 1-February 28

*September start*

## Program Length

2 years

## Full Program Tuition

\$25,800 (CAD) for 2 years

## 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). These may be submitted as either a Letter of Reference or a completed Assessment Form (available online).
- 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.

As an international student, I was new to western education systems and would have been lost in a big pool of students. A small cohort presented many opportunities to develop my skills and build my network.

– **Sonal**, India



# 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;
  - 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) for 2 years

## 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



The course had a lot of content to cover. The first semester was time consuming with assignments and short quizzes. Every single day was completely packed with assignments and submissions but I could manage it with ease. All in all, I am completely satisfied with the course.

— Shri, India



# Master of Education in Educational Leadership

The Master of Education (MEd) in Educational Leadership (MEDL) 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-Feb 28

*September start*

## Program Length

2 years

## Full Program Tuition

\$25,800 (CAD) for 2 years

## Features

2-year full-time, cohort-based program

Directed project or thesis completed in year 2

Strong focus on developing leadership knowledge and 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.

As a VIU student, I was able to explore myself. People explore new cultures, places and many other things but I got a chance to know myself, which I believe is more important for success.

— Kirandeep, India



# 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 (MEd) in Special Education (MEDS) 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) for 2 years

## 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



I see myself as an advocate of mental health. It has been fascinating to learn about schools' inclusive strategies for students with disabilities. My next step is to be involved in preventive educative programs to enhance this topic's knowledge and support.

— **Adrianna**, El Salvador

# Graduate Certificate in Business (GCIB)

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

*September start*

First business day in

January to June 30

*January start*

## Program Length

1 year (3 semesters)

## Program Tuition

\$21,450 (CAD) for 1 year

## 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

## Admission Requirements

- An undergraduate degree from a recognized institution or 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.

VIU was totally different from my previous academic endeavors. It offered an intimate classroom experience and room for everyone's voice to be heard.

— **Abhijit**, India



# Graduate Diploma in International Trade (GDIT)

## Admission Requirements

- An 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.

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 – June 30

*January start*

## Program Length

1 year (3 semesters)

## Full Program Tuition

\$21,450 (CAD) for 1 year

## 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





# Graduate Diploma in Project Management (GDPM)

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)

## Program Tuition

\$21,450 (CAD) for 1 year

## Features

Specialized project management knowledge and skills

Cohort based program

Preparation for CAPM and PMP designations

Integrated project management applied project

One year membership in the Canadian Project Management Institute

## Career Possibilities

Business Project Manager

Development Project Manager

Operations Project Manager

Site Manager

## Admission Requirements

- An 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.

I have had very positive experiences at VIU. I especially appreciate the industry insights that professors bring to the lessons.

— **Chris**, Singapore



Admission Requirements

All students must meet 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.

and one of the following:

- An undergraduate degree from a recognized university, with a "C+" grade point average from the last 60 credits completed and a minimum of 1 year work experience in a supervisory or managerial capacity, preferably in a service organization; or,
- An undergraduate degree from a recognized university, with a "C+" grade point average from the last 60 credits completed and a minimum of 3 years work experience in the hospitality industry demonstrating increased responsibility; or,
- An undergraduate degree in hospitality management, or a related discipline, from a recognized university, with a "C+" grade point average from the last 60 credits completed; or,
- A minimum of 10 years of directly related work experience in a hospitality organization at a supervisory or managerial position, may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Such applicants must show a minimum of "C+" grade in Mathematics 11 or equivalent.

# 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 classroom sessions, 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

September start

First business day in

January to June 30

January start

Program Length

2 years (6 semesters)

Program Tuition

\$45,045 (CAD) for 2 years

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



# Learn English at a university recognized for teaching excellence

Program	Description	Length	Dates (2022)	Tuition
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**Language Foundations (levels 1-3)** is for beginner and intermediate students: <https://international.viu.ca/elc/esl-language-foundations>

<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 weeks and 13 weeks	Jan 5 - Feb 22 Feb 23 - Apr 12 Jan 5 - Apr 12 (13 weeks) Apr 27 - June 14 June 15 - Aug 2 Apr 27 - Aug 2 (13 weeks) Sept 7 - Oct 25 Oct 26 - Dec 13 Sept 7 - Dec 6 (13 weeks)	\$2,550 and \$5,100
<a href="https://international.viu.ca/elc/esl-university-preparation">https://international.viu.ca/elc/esl-university-preparation</a>				

<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	January 5 - April 12 April 27 - August 2 September 7 - December 13	\$5,100
<a href="https://international.viu.ca/elc/esl-grad-prep">https://international.viu.ca/elc/esl-grad-prep</a>				

\* Students must finish both 6.5 week courses to complete a level.  
Note: In order to assign a student to the appropriate course level, an English Placement Test (EPT) must be submitted with the application to VIU.

Direct entry scores to ESL courses	
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	\$83.60
Medical Insurance	\$246.00
Homestay Application Fee	\$275
Homestay Fee (\$950/month)	\$3,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,958.30</b>
Prices are in Canadian dollars, and are subject to change without notice.	

I have had an amazing experience meeting people from many countries.  
Now I have friends improving their English with me from all around the world!  
— Enrique, Mexico





# Study, work and live in Nanaimo

## WORK

**On campus:** International Students who hold a valid study permit and are enrolled in full-time studies are eligible to work on-campus. ESL students and exchange students enrolled full time at VIU also may be able to work on campus. Total hours must not exceed 20 hours per week. Employment must take place on the VIU campus where the student is studying.

