Vancouver Island University (VIU)

Dates & Facts 2024





Information/ Short Description	Founded in 1936, Vancouver Island University (VIU) is a public university with currently about 12,000 students and more than 120 study programs in various fields. Small class sizes of 34 students maximum provide the ideal learning environment and a dynamic dialogue between students and professors. The main VIU campus is located in the harbor city of Nanaimo on Vancouver Island. This spectacular location allows for various outdoor activities and sports all year round due to the close proximity to the mountains, the forest and the ocean. Big city life in Vancouver is only a ferry ride away and the tourist attraction Victoria is reachable within a short car or bus ride.			
Website	www.international-student-office.org/en/study-in-canada/ and https://international.viu.ca/			
Study Opportunities	 For a study abroad period at VIU, students may choose subjects from all bachelor programs in the following study fields: Business Management Art & Design Humanities & Social Sciences Health & Human Services Science & Technology Tourism & Hospitality Master study abroad students can mix and match classes from the MBA and the Master of Arts in Sustainable Leisure Management program. Detailed information is available via the VIU program website: www.viu.ca/programs/areas-study 			
Fees Fees may change without prior notice. Please check your Letter of Offer for final fees. 1 Credit at VIU is usually considered equivalent to 2 ECTS.	Study Abroad Semester	Tuition for Freemovers	Tuition for Students from Partner Institutions	Student Fees
	Bachelor 9 Credits	6,988 CAD	6,289 CAD	Approx. 399 CAD
	Bachelor 12 Credits	9,318 CAD	8,386 CAD	Approx. 499 CAD
	Bachelor 15 Credits	10,871 CAD	9,784 CAD	Approx. 565 CAD
	MBA 9 - 15 Credits	6,804 C	AD - 11,340 CAD	Approx. 359 - 531 CAD
	MASLM 9 - 15 Credits	7,536 CAD - 12,560 CAD		Approx. 426 - 643 CAD
	 Application Fee: 150 CAD (waived for students from partner institutions) Health Insurance: 378.50 CAD / semester Official Transcript: 12.50 CAD (7 day service) 			
Academic Year	 The academic year at VIU is divided into semesters, each running for four months. There are two start dates each year: January and September Spring 2024: beginning of January to end of April Fall 2024: beginning of September to mid-December 			
Grading	Final grades are determined by essays, tutorials, presentations and group work as well as final exam results at the end of the semester .			

Exam Period	During the last two weeks of each semester.		
Orientation Period	A mandatory orientation period takes place prior to course start.		
Application	 To apply to VIU, please submit the following documents via email to our European office: Application form Official academic transcripts in English Master students also need to hand in their Bachelor diploma Proof of English proficiency (waived for students from German partner institutions): TOEFL: 88 (Bachelor) and 93 (Master) with no band below 20 respectively IELTS: 6.5 with no band below 6.0 (Bachelor) and 7.0 with no band below 6.5 (Master) Cambridge Certificate: 176 (Bachelor) and 185 (Master) 		
Application Deadline	Applications for the fall 2024/spring 2025 semester should be submitted by March 31st, 2024. Late applications are often accepted and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Please also mind internal deadlines at your home institution.		
Visa This information is supplied without liability	Many students who study in Canada for less than six months do not require a Study Permit. However, a Study Permit is required for those who are pursuing a program of study that is longer than 180 days or six months. Students can apply for a Study Permit in person, via postal service or in most cases even online. You might be required to give biometrics. Please note that visa-exempt foreign nationals who fly to or transit through Canada will need an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA). Detailed information is available on the Canadian Embassy's website: www.canada.ca/en.html		
Accommodation Please note that the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 fees will be announced in early 2024 and that stated fees are estimates.	 Homestay with meals: 1,050 CAD per month Homestay without meals: 750 CAD per month On-campus residences: 587 - 1,041 CAD per month depending on type of room Off-campus accommodation: 800 - 1,400 CAD per month Detailed information on all accommodation options at VIU is available on the VIU housing website: https://services.viu.ca/housing 		
Scholarships	The European office of VIU awards scholarships on a regular basis. Find more information about the scholarships on our website. Further stipends may be offered by your government, home institution or other organizations in your home country.		
Funding This information is supplied without liability	Study abroad students with a Study Permit are allowed to work on campus for up to 20 hours per week. Chances of finding a paid job on campus are, however, limited. Full degree students with a Study Permit are usually also eligible to work off campus for up to 20 hours per week and full time during semester breaks.		
Insurance	All VIU students must obtain a Canadian health insurance for the entire study period, arranged via VIU. Further information is available at: https://international.viu.ca/medical		
Further Information Updated: September 2023 (subject to change)	The following link provides experience reports by VIU students: www.international-student-office.org/en/blog/category/semester-abroad-canada/ Connect with our team and other VIU students via Facebook: www.facebook.com/InternationalStudentOffice/		

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