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Go Global: International Learning Programs

Information Sheet 2014-2015

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Important Websites

UBC

www.ubc.ca

Go Global: International Learning Programs

www.students.ubc.ca/global

How do I apply? (for incoming students)

www.students.ubc.ca/global/coming-to-ubc/application/

English Requirements

<http://www.students.ubc.ca/global/coming-to-ubc/application/english-language-requirements/>

What do I do after I am accepted? (for incoming students)

www.students.ubc.ca/global/coming-to-ubc/prearrival-checklist/

International Student Handbook

www.students.ubc.ca/international/handbook.cfm

Important Dates

<http://www.students.ubc.ca/global/coming-to-ubc/key-dates/>

Course Information

UBC Course Listings: www.students.ubc.ca/courses

List of course restrictions for exchange students:

www.students.ubc.ca/global/coming-to-ubc/academics/choosing-courses/

Academic Calendar

Term 1	Classes: early September – early December, 2014 Exams: early to late December, 2014 Holidays: late December, 2014 – early January, 2015
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Term 2	Classes: early January – early April, 2015 Exams: late April – early May, 2015 Midterm break: one week in February, 2015
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Exchange Information

Level	Undergraduate/Graduate
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Courses Open to Exchange students	Courses in many subjects are open to exchange students including Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences), Science, Commerce, Forestry, Applied Science (Engineering), Land and Food Systems and Music. Access to courses will depend on the student's academic background and space in the courses.
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Programs + courses which are not open to exchange students	Audiology and Speech Sciences, Dentistry, Film (some courses available), Journalism, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Rehabilitation Sciences, and Theatre (some courses available) are not open to exchange students. For further detailed information, please see the Course Information section of our website: www.students.ubc.ca/global/coming-to-ubc/academics/choosing-courses/
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For information on course options at the Okanagan campus, see: <http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/students/global/incoming/academics/courses.html>.

Applied Sciences (Engineering) exchange students	Only those students applying to be admitted to the Faculty of Applied Science (Engineering) will be permitted to register in Engineering courses. Also, only those students pursuing a degree in Engineering at their home university will be admitted into this faculty for exchange. While UBC will make every effort to register Engineering students in their requested courses, registration in requested courses is not guaranteed. Exchange Students are subject to course registration restrictions and pre-requisites as noted in the Course Schedule, as well as restrictions noted on the Go Global website: http://www.students.ubc.ca/global/coming-to-ubc/academics/choosing-courses/ .
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Please note that admissions and registration for exchange students in the Faculty of Applied Science may not follow the same timelines as for exchange students in other UBC faculties.

Language of instruction	English
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Language courses	There are no specific language courses for exchange students.
	Students may take any of the language courses offered by UBC Continuing Studies or the English Language Institute at their own expense.
	For details please see: https://www.cstudies.ubc.ca/ http://www.eli.ubc.ca/
	Students may access additional resources and coaching to improve their academic oral and written English through the Academic English Support Program . http://aes.ubc.ca .
Services available to exchange students	Go Global assists students with registration/academic matters; International Student Development (isa@students.ubc.ca) provides International Student Advising and Support; Other campus resources include Global Lounge; First Nations House of Learning; Disability Resource Centre; Career Services; Counselling Services . For more information: www.students.ubc.ca .
Exchange documents and Housing Application deadline	Check with your home university exchange office.
Are application materials available online?	Yes. The exchange and housing applications are both available online. Go Global will email the exchange online application URL directly to students. The link is not available on our website. Only nominated students should complete the exchange application.
Supporting documents required with exchange application	www.students.ubc.ca/global/coming-to-ubc/application/application-document-checklist/
Orientation & Arrival	
International Student Orientation	Exchange students receive orientation provided in collaboration with UBC Housing, Go Global and International Student Development.
Recommended Arrival Dates	Term 1: last week of August Term 2: first week of January
Academic Information & Transcripts	
Credit System	A regular course load at UBC is 30 credits per academic year or 15 credits per semester. Each course in a semester is a 3-credit course (i.e. 3 hours of lectures per week for 13 weeks, with an additional 2-week examination period).
Course Load	The average UBC student takes 15 credits (5 courses) each term. Exchange students typically take between 9 and 15 credits depending on their degree requirements at their home university. Students must maintain a registration of a minimum of 9 credits unless they are on an approved research exchange.

