



VANCOUVER ISLAND  
UNIVERSITY



# International Programs

Vancouver Island University

**2021-22**

International Admissions



# Why students **love** it here



Safe community



Mild weather  
all year



Engaged business  
community



Proximity to both  
natural attractions  
and urban hubs



Friendly and  
multicultural



Affordable  
cost of living



# Our core values

Connection

Understanding

Commitment



Class Size  
Maximum

**34**  
students

**13,618**  
Students



**120+**  
programs

**2,000**  
International  
students from  
**89** countries



**70+**  
Staff Supporting  
International  
Students

**100,000**  
alumni network  
worldwide

# Explore Vancouver Island

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



## Aquatic adventures:

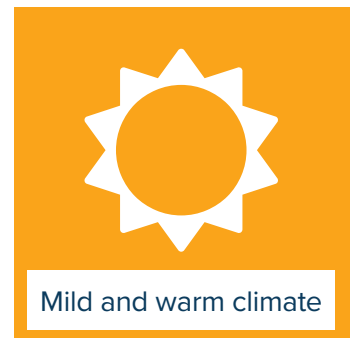
Scuba diving,  
kayaking, canoeing,  
paddle-boarding,  
sailing, surfing,  
whale-watching



Renowned surf  
and spa resorts on  
the West Coast



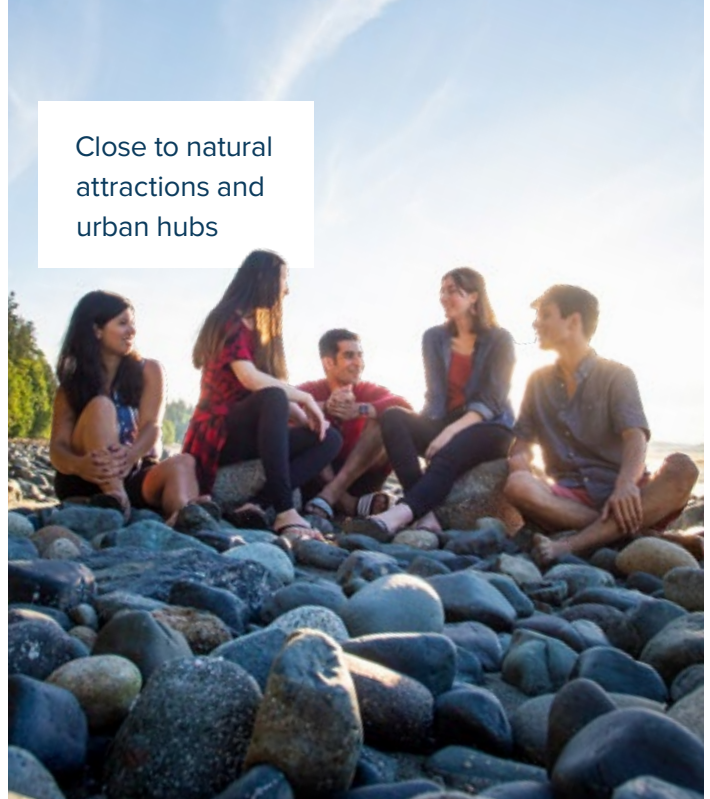
Hiking and walking  
in old-growth  
rainforest



Mild and warm climate



Safe and Affordable



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## Nanaimo, B.C.

Located in the central part of Vancouver Island, Nanaimo is a busy, beautiful harbour city and a welcoming community of over 100,000 people. The city offers the best of two worlds: urban opportunities and natural environment.

# Programs

viu.ca for details

Credentia

1 year Certificate

2 year Diploma

4 year Degree

Intake

September

January

Experiential Learning

Additional Requirements

Notes

## Foundations

International University Foundation Year	✓			✓			0 levels or grade 11	Direct entry to VIU undergrad
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## 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	
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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## Arts, Design and Performing Arts

	1 year Certificate	2 year Diploma	4 year Degree	September	January	Experiential Learning	Additional Requirements	Notes
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	
Technical Theatre		✓		✓		*	Interview	Focus on Stagecraft
Theatre		✓		✓			Interview	Focus on acting and directing
Visual Art		✓	✓	✓		■	Letter of intent; portfolio; interview	

