



VANCOUVER ISLAND  
UNIVERSITY



2019-20

# International Programs

# #LoveWhereYouLearn

VIU is a public university located in the city of Nanaimo on the magnificent West Coast of Canada. Our inspiring natural setting, personal attention in small size classes, quality programming and value-based education, together, set VIU apart from other universities. In this nurturing environment we celebrate students' academic accomplishments as much as we celebrate their social competencies. We aim to help students develop their relationship skills by engaging with local and global communities within and beyond the classroom.



# VIU Quick Facts

## Our core values

Quality teaching

Diversity

Equality

Community

Sustainability

# 14,500 Students

# 1

Dedicated  
Faculty of  
International  
Education

Class  
Size  
Maximum  
**34**  
students

**2,000**  
International  
students  
from over  
**93** countries

**120+** programs

**20+**  
Experiential learning opportunities

**75,000**  
alumni network  
worldwide



FINALIST  
2018

# 2018

Global Teaching  
Excellence Award Finalist

# Vancouver Island

When you think Vancouver Island, think big! The island is over 32,000 km<sup>2</sup> with 3400 km of beautiful coastline and over 200 smaller islands to explore.

Vancouver Island attracts millions of visitors yearly for its natural beauty and world-class recreation. Good news, there is plenty of space for everyone in this marvelous action-packed playground!

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



Winter sports at Mt. Washington

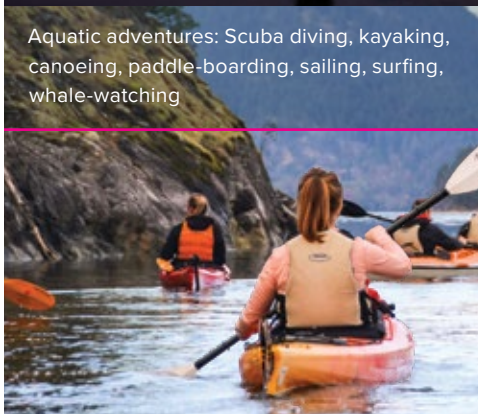


Renowned surf and spa resorts on the West Coast



Authentic cultural and art experiences

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

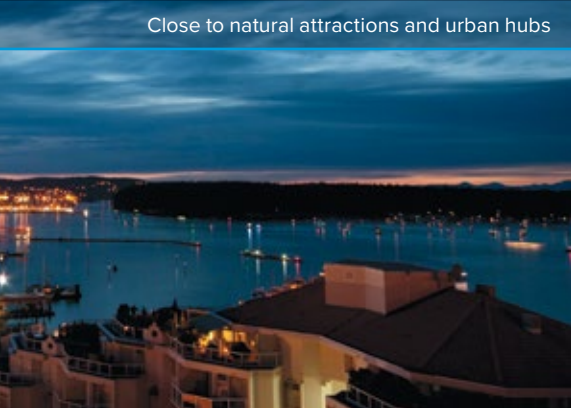


# Enjoy Explore



Friendly and multicultural

Close to natural attractions and urban hubs



# Nanaimo

Located in the central part of Vancouver Island, Nanaimo is a busy, beautiful harbour city and a welcoming community of over 90,000 people. The city offers the best of two worlds, urban opportunities and natural environment.



## Why students love it here

- ☀ Mild weather all year
- ♥ Safe community
- 🌍 Friendly and multicultural
- 🏠 Affordable cost of living
- 📁 Engaged business community
- 🌿 Proximity to both natural attractions and urban hubs

### Distances:

Vancouver	✈ 20 min	🚆 140 min
Victoria	🚌 90 min	
Seattle	🚗 + 🚆 5 hours	

# Programs

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		Credential	1 year Certificate	2 year Diploma	4 year Degree	Intake	September	January	Experiential Learning	Basic Admissions	Additional Requirements	Notes
Anthropology	H M m			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	● 📍	✓		
Business	m			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Creative Writing	M m			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓		
Criminology	M m		✓	✓	✓				●	✓	C in Eng 12; C in Precal 11	Admission ranking by Math / English GPA
Digital Media Studies	M 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	
Media Studies	m			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Philosophy	H M m			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓		
Political Studies	M m			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Psychology	H M m			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Sociology	H M m			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		

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

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**H** An Honours degree signals a higher degree of concentration in the subject, as well as a higher level of academic achievement.

# Programs

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## Credential

1 year Certificate

2 year Diploma

4 year Degree

## Intake

September

January

## Experiential Learning

## Basic Admissions

## Additional Requirements

## Notes

### Arts, Design and Performing Arts

	Credential	1 year Certificate	2 year Diploma	4 year Degree	Intake	September	January	Experiential Learning	Basic Admissions	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	
Jazz Studies		✓	✓	✓					✓	Audition	
Technical Theatre		✓			✓			*	✓	Interview	Focus on Stagecraft
Theatre		✓			✓				✓	Interview	Focus on acting and directing
Visual Art		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	■	✓	Letter of intent, portfolio, interview	

### Management

	Credential	1 year Certificate	2 year Diploma	4 year Degree	Intake	September	January	Experiential Learning	Basic Admissions	Additional Requirements	Notes
Business Administration				✓	✓			●	✓	C in Precal 12	
Accounting <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">M</span>				✓	✓			●	✓		
Economics <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">M</span>				✓	✓			●	✓		
Financial Services <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">M</span>				✓	✓			●	✓		
Human Resources <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">M</span>				✓	✓			●	✓		
International Business <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">M</span>				✓	✓			●	✓		
Management <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">M</span>				✓	✓			●	✓		
Marketing <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 2px;">M</span>				✓	✓			●	✓		
Business Management		✓			✓				✓	C in Precal 11	Ladders into BBA
Applied Business Technology		✓			✓			*	✓	C in Math 10	10 months

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**Basic Admission Requirements**  
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## Credential

1 year Certificate

2 year Diploma

4 year Degree

## Intake

September

January

## Experiential Learning

## Basic Admissions

## Additional Requirements

## Notes

### Tourism, Recreation and Hospitality

Program	1 year Certificate	2 year Diploma	4 year Degree	September	January	Experiential Learning	Basic Admissions	Additional Requirements	Notes
Culinary Arts	✓			✓	✓	●	✓	Foodsafe Level 1; min 17 years old	Intakes in Jan, Feb, Aug
Culinary Management		✓		✓	✓	●	✓	Completion of Culinary Arts Certificate; C in Math 11	Co-Op and Apprenticeship; complete 1 semester bridging program to ladder into year 3 of the Bachelor of Hospitality program
Hospitality Management		✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓	C+ in Precal 11	January intake if seats available
Recreation and Sport Management		✓				●	✓	Criminal record check may be required	
Tourism Management		✓	✓			●	✓	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	
Computer Science	M m		✓	✓	✓		ⓘ	✓	prerequisites may include	
Earth Science	m			✓	✓			✓	Biology 11/12, Chemistry	
Geography	m			✓	✓			✓	11/12 and Physics 11/12; see	
Geoscience	M			✓	✓			✓	viu.ca/programs for details	Environmental geoscience
Mathematics	M m			✓	✓			✓		
Psychology	M m			✓	✓			✓		
Engineering Transfer		✓	✓		✓			✓	C in English 12; C+ in	Certificate ladders to
									Physics 12 & Chemistry 12;	Year 2 at UBC, SFU,
									B in Precal 12	UVic, and UofA with
										minimum GPA
Fisheries and Aquaculture			✓		✓		ⓘ	✓		
Forest Resource Technology			✓		✓		■	✓	C in Math 11 or Precal 11;	
									C+ in one science 11 class	
Information Technology and Applied Systems		✓	✓		✓		*	✓		
Resource Management Officer Technology			✓		✓		*	✓	C in Math 11, C in Biology 11;	Ladders into Bachelor
									personal profile; 2 referee	of Natural Resource
									forms; interview	Protection
Natural Resource Protection				✓	✓		*	✓	C+ in Resource	
									Management Officer	
									Technology program or	
									equivalent	

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<b>Education, Health and Services</b>											
Education			✓	✓					✓	C in Eng 12, C in Precal 12, personal profile	Elementary or Secondary teaching options; apply by Jan 31; 5-year degree
Physical Education		✓	✓	✓				● *	✓	Personal statement, resume, references	
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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	<b>Credential</b>	Master's Degree 2 years	Graduate Diploma 1 year	Graduate Diploma 2 year	Graduate Certificate 1 year	Post-Degree Diploma 1 year	<b>Intake</b>	September	January	<b>Apply by</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>Letter of intent</b>	<b>Work Experience</b>	<b>References</b>	<b>Resume</b>	<b>Bachelor's Degree</b>	<b>Assessment Form</b>	<b>Notes</b>
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## Post Graduate Programs [viu.ca](http://viu.ca) for details

Business Administration	✓						✓	✓	March 31 June 30	B*	✓	✓	2	✓	✓			No GMAT; internship
Sustainable Leisure Management	✓						✓		March 31	B*	✓		3	✓	✓	3		
Community Planning	✓						✓		Feb. 28	B*	✓		3		✓			
Geographic Information Systems	✓					✓	✓		Jan 31	B*	✓	✓	2	✓	✓			Intro GIS course; practicum
Educational Leadership	✓						✓		March 31	B*	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	2		Work experience in education
Special Education	✓						✓		March 31	B*	✓	✓	2	✓	✓	2		2 years of teaching experience preferred
Business					✓		✓	✓	March 31 June 30	C+					✓			Can be followed by GDPM, GDIT or MBA (program requirements apply)
Project Management		✓					✓		March 31 June 30	C+		✓			✓	✓		Degree in business and/or 1 year working experience preferred or completion of GCIB
Hospitality Management			✓				✓	✓	March 31	C+	✓	✓			✓			
International Trade		✓					✓		March 31 June 30	C+				✓	✓			Degree in business and/or 1 year working experience preferred or completion of GCIB
Fisheries and Aquaculture						✓	✓		March 31	B					✓			Bachelor of Science; interview; permission of department

\*B average is calculated in the last 2 years

# Admission requirements

## Undergraduate Programs

- 1) Graduation from high school in a university/college preparatory curriculum.
- 2) Proof of English language proficiency is required from applicants who are applying from countries where English is not an official language and has not been the primary language of instruction.

Test	Minimum score
VIU English Language Centre	Successful completion of University Preparation Level 5
IELTS (Academic)	<b>6.5</b> (no band below 6.0)
TOEFL Paper Based Test	<b>550</b> (no section below 56)
TOEFL iBT	<b>88</b> (no section below 20)
CAEL	<b>60</b>
Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English	<b>176</b> overall
Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English	<b>176</b> overall
English 12 (BC)	Min. "C"
Pearson (PTE)	<b>60</b> (no section below 60)
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"
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..

- Specific programs have additional requirements. Requirements listed at: [viu.ca/programs](http://viu.ca/programs)
- For students who meet the academic requirements but not the English language requirement, **conditional acceptance** to VIU may be granted. In this case, admission is granted pending completion of VIU's English Language Centre program (level UP5 for undergrad and Grad Prep for Graduate 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)

- 1) Bachelor's degree with a minimum B average in the last two years of study
- 2) Resume
- 3) Statement of interest
- 4) Supporting documents/letters of recommendation – the number and format vary depending on program
- 5) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS may include: specific work experience and an interview
- 6) Fulfillment of the English language requirement:

Test	Minimum score
VIU English Language Centre (ELC)	Successful completion of Grad Prep
IELTS	<b>7.0</b> (no band below 6.5)
TOEFL iBT	<b>93</b> (no section lower than 20)
CAEL	<b>70</b> (no band below 60)
Pearson (PTE)	<b>65</b> (no section below 62)
Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)	<b>185</b> overall
Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)	<b>185</b> overall

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).
- Once you have submitted your online application you will receive an acknowledgment email with the receipt of payment.

**Note:** Your application will not be processed until the \$150 (CAD) application fee is received, and all required scanned documents are uploaded.

- Send all original or 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 process your application.
- It can take from 2-8 weeks to process an application. Ensuring that all of your documents are scanned in separate files and attached to the online application decreases wait time.

**Note:** *Masters 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. You must 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.
- Bring your original documents to Canada.
- Ensure that we have an email address that you check regularly, and then **read all emails carefully**. They will include important pre-arrival information including course registration instructions, immigration information and housing deadlines.

