Available as a 1st choice option only

Facts

- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 54,000
- Number of campuses: 4
- Academic year: September - April
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: September – December
- Spring Semester Equivalent: January – April
- World ranking: 31st (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2013)

UBC’s main campus is situated 40 minutes by bus from downtown Vancouver.

Things to do

The Vancouver campus boasts some of the city’s best attractions and recreation facilities, including the Museum of Anthropology, the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, the UBC Botanical Garden and Centre for Plant Research, and endless opportunities to explore forested trails in the adjoining 763-hectare Pacific Spirit Regional Park.

Top attractions: Capilano Suspension Bridge, Vancouver Aquarium, Granville Island Market, BC Palace Stadium and Grouse Mountain Skyride

Travel opportunities

Vancouver is the 8th largest city in Canada located on the edge of the Pacific Ocean and surrounded by mountains. Vancouver is less than 1 hour from Seattle, just over 2 hours from San Francisco and 5½ hours from New York. Vancouver is well known as the gateway to Whistler. In the winter you’ll find some of the best skiing and snowboarding in North America. British Columbia is both a place full of natural wonder and adventure.

Climate

Vancouver is Canada’s third wettest city with an average rainfall which is twice that of London. Temperatures range from an average of 2°C in the winter and 26°C in the summer. Most rainfall occurs between October and March although rain and cloudy days are common at any time of year.

Getting around

Unlimited access to all Translink buses, the Skytrain, and the Seabus is provided with the purchase of a U-Pass, a mandatory travel pass that must be purchased by all exchange students, costing $95 per term.

Finance 2016/17

Bursaries available:

- International Office Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 or £500 depending on household income (available to students classed as Home Students for fees purposes and accepted to study abroad as part of the University-wide exchange programme).

Approximate living costs per semester:

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Approximate living costs compiled from student surveys and partner university website.

Vancouver is ranked as the second most expensive city in Canada by the Mercer Cost of Living Survey 2011.

Accommodation

- On campus accommodation: on-campus accommodation is not guaranteed to international students and is in high demand. There is a wide range of different kinds of accommodation available on campus.
- Off campus accommodation: some students prefer to live off campus. Jericho beach and Kitsilano are areas that typically offer private student housing. There is an efficient bus network operating between campus and these locations. Students do not tend to live in downtown Vancouver due to the distance from campus.
http://vancouver.housing.ubc.ca/

Further information

Go Global provides lots of information for exchange students.
http://www.students.ubc.ca/global/coming-to-ubc/

Application success rate:

2014/2015 = 9%
2015/2016 = 9%

(percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner)