



Dates & Facts 2025



<p>Information/ Short Description</p>	<p>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.</p>																								
<p>Website</p>	<p>www.international-student-office.org/en/study-in-canada/ and https://international.viu.ca/</p>																								
<p>Study Opportunities</p>	<p>For a study abroad period at VIU, students may choose subjects from all bachelor programs in the following study fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Business Management ● Art & Design ● Humanities & Social Sciences ● Health & Human Services ● Science & Technology ● Tourism & Hospitality <p>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</p>																								
<p>Fees</p> <p>Fees may change without prior notice. A detailed overview of your fees can be found after acceptance at VIU in your student record. 1 Credit at VIU is usually considered equivalent to 2 ECTS.</p>	<table border="1" data-bbox="475 1533 1497 1828"> <thead> <tr> <th>Study Abroad Semester</th> <th>Tuition for Freemover</th> <th>Tuition for Students from Partner Institutions</th> <th>Student Fees</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bachelor 9 Credits</td> <td>7,198 CAD</td> <td>6,497 CAD</td> <td>Approx. 399 CAD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bachelor 12 Credits</td> <td>9,598 CAD</td> <td>8,639 CAD</td> <td>Approx. 499 CAD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bachelor 15 Credits</td> <td>11,997 CAD</td> <td>10,798 CAD</td> <td>Approx. 575 CAD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MBA 9 - 15 Credits</td> <td colspan="2">6,804 CAD - 11,340 CAD</td> <td>Approx. 370 - 540 CAD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MASLM 9 - 15 Credits</td> <td colspan="2">7,536 CAD - 12,560 CAD</td> <td>Approx. 440 - 655 CAD</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Application Fee: 150 CAD (waived for students from partner institutions) ● Health Insurance: 378.50 CAD / semester ● Official Transcript: 13 CAD (7 day service) 	Study Abroad Semester	Tuition for Freemover	Tuition for Students from Partner Institutions	Student Fees	Bachelor 9 Credits	7,198 CAD	6,497 CAD	Approx. 399 CAD	Bachelor 12 Credits	9,598 CAD	8,639 CAD	Approx. 499 CAD	Bachelor 15 Credits	11,997 CAD	10,798 CAD	Approx. 575 CAD	MBA 9 - 15 Credits	6,804 CAD - 11,340 CAD		Approx. 370 - 540 CAD	MASLM 9 - 15 Credits	7,536 CAD - 12,560 CAD		Approx. 440 - 655 CAD
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<p>Academic Year</p>	<p>The academic year at VIU is divided into semesters, each running for four months. There are two start dates each year: January and September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spring: beginning of January to end of April ● Fall: end of August 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Application form ● Official academic transcripts in English ● Master students also need to hand in their Bachelor diploma in English ● Proof of English proficiency (waived for students from German partner institutions): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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) ● Valid passport copy
Application Deadline	The application deadline for Bachelor's degree programs starting in September 2025 is April 30th, 2025 and for Master's degree programs March 31st, 2025. For the spring intake in January 2026, you must apply by October 31st, 2025 for Bachelor's degree programs and by July 31st, 2025 for Master's degree programs. After these deadlines, applications are usually still possible after consultation. Please also note the internal deadlines of your home university.
Visa This information is supplied without liability	Many students who study in Canada for less than six months do not require a Study Permit. 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 2025 and Spring 2026 fees will be announced in early 2025 and that stated fees are estimates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Homestay with meals: Approx. 1,400 CAD per month ● Homestay without meals: Approx. 1,160 CAD per month ● On-campus residences: Approx. 690 -1,135CAD per month depending on type of room ● Off-campus accommodation: 900 - 1,600 CAD per month <p>Detailed information on all accommodation options at VIU is available on the VIU housing website: https://services.viu.ca/housing</p>
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.
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: August 2024 (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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