**Note:** *We encourage early applications.*

*For masters programs, your LOA will not be issued until the tuition deposit is paid and all original or certified documents are received.*

### 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 Centre

Study English at a university recognised for teaching excellence

Program	Description	Length per Level	Intakes	Tuition Cost
<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	13 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 26-Novemeber 29, 2019</li> <li>• October 15, 2019- February 25, 2020</li> <li>• January 6-April 14, 2020</li> <li>• February 24-June 16, 2020</li> <li>• April 27-August 4th, 2020</li> <li>• June 15-October 20, 2020 (August vacation)</li> </ul>	\$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	13 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 26-Novemeber 29, 2019</li> <li>• October 15, 2019- February 25, 2020</li> <li>• January 6-April 14, 2020</li> <li>• February 24-June 16, 2020</li> <li>• April 27- August 4, 2020</li> <li>• June 15-October 20, 2020 (August vacation)</li> </ul>	\$5,100
<b>Grad Prep</b>	Academic preparation for students who want to study a master's degree in a Canadian university. Students can enter graduate studies after successful completion of Grad Prep.	13 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 26-November 29, 2019</li> <li>• January 6-April 14, 2020</li> <li>• April 27-August 4, 2020</li> </ul>	\$5,100
<b>Bridge VIU</b>	Students can take one university course while studying UP5.	13 weeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 26-November 29, 2019</li> <li>• January 6-April 14, 2020</li> <li>• April 27-August 4, 2020</li> </ul>	\$5,100 + \$2,085
<b>TESL certificate</b>	A certificate in Teaching English as a Second or Foreign Language (TESL) with 100 hours theory plus a 20-hour supervised practicum.	3 months part-time 5-weeks full-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September 4-November 27, 2019 (part-time)</li> <li>• January 15-April 8, 2020 (part-time)</li> <li>• June 29-July 31, 2020 (full-time)</li> </ul>	\$2,450

## Direct entry scores

### English test requirement

**IELTS 5.5** (no band lower than 5.0)

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### Level of direct entry

University Preparation 4

University Preparation 5

Grad Prep

For more information, visit [world.viu.ca/elc](http://world.viu.ca/elc)



# International University Foundation Year

For students who have completed their O-levels, IGCSEs or GCSEs or students who have graduated from a grade 11 program with a minimum IELTS of 6.0

## Features

- 1-year (2 semester) program
- September entry

## Outcome

Completion of the Foundation Year will guarantee acceptance to Vancouver Island University.

Academic upgrading for specific university programs may be required, which will be built into the student's Foundation Year to the extent possible.

## Admission Requirements

- Minimum of 3 O-level subjects required with a grade above D  
(We will accept provisional results as long as we receive final results by August).
- September 2019 enrollment: for students aged 18 years by December 31, 2019.  
Expected September 2020 enrollment will be expanded to include students aged 16+ years.
- IELTS of 6.0 or equivalent

## Program Cost

	<b>1-year (2 semester)</b>
Tuition	\$20,000
Student Union and Ancillary Fees	\$739.44
Medical Insurance	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,739.44</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)*