## Management

	1 year Certificate	2 year Diploma	4 year Degree	September	January	Experiential Learning	Additional Requirements	Notes
Business Administration		✓	✓	✓	✓	●	C in Precal 12	
Accounting <span style="font-size: small;">M</span>			✓	✓	✓	●		
Economics <span style="font-size: small;">M</span>			✓	✓	✓	●		
Financial Services <span style="font-size: small;">M</span>			✓	✓	✓	●		
Human Resources <span style="font-size: small;">M</span>			✓	✓	✓	●		
International Business <span style="font-size: small;">M m</span>			✓	✓	✓	●		
Management <span style="font-size: small;">M m</span>			✓	✓	✓	●		
Marketing <span style="font-size: small;">M m</span>			✓	✓	✓	●		
Business Management	✓			✓	✓		C+ in Precal 11	Courses are transferrable to BBA
Office Administration	✓			✓		*	C in Eng 12, C in Math 10	Available streams: Accounting assistant, Administrative assistant, Legal Administrative assistant
Applied Business Technology	✓			✓		*	C in Math 10	10 months

### Basic Admission Requirements

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Experiential Learning indicates option for ● co-op, ● internship, ■ work op \* practicum or 📍 field school.

**M** A Major is the main academic area in which a student chooses to specialize and completes most courses.

**m** A Minor is a secondary concentration of courses that often complements the Major.

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1 year Certificate

2 year Diploma

4 year Degree

**Intake**

September

January

February

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## Tourism, Recreation and Hospitality

	Credential	1 year Certificate	2 year Diploma	4 year Degree	Intake	September	January	February	Experiential Learning	Additional Requirements	Notes
Professional Baking and Pastry Arts	✓				✓				📍	Foodsafe Level 1; min 17 years old; C in Eng 12; interview; personal profile and assessment testing	
Baking and Pastry Arts Management			✓		✓				📍	"C+" in Foundations of Math and Pre-Cal 10 or Workplace Mathematics 10 or equivalent personal profile and assessment testing	Entry into Year 2 is possible.
Culinary Arts	✓				✓		✓	✓	📍	Foodsafe Level 1; min 17 years old; C in Eng 12; interview	Intakes in Jan, Feb, Aug Ladders into Culinary Management Diploma
Culinary Management			✓		✓		✓	✓	📍	C+ in Math 10; 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
Hospitality Management			✓	✓	✓		✓		📍	C+ in Math 10	
Recreation and Sport Management			✓		✓				📍	Criminal record check may be required	
Tourism Studies			✓	✓	✓				📍	Enter at Year 1 or 3; see website for requirements	
Wine Business	✓				✓					Min. 19 years old	Embedded in Hospitality Management program

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## Science and Technology

Biology	H M m			✓	✓			B in Math 12;
Chemistry	M m			✓	✓			individual course prerequisites may include Biology 11/12; Chemistry 11/12 and Physics 11/12; see <a href="http://viu.ca/programs">viu.ca/programs</a> for details
Computer Science	H M m		✓	✓	✓	✓	ⓘ	
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			✓				ⓘ	C in English 12; C+ in Physics 12 & Chemistry 12; B in Precal 12
Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology			✓		✓		ⓘ	C in Precal 11, C in Life Sciences 11
Forest Resource Technology			✓		✓		■	C in Math 11 or Precal 11; C+ in one science 11 class
Information Technology and Applied Systems - Web and Mobile Development Diploma or Systems Administration and Networking Diploma			✓		✓		ⓘ *	Math 11 (ITAS-WMD only), letter of application; interview
Resource Management Officer Technology (RMOT)			✓		✓		*	C in Math 11, C in Biology 11; personal profile; 2 referee forms; interview
Natural Resource Protection				✓	✓		*	C+ in RMOT or equivalent

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## Education, Health and Services

	Credential	1 year Certificate	2 year Diploma	4 year Degree	Intake	September	January	Experiential Learning	Additional Requirements	Notes
Education			✓	✓					C in Precal 11, CASPer test. Other requirements depend 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
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	
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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# Graduate Programs

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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
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## Post Graduate Programs [viu.ca](http://viu.ca) for details

