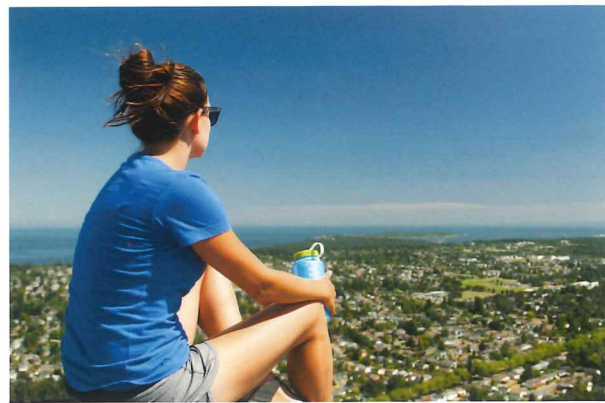





 2nd sunniest city
 in British Columbia,
 with average high
 temperatures of
 8°C (winter) and
 22°C (summer).


 UVic is consistently
 ranked in the
 top 3 Canadian
 comprehensive
 universities.



120+
 students from
 more than 25
 countries participate
 in the UVic exchange
 program each year.



To apply for an exchange to UVic, contact the
 international exchange office at your home institution.
 For information about UVic, and to hear from other
 students about their exchange experiences, visit:

www.uvic.ca/incomingexchange

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**DISCOVER
 THE WEST
 COAST OF
 CANADA**

The next chapter of your story unfolds here, at the University of Victoria

At UVic, you're just minutes away from ocean, mountains, forests and city – a stunning west coast backdrop. We have an extraordinary academic environment that inspires exploration and innovation, which will enrich your university experience like no other.

“ UVic is a great university nestled within one of the most beautiful cities in North America. The island is an oasis to be explored.

Exchange Student, University of Southern Mississippi, USA

ABOUT VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER ISLAND

Situated on the southern tip of Vancouver Island on Canada's West Coast, Victoria is famous for its stunning natural environment, making it ideal for recreation and relaxation alike. The city has all the amenities of a large urban centre yet maintains the character and community of a small town.

We've got something for everyone:

- **Outdoor adventures:** Hiking, kayaking, skiing, surfing and sailing are popular year-round, thanks in part to our mild climate.
- **Vibrant cultural hub:** Victoria hosts international festivals and has a lively music scene, theatres, markets and great cafés.
- **Cycling capital of Canada:** An extensive network of trails, bike lanes and rural routes makes it easy to commute and explore.

GETTING TO VICTORIA

Most visitors arrive via the **Victoria International Airport (YYJ)**, but nearby Vancouver and Seattle are also accessible by ferry. Average flight times:

- **Vancouver:** 25 minutes / 1.5-hour ferry
- **Seattle:** 45 minutes / 3-hour ferry
- **Toronto:** 5 hours
- **Australia and New Zealand:** 15 hours
- **UK and continental Europe:** 9 hours
- **Asia:** 11 hours
- **Mexico and Central America:** 5 hours



Our extraordinary academic environment

As you study hard and tackle new challenges, our campus' 200 acres of green space will help you find balance in your busy university life. As a mid-sized university, we're big enough to make an impact globally, but small enough to have a great community feel.

FACULTIES AND PROGRAMS

Our professors are committed to inspired teaching, research excellence, and civic engagement, which means you will learn from passionate, smart and caring faculty who are leaders in their fields. UVic's professors hold regular office hours to answer questions and often welcome students to get involved in learning opportunities beyond the classroom.

Take courses across a broad range of subjects and disciplines, including:

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES	FACULTY OF SCIENCE	FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ English ▪ French ▪ Gender Studies ▪ Germanic & Slavic Studies ▪ Greek & Roman Studies ▪ Hispanic & Italian Studies ▪ History ▪ Indigenous Studies ▪ Latin American Studies ▪ Linguistics ▪ Medieval Studies ▪ Pacific & Asian Studies ▪ Philosophy ▪ Religious Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Astronomy ▪ Biochemistry ▪ Biology ▪ Chemistry ▪ Earth & Ocean Sciences ▪ Forest Biology ▪ Marine Biology ▪ Mathematics ▪ Microbiology ▪ Neurobiology ▪ Physics ▪ Statistics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anthropology ▪ Economics ▪ Environmental Studies ▪ Geography ▪ Political Science ▪ Psychology ▪ Sociology <p>It is possible to take courses in other faculties with permission.</p>

“ I really enjoyed the courses. UVic has high quality and passionate professors. I also had a great social life. UVic gave me the chance to create a close and amazing international friend group.

Exchange Student, Utrecht University, Netherlands

Community connections and supports

You're in good company: over 70% of students come to UVic from outside Victoria, and more than 3,400 international students represent 100 different nationalities. You'll join a community of students, staff and faculty who share perspectives, celebrate diversity, foster intercultural connections, and cultivate an inclusive and globally minded campus.

“ Small campus, open-mindedness, proximity with nature... Victoria is a great place to live, good weather on the overall, stress-free city, very welcoming population.

Exchange Student, Sciences Po, France

WE'RE WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

You'll find a wide range of services and resources on campus to make your exchange experience a memorable one.

Before your exchange:

- Join the **UVic Global Community Facebook group** for information about Victoria, campus and student life. facebook.com/groups/uvicglobalcommunity

Once you arrive:

- **Orientation:** Participate in our International Student Welcome event and a whole host of other orientation programs to help you transition to UVic. uvic.ca/orientation
- **Meet and Greet Social:** Meet the other exchange students at UVic.

While you're here:

- **Mentorship program:** Be paired with a mentor who will plan weekly on and off-campus activities throughout the term. uvic.ca/global-mentorship
- **Conversation partners program:** Get matched with a conversation partner to give you plenty of opportunities to practice and improve your conversational English skills. uvic.ca/global-conversations
- **Clubs and course unions:** Choose from more than 200 student-run clubs on campus, including the sailing club, outdoor club, photography club, ballroom dance club and more. You can also connect with course unions, which are groups run by students within a department. uvss.ca/current-clubs & uvss.ca/current-course-unions
- **Vikes Recreation:** Join a sport or take a fitness class. vikesrec.uvic.ca