Application Period  
Throughout the year

Start Dates  
September

Accommodation  
Homestay, university  
residences or off-campus  
accommodation



ECE graduate,  
Class of 2012

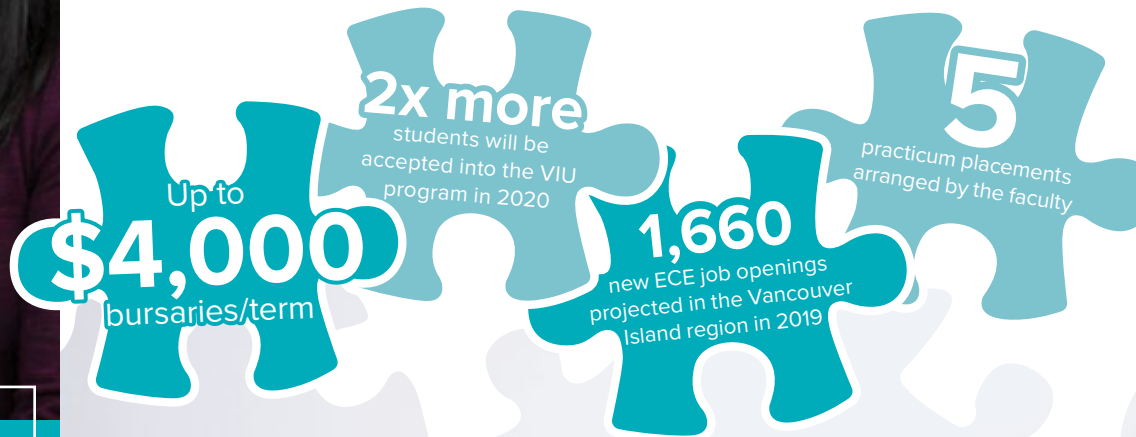
**Summer Lin**  
Taiwan

**Owner of Tenderfoot Childcare  
in Nanaimo**

“I worked as an ESL teacher for eight years in Taiwan. When we moved to Canada, I knew I wanted to pursue a career that allowed me to build more one on one connections with children. Before I even graduated from my program, I had a full-time job waiting for me. I was quickly promoted to a supervisor, and after two years at the facility, I was promoted again as the manager to six staff members looking after 37 children. I was doing a lot of licensing and paperwork, and thought I could start my own daycare. I love being a small business entrepreneur and am also the Executive Board member for the ECEBC Nanaimo branch and assist with professional development workshops”.

# Early Childhood Education Diploma

Nurture Young Minds Today,  
Make a Difference Tomorrow



A profession in demand

### ECE Careers:

- Early Childhood Educator
- School Supervisor or Owner
- Policy Analyst
- Behavioral Consultant

- Supported Child Development
- Family Support Consultant
- Resort and Recreation Child Care
- Programs Coordinator

Learn more [viu.ca/ecec](http://viu.ca/ecec)





# 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.

## Co-ops

- Hands-on discipline oriented work experience embedded within the program
- Vary in length, typically 1 semester (full-time)
- Optional
- Paid
- 9 additive 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 additive/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

Check the program grid to see if your program offers an Experiential Learning opportunity

## 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



Ernest Imoesi  
Nigeria

Participant of BSc  
Computing Science Co-op program

“Enrolling (as a first year student) in the co-op program has played a big role in my education. Luckily for me, I got my first career-related job after the first semester of registering in the program and my semester since then has been less difficult. Most of the things I've also learned in my place of work has also helped me understand things that are taught in class much better”.

## Did you know?

As an international student with a valid study permit you may be able to work 20 hrs/week during full time studies.  
[cic.gc.ca](http://cic.gc.ca)

# YOUR WorldVIU

VIU is the only university in Canada with an independent Faculty of International Education. Our goal is to help foster future global citizens through engagement on campus and to build bridges across cultures through various projects and partnerships worldwide. Our vision is shaped by the ideals of a just, equitable and sustainable global community.

What does that mean for you? You will receive support from over 70 staff who specialize in supporting international students to be successful in their academic and personal lives in Canada. You will have opportunities to celebrate cultures from around the world, and share your own.

## 🍁 Did you know?

Canada was the first country in the world to adopt multiculturalism as an official policy in 1971.

## 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

## 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
- Global Hip-Hop and Reggae Symposiums
- International music concerts on campus
- WorldVIU Radio on CHLY FM, hosted by international students
- VIU WUSC (World University Service of Canada) student committee, supporting the Student Refugee Program



WorldVIU Days

Faculty of International Education

## Lethy Makwenge Democratic Republic of Congo

### Peer Helper, Student Activity Leader

*As a French, Swahili and Lingala speaker, Lethy didn't feel confident to speak English when she first arrived at VIU. While studying ESL, she was master of ceremonies at the ESL grad celebration. She also volunteered with Peer Helpers and Cultural Connections. Lethy cherishes the amazing relationships she built and friends she made while volunteering.*

*"I was touched by the peer helpers who welcomed me when I arrived at VIU. So I wanted to help new students to feel the same way".*

# Get active

## Campus and Outdoor Recreation

- Take advantage of campus gym and sport facilities
- Stay fit with intramurals and classes
- Adventure with the experts and join kayaking, surfing, skiing and other trips led by VIU staff

## Student Supports

### VIU Student Union

- Choose among 50+ student clubs and associations
- Attend weekly events or suggest your own
- Relax at the student pub
- Get student discounts and deals
- Volunteer

### 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

Your student life can be just as impactful in your path to success as your academic achievements. VIU provides many different choices for you to make friends and develop your co-curricular record, a list of your extracurricular and volunteer achievements that will be shown on your VIU transcript.