Business Administration (MBA)	✓					✓	✓		March 31 June 30	B*	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	✓		No GMAT, internship
Sustainable Leisure Management	✓					✓			June 15	B*	✓		3	✓	✓	✓	3	
Community Planning	✓					✓			Feb 28	B*	✓		3	✓	✓			
Geographic Information Systems	✓				✓	✓			Jan 31	B*	✓		2	✓	✓	✓		Intro GIS course; Practicum. GPA is calculated only when for Master's
Educational Leadership	✓					✓			March 31	B*	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	✓	2	2 years of teaching experience preferred
Special Education	✓					✓			Feb 28	B*	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	✓	2	2 years of teaching experience preferred. 2 references or 2 assessment forms
Online MEEdL Montessori option	✓					✓			March 31	B*	✓	✓	2	2	✓		2	2 years of teaching experience preferred. Can ladder into the Master of Educational Leadership.
Business (GCIB)				✓		✓	✓		March 31 June 30						✓	✓		Can ladder into GDPM, GDIT and MBA programs
Project Management (GDPM)		✓				✓			March 31	C+		✓		✓	✓	✓		Business degree, or completion of GCIB
Hospitality Management (GDHM)			✓			✓	✓		March 31	C+	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
International Trade (GDIT)		✓					✓		June 30	C+					✓	✓		Business degree, or completion of GCIB
Fisheries and Aquaculture					✓	✓			March 31	B					✓	✓		interview; permission of department
Online Learning and Teaching			✓			✓			Aug 15	B*					✓			B.Ed or teaching experience preferred

**Offered Online:** Online MEEdL - Montessori option, and Online Learning and Teaching

# 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) | c) Supporting documents/ letters of recommendation |
| b) Statement of interest                     | d) An interview                                    |

For students who meet the academic requirements but not the English language requirement, **conditional acceptance** into some VIU programs may be granted. In this case, admission is granted pending completion of VIU's English Language 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	

*Test results must be from the past 2 years. VIU reserves the right to request English language testing to confirm appropriate placement.*

# Applying to VIU

## 1 Before you apply

Explore VIU programs here: [viu.ca/programs](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!*

### 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**

# English Language Courses



Program	Description	Length	Dates (2022)	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	Jan 5 - Feb 22, Feb 23 - April 12, Jan 5 - April 12 (13 weeks)  Apr 27 - June 14, June 15 - Aug 2, Apr 27 - Aug 2 (13 weeks)	\$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	Sept 7 - Oct 25, Oct 26 - Dec 13, Sept 7 - Dec 6 (13 weeks)	\$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	Jan 5 - Apr 12, Apr 17 - Aug 2, Sept 7 - Dec 13	\$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	Jan - Apr, Sept - Dec	\$2,499

## Direct entry scores to ESL Courses

English test requirement	Level of direct entry
<b>IELTS 4.0</b> (no band lower than 3.5)	Language Foundation 1
<b>IELTS 4.5</b> (no band lower than 4.0)	Language Foundation 2
<b>IELTS 5.0</b> (no band lower than 4.5)	Language Foundation 3
<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
Homestay Application Fee	\$275
Homestay Fee (\$950/month)	\$3,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,958.30</b>
<i>Prices are in Canadian dollars, and are subject to change without notice.</i>	

\* 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.

# International University Foundation Year

The International University Foundation Year at Vancouver Island University (VIU) is an eight-month program designed for international students who need to complete a qualifying year in order to meet Admissions requirements for undergraduate studies at VIU.

This is a full-time program with between 25 to 40 hours of study required per week. Upon successful completion, you are guaranteed entry to the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Hospitality Management at Vancouver Island University. Contact us if you are interested in attending a different program at VIU.

## Features

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

## Admission Requirements

- Passport photo page.
- For students aged 18 years and older by December 31 following a September enrollment. Students who are 16-17 should contact [unipath@viu.ca](mailto:unipath@viu.ca) for a customised foundation option.
- 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.
- Minimum IELTS of 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5, or equivalent.\*

*\*Proof of English language proficiency is required from applicants for whom English is not their first language or from those whose education was completed in any country where English is not an official language.*

## Accommodation

Homestay, university residences and off-campus accommodation

For more information: [international.viu.ca/international-university-foundation-year](http://international.viu.ca/international-university-foundation-year).

## Program Cost

1-year (2-semester)	
Administration Fee	\$100
Tuition	\$20,000
Student and Ancillary Fees	\$800
Medical Insurance	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,900</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](http://international.viu.ca/costcalculator)*



# ITAS – Information Technology diploma programs – start your future!

ITAS diploma programs are designed for students interested in working with technology and computer systems. We value instructing our curriculum in an applied, hands on experiential learning environment to ensure that our students have the employable skills set needed to begin their careers!

