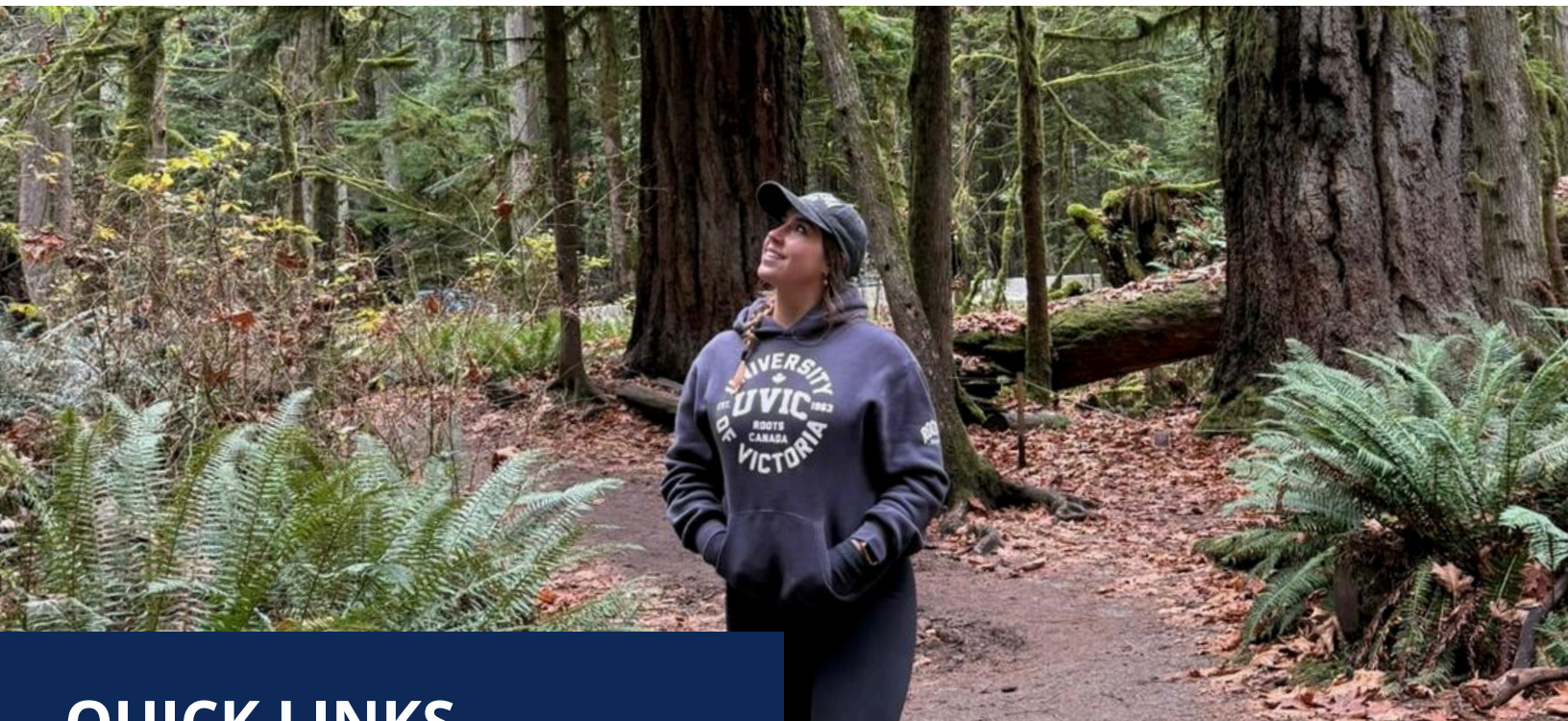




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DISCOVER UVIC

- UVic is a leading university on the west coast of Canada, with 23,000 students, including 3000 international students.
- Ranked #1 in Canada and #5 globally for climate action (THE Impacting Ranking, 2025)
- Active student community with over 200 student clubs and unions to participate in.
- Lush campus grounds with community gardens, green spaces, deer, and walking trails near the ocean.
- Renowned UVic International Centre for Students offers comprehensive exchange, immigration, community, and settlement support.
- Victoria was recently voted best small city in the world (Condé Nast Media, 2025).



[UVic Campus Tour](#)



[Explore Victoria as an international student](#)

Learn more about Victoria and British Columbia:



- [Tourism Victoria](#)
- [Victoria Destination British Columbia UVic](#)
- [Future Students: About Victoria](#)

Useful Links



[University of Victoria \(UVic\)](#)

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[Incoming Exchange Students](#)

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NOMINATIONS & APPLICATION

	Partner Exchange Nomination Deadline	Student Exchange Application Deadline	Orientation	Classes Start	Classes End	Exams
Fall 2027 Term	April 1, 2027	April 15, 2027	Late August 2027 (TBD)	September 8th, 2027	December 6th, 2027	December 9-22 2027
Spring 2028 Term	April 1, 2027	April 15, 2027	Early January 2028 (TBD)	Early January 2028 (TBD)	Early April 2028 (TBD)	Late April 2028 (TBD)

All important dates for the academic year can be found in the [UVic Academic Calendar](#)

NOMINATION PROCESS (FOR PARTNERS)

Nomination deadline for Fall and Spring terms:

April 1, 2027

Required nomination information:

- Student name
- Student email address
- Proposed exchange term(s)
- Area of study
- Level of study (Undergraduate or Graduate)

Important note: Partners please submit a separate nomination form for each student.

Next step: Upon nomination, the ICS Exchange team will reach out to students to invite them to apply.

NOMINATE



APPLICATION PROCESS (FOR STUDENTS)

Student application deadline for Fall and Spring terms:

April 15, 2027

Required student documents to be submitted via application form:

- Current passport copy
- A recent passport-size photograph
- Official academic transcript copy
- List of currently registered courses (if not listed on transcript)

Acceptance: Once admitted to UVic in May, students will receive an email that includes their UVic identification number, a letter of acceptance, and information about preparing for study at UVic.

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS WILL
BE EMAILED TO STUDENTS**

COURSES & REGISTRATION

Course Selection

Upon acceptance into the ICS Exchange Program in May, students will receive step-by-step instructions regarding course registration. Course registration opens in June each year. All exchange students are expected to register when registration opens to maximize course availability.

Most exchange student select courses in the faculties of **Science, Humanities, Social Science, Fine Arts**, and/or **Computer Science**. Courses that have pre-requisites will require students to seek approval from the relevant department in order to register. Due to limited course capacity, exchange students are strongly encouraged to identify several alternative courses before registration opens.

	Course Registration Opens	Last Day to Register for Courses	Last Day to Drop Courses
Fall Term	Early June 2027	Late September 2027	Late October 2027
Spring Term	Early June 2027	Late January 2028	Late February 2028



FIND COURSES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

By faculty

By theme

Use these lists as a starting point. View the full [UVic course list](#)



UVIC ACADEMIC CALENDAR

2026-2027

Course Load

All exchange students should consult with their home university exchange adviser regarding:

- courseload expectations
- credit transfer requirements
- degree progression and academic planning.

Recommended Course load for Undergraduate Students



3-5 courses per term
(4.5-7.5 UVic units)
1.5 UVic units = 6 ECTS

Note: Not all courses listed in the academic calendar are offered every term. Students should consult the [UVic Class Schedule Search](#) for current offerings and schedules.

Restricted Faculties

- Business (COM)
- Education (ED-D, EDCI)
- Engineering (CIVE, ECE, ENGR, MECH, SENG)
- Health (HLTH)
- Law (LAW)

Graduate Courses

All graduate level courses require approval from the relevant UVic instructor, in order for exchange students to register. The ICS Exchange team will liaise with graduate students and instructors during the approval process. Enrollment in graduate courses is not guaranteed and approval is granted at the instructor's discretion. All graduate students should discuss courseload expectations with their home university adviser.

Transcripts

Official transcripts are sent to students' home universities in January (Fall term) and May (Spring term). Students can view grades and unofficial transcripts through the [UVic Online Tools page](#).



ORIENTATION



All incoming exchange students are encouraged to join UVic Orientation events, to support their academic and social transition to Canada. Orientation is an important part of each exchange student's journey!

International Student Welcome (ISW)

- This full day event at the beginning of the term provides students with an introduction to UVic. Activities include outdoor barbeque lunch, exchange information session, trivia with prizes, ice cream social, and *Discover Your Campus* orientation session.

International Student Orientation Programs (ISOP)

- A series of pre-arrival and in-person programs designed for exchange students. Activities may include campus tours, beach day, information sessions, bus orientation, and a photo scavenger hunt.

When?	Where?	What's included?	Cost
Fall - early September Spring - early January	UVic main campus	BBQ, information sessions, tours, social events, outdoor activities	FREE

Orientation Registration

- Registration required for ISW and ISOP.
- Dates and details will be available on the [UVic Orientation website](#) before the start of each term.

PREPARING FOR UVIC

Immigration

Exchange students are responsible for meeting Canada's immigration requirements before arrival. After acceptance, UVic Immigration Specialists can provide students with guidance on the immigration process for studying in Canada. Study permit requirements depend on the duration of the exchange program and the nationality of the student.

Health Insurance

First 4 months - exchange students are automatically enrolled in the [GuardMe@UVic](#) a mandatory medical insurance plan (MTMI). This plan covers required medical services to address new and unexpected illness or injury. The coverage is for a registered student's first 4-month academic term at UVic (September to December or January to April).

After 4 months - exchange students must enroll in the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP), which provides continued health insurance coverage for the remainder of their studies.

U-Pass Bus Pass

Exchange students **may opt-in** through the [University of Victoria Student Society \(UVSS\)](#) for access to the BC Transit bus pass.

UVic Student Fees

GuardMe@UVic insurance	\$267
BC Medical Services Plan (after 4 month)	\$75/month
UVic Athletics and Rec fee	\$100/term
UVSS fee	\$86/term
U-Pass Bus Pass	\$81/term

****Fees are subject to change**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

English Language Proficiency Requirement

Exchange students are **not** required to submit proof of English proficiency. Partner institutions are responsible for nominating students with sufficient English language skills to succeed at UVic.

For reference, UVic degree-seeking applicants typically require TOEFL iBT 90 (No section less than 20) OR IELTS 6.5 (No band less than 6.0).

English as a Second Language Courses:

The [UVic English Language Centre](#) (ELC) offers intensive English language courses in the summer, for an additional fee.

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

Availability

[UVic Residence Services](#) offers dormitory rooms or cluster units (private bedroom with shared kitchen and living room) as on-campus housing options. While incoming exchange students are encouraged to apply, on-campus residence spaces are limited and competitive.

Applying for On-Campus Housing

Once students have been accepted into the ICS Exchange Program in May, they will receive their UVic student number, which can be used to create a NetLink ID. Using their NetLink ID, students can then log in to the [UVic Housing Portal](#) and apply for on-campus housing for the upcoming study term.

Application Deadline

The on-campus housing application deadline is **mid-May** for Fall exchange terms and **mid-November** for Spring exchange terms. Exact application dates and deadlines will be available on the [Residence Services website](#) before the term begins.

Fees & Rates

- Applying for on-campus housing requires payment of a non-refundable \$50 application fee.
- [UVic dormitory rates](#) include a standard meal plan and are subject to change from year-to-year.
- In case of room cancellation, additional fees apply.

Meal Plan

Dormitory rooms include a mandatory meal plan, while cluster units provide a shared refrigerator, oven, stove, and cookware available for use, along with an [optional +PLUS account meal plan](#).

Priority Consideration

Students with [specialized housing requirements](#) due to a disability or chronic health conditions can submit a *Priority Consideration Request* (PCR) as part of their housing application.

Courseload Requirement

Exchange students living in on-campus housing must be enrolled in a minimum of 4.5 UVic units per term.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Most incoming exchange students live off-campus, in the neighbourhoods surrounding UVic.

The current rental market in Victoria is robust and offers students a variety of living arrangements, from renting a room in a student house, to subletting a private apartment.

After being accepted into the exchange program in May, students will attend an online information session about off-campus housing, providing resources and tips for finding rentals.

More information can be found on the [ICS off-campus housing page](#).

UVIC GLOBAL COMMUNITY

The **UVic Global Community** (GC) connects international and domestic students through programs, events, and intercultural learning opportunities.

The **GC Mentorship Program** matches students with peer mentors who provide guidance and support during the transition to studying at UVic and living in Canada.

- Apply online through the GC [Mentorship Program Application](#)

Practice English, build intercultural friendships, and connect with students from around the world with the **GC Conversation Partners Program**.

- Apply online through the GC [Conversation Partner Program Application](#)

Get involved in the community and attend GC [workshops, presentations, and cultural events](#) throughout the year!

- Video: [International students find a home at UVic](#)



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