## Co-Curricular Record

The Co-Curricular Record encourages on-campus engagement with VIU students by building upon their skills and experiences outside the classroom.

## Anastasia Kryvonos

Ukraine

4th year BA majoring in Sociology and Global Studies

“Coming from a different country, the most valuable lesson that I have learned is to say yes to new opportunities: to meeting new people and to trying out things that I have never tried before. With that mindset, I helped to organize RockVIU 2018, the orientation for new students. It can be quite easy to stay busy with schoolwork, exams and the library. However, VIU is full of other opportunities if you stay curious and are willing to learn something new every day!”





## Amber Lease

Klamath Falls, Oregon, USA

**Bachelor of Business Administration  
PacWest Basketball Tournament MVP**

“Since I started at VIU I’ve had the opportunity to be a starter for the Women’s Basketball team, which was able to achieve 4th in Canada this past season. I am also the Chair of the Student Leadership Circle. Being so far away from my actual home, VIU has given me a sense of belonging and support. I am more than happy I made the decision to come to Vancouver Island University.”

# 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

**Badminton** Janice.Walker@viu.ca  
**Men’s Basketball** Matt.Kuzminski@viu.ca  
**Women’s Basketball** Tony.Bryce@viu.ca  
**Golf** Mike.Hrabowych@viu.ca  
**Men’s Soccer** Larry.Stefanek@viu.ca  
**Women’s Soccer** Kevin.Lindo@viu.ca  
**Men’s Volleyball** Abe.Avender@viu.ca  
**Women’s Volleyball** Shane.Hyde@viu.ca

## Competitive clubs and coaches

**Hockey** Steve.Paul@viu.ca  
**Rugby 7’s** Drew.Cooper@viu.ca  
**Baseball** Nick.Salahub@viu.ca



- 2018-2019 Women’s National Volleyball GOLD (CCAA)
- VIU Men’s Basketball National Champions (CCAA)
- 2018-2019 PACWEST (Provincial) Champions in men’s and women’s volleyball and basketball, women’s soccer
- 2018 Four Mariners honoured as CCAA All-Canadians
- 2018 VIU’s Usama Zaid named National Basketball Player of the Year (CCAA)



Men’s Volleyball Team

# 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 are available at the campus cafeteria and can be purchased in advance. View details at [services.viu.ca/food-services/meal-plans](https://services.viu.ca/food-services/meal-plans)

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

## Homestay

**\$850 / month with meals**  
**\$500 / 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 support available through  
the Homestay Office

\$250 Application fee

### Apply:

Minimum 6 weeks before move-in day  
[world.viu.ca/homestay](https://world.viu.ca/homestay)

**Contact:** [homestay@viu.ca](mailto:homestay@viu.ca)

## Residence

**\$500 double room**  
**\$900 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

\$250 Damage Deposit  
\$500 Room Deposit

### Apply:

By May 1 for 1st year guarantee  
[viu.ca/residence](https://viu.ca/residence)

**Contact:** [residence@viu.ca](mailto:residence@viu.ca)

## Off-campus Housing

**From \$600/room**  
**\$1200-1600/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

### Apply:

Start search upon acceptance  
[world.viu.ca/housing](https://world.viu.ca/housing)

**Contact:** [ie.housing@viu.ca](mailto:ie.housing@viu.ca)



# Scholarships

For more information: [international.viu.ca/international-student-scholarships-and-awards](https://international.viu.ca/international-student-scholarships-and-awards)

## Entrance scholarships

Entrance scholarships are based on academic merit and are awarded 6 weeks after the application deadline.