There is a large demand for skilled IT graduates to meet the needs of the modern online world. Over 85% of our graduates immediately begin their IT careers in such diverse areas as:

- Cybersecurity practices and defense techniques
- Mobile application development for Android and Apple devices
- Wired and Wireless networking systems
- Web development and coding
- Virtualized Windows and Linux server's systems administration
- Cloud computing



If you are interested in learning more about our Systems Administration and Networking diploma or our Web and Mobile Development diploma please visit [tradesappliedtech.viu.ca/itas](https://tradesappliedtech.viu.ca/itas) or e-mail [info@itas.ca](mailto:info@itas.ca)

Lydia Sweety

ITAS, India

I am glad to be a part of the ITAS program in VIU. The Nanaimo ocean view campus is an eco-friendly environment that provides peace of mind and balance to stay focused on the course. I like the pedagogy approach and the time dedicated towards hands-on practice with IT technology as well as the assignments. The professors are extremely passionate and often encourage students to be more collaborative and participative in the class. The international admissions team and department chair offered the best guidance and timely response that helped me to prepare myself to relocate even during the most challenging pandemic season.





# 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

## Jeandre Petzer

ITAS, South Africa

I love working with computers and exploring the different facets of IT, and ITAS helps me to do just that. I have been introduced to everything from hardware, networking, and servers to software development and coding languages such as PHP, SQL, Java, JavaScript and HTML. Being able to gain hands-on experience with the technologies that I am taught about is a massive perk of the ITAS program.



# Your World VIU

## Free access to international-specific:

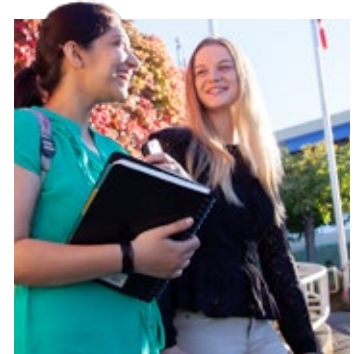
- ✓ Admissions
- ✓ Academic advising
- ✓ Personal counselling
- ✓ Language tutoring and writing help
- ✓ Accommodation assistance for homestay, residence and off-campus housing
- ✓ Study abroad support and global partnerships

Lurana McClure  
Rodriguez

Bachelor of Interior  
Design, Puerto Rico

I enjoyed the collaborative environment that VIU provided within my program. Workshopping alongside my classmates helped me become a better design student and made me feel like an integral part of the program.

This program has shown me so many facets of design and how to relate them to interior spaces. Through the interior design program I have acquired the skills to work in careers pertaining to lighting, furniture, graphic arts, and so much more.



## Student Supports

### 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

### 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



## Have fun and meet new friends!

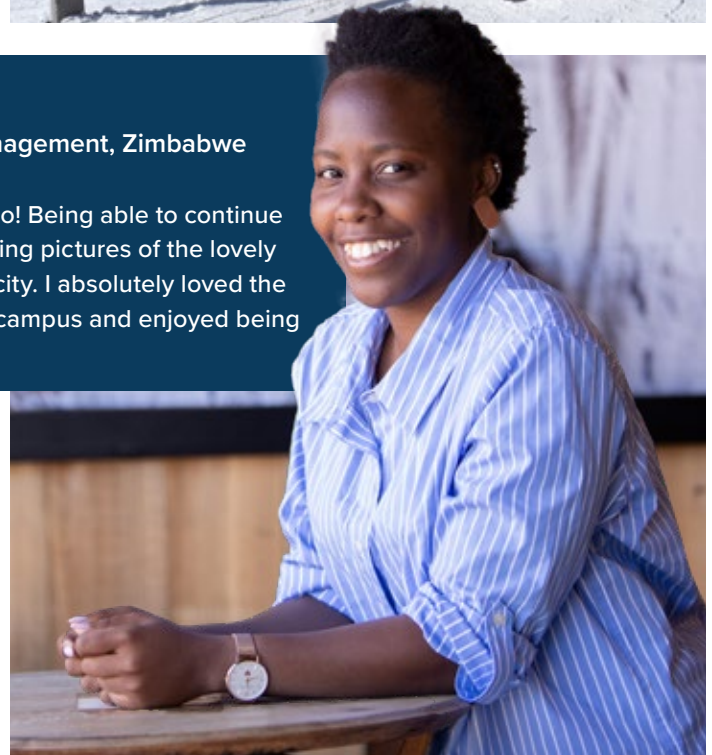
- ✓ Local trips and activities planned by Cultural Connections
- ✓ Field schools and exchange programs
- ✓ Cultural celebrations
- ✓ Global Citizens Week
- ✓ WorldVIU Days
- ✓ International music concerts on campus



## Tafadzwa Ndlovu

Bachelor of Hospitality Management, Zimbabwe

I enjoy the beauty of Nanaimo! Being able to continue my photography journey, taking pictures of the lovely people and locations in this city. I absolutely loved the view of mountains from VIU campus and enjoyed being so close to the ocean.





