University of British Columbia
Okanagan Campus, Canada
www.ok.ubc.ca

Facts
- Language of instruction: English
- Number of students enrolled: 8,700
- Opened in 2005
- Academic year: September - April
- Autumn Semester Equivalent: September – December
- Spring Semester Equivalent: January - April

The campus is located in Kelowna, a town of 127,500 people in the Okanagan Valley in the heart of ski country.

Things to do
UBC Okanagan campus is located in the beautiful Okanagan Valley which is home to exceptional outdoor recreation opportunities. It is a region renowned for having ski resorts with terrain to satisfy entry level of skiing and snowboarding ability with up to 7.5m of snow in a single season. There are buses from campus directly to the ski resort and the university even provides discounted buses at $10 on some evenings and weekends.

Travel opportunities
The Okanagan campus is 5 minutes’ drive to the Kelowna International Airport which then gives access to the rest of Canada and even further afield.

There are many fantastic cities to visit including Vancouver which is a 1 hour flight or 4 hour drive, and Niagara Falls and Montreal which are within a 5 hour flight. It is possible to drive through Canada to the USA and the city of Seattle is particularly close to the border, with a five hour drive time.

There is easy access to swimming, paddling and water-skiing at the lake and waterfront. For the less adventurous, it is also an area with many museums, galleries and over 300 scenic trails. Further out the Myra Canyon Park and Lake Okanagan also provide plenty of opportunities to explore Canada’s landscape.

Climate
Kelowna’s climate is relatively mild for Canada. Warm summers are characterised by low humidity, along with winters with average lows of -7. It is also a very rainy region.

Finance 2018/19
Bursaries available:
- Global Travel Bursary (means-tested): £750 dependent on household income for students beginning their studies in 2016. Students who started their studies before 2016 should see the finance webpage, as the award criteria differs (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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<th>Cost</th>
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<td>Return flight from UK (av. 10 hours)</td>
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<td>Visa costs</td>
<td>£90+</td>
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<td>Health insurance (compulsory)</td>
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<td>Accommodation</td>
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<td>Meal plans (some accommodation include a meal plan in their fees)</td>
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Approximate living costs compiled from external sources and the partner university website.

Accommodation
- On campus accommodation: this is guaranteed. There are 9 residence areas. Most first year undergraduates are placed in halls with single furnished rooms with common areas for snacking and socialising. Students also have meal plans which are valid at more than 12 campus food spots and partner locations in Kelowna. The meal plan fees vary depending on the size of the plan you choose.
- Some accommodation has compulsory meal plans others have them as an optional extra. Check the cost of accommodation to see if the meal plan is included in the cost of accommodation or if you need to pay an added fee.
- Off campus accommodation: UBC provides support and services for students. The University Centre is home to three, social spaces specially designed for students who commute to University.
- Many students choose to live in neighbourhoods such as Lake Country, Ellison, Glenmore and Rutland, and often live with other students to cut down on costs.

Further Information
http://okanagan.housing.ubc.ca/

Application success rate
2016/17 = 27%
2017/18 = 21%
(percentage of students placed out of total applications to this partner)

Further information
http://students.ok.ubc.ca/global/incoming/about-us.html