### **VIU World-Wide Entrance Scholarships**

Number: Maximum 20 each year / Amount: \$2,000 each

### **British Columbia High School International Excellence Entrance Scholarship\***

Number: Maximum 3 each year / Amount: \$1,000 per year for up to 4 years of Academic study

### **The High School at Vancouver Island University International Excellence Award**

Number: Minimum 2 each year / Amount: \$1,000 each

### **VIU International Undergraduate Regional Scholarships**

Number: 7 each year / Amount: \$5,000 (\$2,500 awarded for the first year of study and \$2,500 for the second year)

Regions:

- China - 1 scholarship
- ASEAN - 1 scholarship
- India - 1 scholarship
- Europe/CIS - 1 scholarship
- Africa - 1 scholarship
- Latin America - 1 scholarship
- Open - 1 scholarship. The open scholarship is available to students from any nation outside of the countries already identified in the other Regional Scholarships.

### **IB Full Program Scholarships**

Number: Maximum 3 each year / Amount: \$1,000 per year for up to 4 years of Academic study

### **IB Entry Scholarships**

Number: All IB Diploma holders receive this scholarship  
Amount: \$1,000 each for the first year of study

### **British Columbia Offshore School Entrance Scholarship**

Number: Maximum 2 each year / Amount: \$1,000 each

## Continuing scholarships

### **International Education Academic Excellence Scholarship**

Number: Maximum 15 each year / Amount: \$1,000 each

### **VIU Peer Helper Award**

Number: Minimum 2 each year / Amount: \$1,000 tuition credit

### **VIU English Language Program - Academic Awards**

Number: 8 Awards / Amount: \$1,000

### **VIU English Language Program - Community Engagement Awards**

Number: 2 / Amount: \$1,000

### **Outstanding International Student Awards**

Number: 3 / Amount: One \$2,000 and two \$1,000

### **VIU Outstanding International Student Athlete Award**

2 each year / Amount: \$1,000 each

### **Masako & Stanley Fukawa Scholarship (Social Sciences / Social Justice)**

1 each year / Amount: \$2,000 (\$1,000 awarded for the first year, and \$1,000 for the second year)



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# Tuition

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)

## Undergraduate, Diploma, Certificate, and Academic & Career Preparation programs

\$8,340 per semester (up to 15 credits)

## Advanced, Post-Degree, & Graduate Diplomas

From \$8,340 to \$10,425 per semester (up to 15 credits)

## English as a Second Language programs

\$5,100 full-semester (13 weeks)

\$2,550 half-semester (6.5 weeks)

\$1,975 short-term (4 weeks)

\$1,650 (3 weeks)

## Master of Arts in Sustainable Leisure Management

## Master of Community Planning

\$25,000 per program

## Master of Business Administration

\$48,000 - 20 months

(Subject to Board approval)

## Master of Education in Educational Leadership or Special Education

\$25,000 per program

## Master of GIS Applications

\$34,800 per program

## Graduate Certificate in Business (GCIB)

\$20,850 per program

## Graduate Diploma International Trade

\$20,850

## Graduate Diploma Project Management

\$20,850

## Graduate Diploma in Hospitality Management\*

\$43,875 CAD

\* Subject to VIU Senate approval

## Average first year budget

*\*\*All fees are quoted in Canadian dollars and are subject to change without prior notice*

<i>Estimated expenses based on shared off campus accommodation and tuition for Bachelor of Arts.</i>			<b>12 months</b> <i>(includes 2 semesters of study and one summer off)</i>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>1 semester</b>	<b>2 semesters</b>	
Tuition	\$8,340*	\$16,680*	\$16,680*
Medical & Dental insurance	\$525	\$775	\$1,025
Student Fees	\$450	\$900	\$900
Books	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,200
Food & Accommodation	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$12,000
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
Transport (bus)	\$170	\$340	\$540
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,085</b>	<b>\$29,895</b>	<b>\$35,345</b>



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**FINALIST**  
2018

As a finalist for the **Higher Education Academy's 2018 Global Teaching Excellence Award**, we are one of 17 finalists shortlisted from applications from more than 40 countries, and one of just two universities in Canada to make the list. The award recognizes an institution-wide commitment to the pursuit of teaching excellence.

## 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)