# 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

Matt.Kuzminski@viu.ca

### Women's Basketball

Tony.Bryce@viu.ca

### Men's Soccer

Larry.Stefanek@viu.ca

### Women's Soccer

Kevin.Lindo@viu.ca

### Men's Volleyball

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### Women's Volleyball

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## Competitive clubs and coaches

### Hockey

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### Rugby 7's

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### Baseball

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### Badminton

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### Dance

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### Swimming

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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

## Yevgeniya Nyukhalova

### Bachelor of Business Administration, Ukraine

The moment I moved to Nanaimo, I loved the community and finally felt at home. People here are really welcoming and supportive. It feels like having a never-ending vacation while pursuing educational and career goals.

For those who decide to join VIU, I would suggest being prepared to live their best years – full of fun, joy, and professional development.

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

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

## Homestay

**\$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**  
**\$925 - \$987.50 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](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

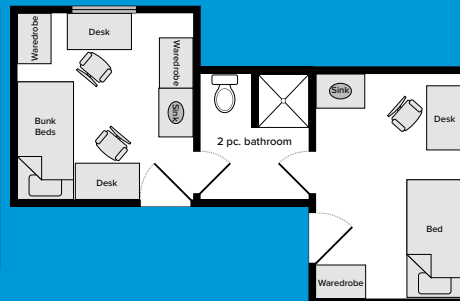
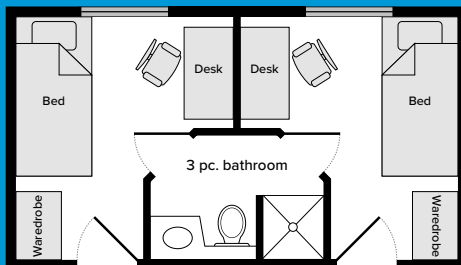
Flexibility of choice (apartment, house, etc.)

Independent arrangements with landlord and/or roommates

Self-directed search with support from off-campus housing

Damage deposit required by landlord

## Viu Residence Room Layouts



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



A homestay Canadian family experience

# Study, Work, and Live in Canada

## Study in Canada\*

\*English language courses can be taken prior to the start of academic program.

### Undergraduate programs

- 1-year Certificates
- 2-year Diplomas
- 4-year Bachelor's degrees

### Postgraduate programs

- 1-year Graduate Certificates and Diplomas
- 2-year Graduate Diplomas
- 2-year Master's degrees

## Work in Canada\*

\*Multiple conditions apply. Work eligibility and requirements may change with limited or no notice.

### On campus

- Can work any amount of hours during semester and scheduled (study) breaks
- Can work on or off campus if your study permit lists a condition that says "you're allowed to work on- or off-campus"
- Have a Social Insurance Number (SIN)

### Off campus

- 20 hr/w during semesters and full-time during study breaks
- Can work on or off campus if your study permit lists a condition that says "you're allowed to work on- or off-campus"
- Program must be at least 6 months long,
- Have valid study permit, be a full-time student

### Co-op or Intern

- Work permit required
- The intended employment must be an essential part of the academic program, but not exceeding 50% of it

### Post-graduation

- Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) required
- Graduation from VIU or other eligible DLI
- Length of PGWP ranges 8 months – 3 years

## Live in Canada\*

\*Multiple conditions apply. Pathways leading to permanent residency and/or citizenship may change with limited or no notice.

### Federal programs

- Federal Skilled Worker
- Federal Skilled Trades program
- Canadian Experience Class
- Start-up Visa
- Self-employed persons

### Provincial programs (British Columbia)

- Skilled Worker
- Health Care Professional
- International Graduate
- International Post-Graduate
- Entry Level and Semi-Skilled Worker
- Tech Pilot
- Strategic Projects
- Entrepreneur
- Entrepreneur Regional Pilot



# 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)

**English as a Second Language programs**  
 \$5,100 full-semester (13 weeks)  
 \$2,550 half-semester (6.5 weeks)  
 \$2,075 short-term (4 weeks)  
 \$1,725 (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

**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	\$475	\$950	\$950
 Books	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,200
 Food & Accommodation	\$4,400	\$8,800	\$13,200
 Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
 Transport (bus)	\$170	\$340	\$540
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,870 CAD</b> <i>(based on 15 credits/semester)</i>	<b>\$31,465 CAD</b> <i>(based on 30 credits/semester)</i>	<b>\$37,115 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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## 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)