Every semester the Campus Career Centre has listings for more than 300 on-campus jobs. These positions are competitive and generally do not offer more than 10 hours of work per week for the successful applicants. The Centre for International Education also hires several international students every semester to work as international student activity assistants to help plan and organize events. All Work-Op positions are posted on CareerVIU:

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

**Off campus:** International students enrolled in full time programs at VIU (Academic, Vocational & Professional Training programs) may be eligible to work off campus up to 20 hours per week while studying. Full-time work is permitted during scheduled breaks (summer and winter holidays) if their program of study has a scheduled break.

**Co-op and internship programs:** Some programs at VIU have a work experience component that is “an integral part of the program of study”. In order to complete this work experience (co-op, practicum, internship, or fieldwork) students must hold a valid Co-op/Internship Work Permit. It is your responsibility to obtain this permit before you start work.

**Work in Canada after graduation:** There are many opportunities to work and live in Canada after graduation.

For more information on the required permits and visas, contact Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada: [canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship.html](http://canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship.html) or International Support Services at VIU.





# LIVE

**Post graduate work permit (PGWP):** The PGWP is for international students who would like to acquire valuable Canadian work experience after graduation. This program is also one of the bridging mechanisms for foreign students to transition from temporary resident status to permanent residency. To be eligible for a PGWP, the international student must meet various requirements.

## Who hires our graduates?

Many of our international graduates have successfully found jobs in their area of study. Here are some of the many companies that hire VIU graduates in Canada and globally.

All major banks in Canada	Cambridge Medical	Hootsuite
Apple	Rehabilitation	Imperial Oil
Audi	Chevron	Kellogg Company
BASF	Deloitte Canada	KPMG
Bell	Disneyland	Moneris
Rogers	ElringKlinger	PwC
BMW MINI	Government of BC	

**British Columbia Provincial Nominee Program:** British Columbia's economic growth depends on having enough skilled and qualified people to meet labour market needs. The BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) is a way for high-demand foreign workers and experienced entrepreneurs to gain permanent residency in BC. The British Columbia Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) offers the opportunity for international student graduates to stay and live in British Columbia. More information: [welcomebc.ca](https://welcomebc.ca)



# 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.

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

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

## Residence

**\$550 double room/month**

**\$925/\$987.50 single room/month**

*(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](http://viu.ca/residence)**

**Contact:** [residence@viu.ca](mailto: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

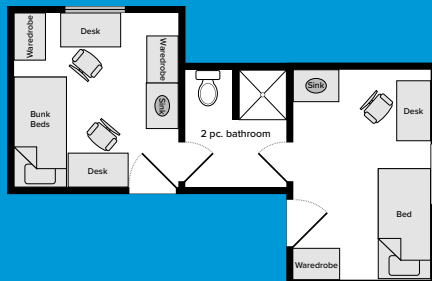
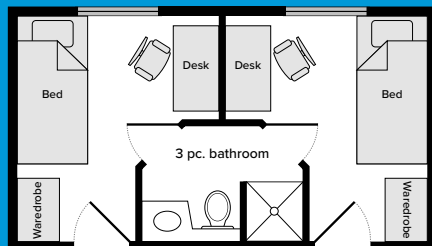
Damage deposit required by landlord



**Travelling to Canada  
with family?**

**[international.viu.ca/family](http://international.viu.ca/family)**

## VIU Residence Room Layouts



**[viu.ca/residence](http://viu.ca/residence)**

A homestay Canadian family experience



# How to apply

## Step 1

Choose Your Program: [viu.ca/programs/graduate-programs](https://viu.ca/programs/graduate-programs).

Check entrance requirements, 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.),
- Official translations of any documents being submitted that are in a language other than English
- A copy of your passport (photo page), and
- VIU approved English proficiency test certificate  
<https://international.viu.ca/admissions#graduateadmissions>

## Step 2

Apply Online: [world.viu.ca/apply](https://world.viu.ca/apply).

Upload scanned copies of all required documents (in separate PDF files), and 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.

## Step 3

Receive your Letter of Offer.

If successful, this will be within 4-6 weeks after application from [masters@viu.ca](mailto:masters@viu.ca).

Note program start dates and payment information.

## Step 4

Accept your Offer + Pay your Tuition Deposit.

This is typically due 4 weeks after receiving the Offer Letter: [viu.ca/admissions/how-do-i-pay](https://viu.ca/admissions/how-do-i-pay). Return signed policy documents.

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

## Step 5

Receive Letter Of Acceptance from [masters@viu.ca](mailto:masters@viu.ca).

## Step 6

Apply For Your Study Permit from the nearest Canadian Embassy, Consulate, or High Commission.

## Typical one-year budget

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

 **\$1,200**  
Books

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

 **\$540**  
Transportation  
(Bus)

 **\$3,000**  
Miscellaneous

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

For a cost of living estimate, please visit <https://international.viu.ca/cost-calculator>

**NOTE:** To obtain a study permit, you need to show that you have enough money to pay for your tuition and living expenses for at least one year, as well as for return transportation to your home country. Visit Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada's website at [cic.gc.ca](https://cic.gc.ca) for the most up-to-date study permit information.



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### 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)

