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UNIVERSITY

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ENGLISH

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# Canada's West Coast University



## Welcome to VIU

Established in 1936, Vancouver Island University (VIU) is a public, internationally recognized and accredited university located in the beautiful province of British Columbia, Canada. With hundreds of programs to choose from, world-class facilities, high-caliber faculty and a central location close to Vancouver and Victoria, VIU is the right place to live, learn and work.

## VIU Quick facts

- ◆ Established 1936
- ◆ 4 campuses
- ◆ Student:Faculty ratio of 16:1
- ◆ Canadian students: 10,000
- ◆ International students: 1,000
- ◆ Over 50 countries represented
- ◆ 2,104 faculty and staff
- ◆ Over 200 program options
- ◆ \$100,000,000 annual budget
- ◆ \$25,000,000 in recent building and equipment investments
- ◆ 386 on-campus student residences; peerstay and homestay available
- ◆ 12 research centres and institutes

## Live:

- ▶ in a top ranked country by the United Nations (UN)
- ▶ on one of the greatest island destinations in the world
- ▶ in a city known for having one of the mildest climates in Canada year round
- ▶ in the 2008 cultural capital of Canada

## Learn:

- ▶ from internationally recognized faculty
- ▶ with some of the best students from across Canada and the world
- ▶ at a hands-on institution with world-class facilities, co-op and internship programs
- ▶ at the #1 ranked institution in British Columbia for Quality of Instruction

## Testimonials

“ESL teachers are really nice, helpful and easily approachable. They give students personal attention to help them improve their language skills.”

**Yangzi Sun**, Beijing, China, is taking the English Language Certificate program and is planning to enter VIU's Recreation and Sport Management diploma program.

“I found the program and the instructors exceptional, while the learning style was a little different to my own university I adjusted quickly, and found that my professors were very helpful.”

**Sarah Dymock**, Australia, Bachelor of Business Administration

“When I came to VIU I was planning on majoring in psychology and later specializing in child development. But in my first semester, I took an anthropology course and found it so fascinating that I changed my mind.”

**Alejandra Maldonado**, Paraguay, Bachelor of Arts (Anthropology)

“My first volunteer job in the community was at one Sunday school. I was in charge of a Kindergarten class. Soon, I found out how much I could do for others by volunteering in the community. I was trained and became a certified Nanaimo Tourism's International Ambassador. I joined in many local events in the summer like the Farmer's Market, Dragon Boat racing, Silly Boat racing, Bathtub boat racing, Nanaimo Multicultural Society Event, Christmas Tree festival and the list goes on.”

**Ho Thao Van**, Vietnam, ESL & Early Childhood Education and Care (Diploma)

“In the community in Nanaimo, I was able to balance my studies with having fun. I could go dancing on the weekend, go on hikes with friends, swim at the lakes and even occasionally volunteer out in the community.”

**Colin Credo**, Bachelor of Arts, United Arab Emirates

See what more of our students have to say:  
[www.viu.ca/international/ambassadors.asp](http://www.viu.ca/international/ambassadors.asp)  
[www.viu.ca/international/voices.asp](http://www.viu.ca/international/voices.asp)

## Experiential learning

University is not just about books and exams. It's about going beyond the classroom to gain real world experience. Our students are given opportunities for hands-on experience while getting paid. For example, science students are involved in collaborative research while tourism and hospitality students work full-time during their co-op education term; all academic students have the option of working part-time while they study and full-time after graduation.

## Location

[www.viu.ca/international/nanaimo.asp](http://www.viu.ca/international/nanaimo.asp)

Vancouver Island has been rated one of the greatest island destinations in the world to live and visit. The city of Nanaimo is a major tourist destination, blessed with the natural beauty of mountains, forests and ocean. The mild climate provides many opportunities for year-round outdoor sports and recreation.

## Work

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

While studying at Vancouver Island University, international students who hold a study

permit are eligible to work on or off campus for up to 20 hours a week and full-time during scheduled breaks. After graduation from an academic program that is one year or longer, international students are allowed to work in Canada full-time for up to three years.

## Programs

[www.viu.ca/international](http://www.viu.ca/international)

Vancouver Island University offers over 200 programs at the Certificate, Diploma, Bachelor and Master's level. Our diverse program options fall under the following general areas of study:

- English language University Preparation Program and English Communication Program
- MBA/MScIB
- Business, Tourism, Sport and Recreation and Hospitality
- Humanities, Social Sciences and Education
- Sciences, Computers and Technology
- Art, Design and Performing Arts
- Vocational and Trades



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## Costs

English Communication Program	\$2,400 per 7 weeks
University Preparation Program	\$4,700 per 14 weeks
All undergraduate academic programs	\$5,900 per semester. Some exceptions apply.
MBA/MScIB Foundation	\$4,850 plus student fees and textbooks.
MBA/MScIB	\$29,500 for complete program. Includes textbooks and internship placement.
Application processing fee	\$150 (one time, non-refundable)
Textbooks	\$300 – 800 per year
Accommodation placement fee	Homestay: \$150 / On-campus residence: \$25 (one time, non-refundable)
Accommodation	Homestay: \$700/month (meals included) On-campus residence: \$419 – 539/month Off-campus: \$450 – 700/month
Other fees	Student Society fees: \$137.75/semester

All prices are in Canadian dollars and subject to change without notice.

## Apply

[www.viu.ca/international/apply.asp](http://www.viu.ca/international/apply.asp)

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. It is recommended that completed applications are submitted two to six months before the start of classes to ensure enrolment. Conditional letters of acceptance to enter academic programs are provided for students who don't meet the academic language requirements and need to start in VIU's English Language Certificate program.