Do different programs differ in what constitutes a regular course load?

Yes, Applied Science students may take more than 30 credits per year as a regular course load.

Transcripts

We will send the official transcripts to the exchange office of the partner institution approximately four weeks after the end of term.

Ordering Transcripts

Students can order extra transcripts online at www.students.ubc.ca/current/transcripts.cfm

Accommodations

On Campus Housing

Housing is available. There is a \$50 application fee. Once housing has been assigned, UBC Housing will contact the student via email for full payment.

Applying for Housing

Housing applications can be done online. The online exchange application must be completed prior to completing the housing application.
www.housing.ubc.ca/

UBC-Okanagan: Exchange students at the Okanagan campus also having campus housing options. Please see: <http://www.housing.ubc.ca/okanagan>.

Breaks

Accommodation is available during semester breaks between Term 1 and Term 2, except for students living in Totem Park and Place Vanier. These two residences close for the holidays due to safety concerns that very few residents are staying alone in large empty residence buildings. While, UBC Housing may be able to assist students affected by this closure to find alternative housing for this period of time, students are encouraged to find suitable accommodations.

Assistance in finding private housing

There are resources available at International House and through the UBC Housing website to help students find housing on their own:
www.housing.ubc.ca/other-housing

Immigration Requirements

Canadian Entry Visa

A temporary resident visa (TRV - entry visa) is required for students with certain citizenships to Enter Canada.

To find out if an entry visa is required, please check with the nearest Canadian Embassy.

Study Permit

A study permit is **required** for all international students who will be studying at UBC for more than 6 months. Single-term students may also wish to obtain a study permit.

Are exchange students allowed to work?

Exchange students can normally work **on campus** with a valid study permit.

Most international exchange students will not be able to work off of campus.

Health & Medical Insurance

Medical Insurance (Mandatory Plan)

All new exchange students are required by UBC to be enrolled in a **mandatory** health insurance plan (iMED) for the first three months if they will study in UBC for a year, or for the entire time of studies if they study for one term only. Students pay for iMED online on the Student Service Centre. For more information about dates of iMED coverage and what are covered, please visit <http://www.students.ubc.ca/international/international-students/health-care-and-health-insurance/imed-health-insurance-for-new-international-students/>

Please be advised that, unless students have a mandatory medical health coverage purchased by a third party sponsor as a part of their scholarship and the sponsor is recognized by and has agreement with UBC, students cannot cancel or opt out iMED.

Students staying less than 6 months (one term only):

One term only students are automatically covered under iMED for the duration of their studies at UBC. The cost of iMED for one term students is approximately \$213 CDN. For specific coverage dates, please visit the websites mentioned above.

Students staying for more than 6 months (full year or split-year students):

Full year students are automatically covered by iMED for the first three months before they can be enrolled in BC Medical Services Plan (MSP). The cost of iMED for full year students is approximately \$150 CDN. The iMED plan will ensure that students have adequate medical coverage from the time they leave home (up to ten days prior to arrival if within the coverage dates) and while they are waiting for BC MSP to be effective.

Full year and split-year students must apply for BC's provincial Medical Services Plan (MSP) as soon as they arrive in BC, Canada. There is a three-month waiting period before students can be enrolled in MSP. This is the basic medical insurance provided by BC government for anyone who will reside in BC for more than six months. This covers the cost of most services provided by physicians and supplementary health care practitioners, laboratory services and diagnostic procedures. The fee is \$64.00 CDN per month. MSP does not cover dental care, vision care, and travel and prescription medicines.

Expenses

Estimated expenses per semester/term	CDN \$7,000 – 9,000/term
University administered accommodation	With meal plans: average cost of room and board \$8,500/year Without meal plans: ranging from \$5,500/year Please check for details at www.housing.ubc.ca
Private accommodation	Approximately \$600-800 for shared housing, \$900+ for private
Food/Meals	\$1,500 /term
Local transportation	\$120/term for student bus pass (mandatory)
Academic expenses	\$700/term
Personal expenses	\$1500/term
Insurance	See insurance section for costs.

UBC Okanagan Campus

UBC Okanagan is a young, exciting, and rapidly growing campus nestled in the middle of the stunning Okanagan Valley, a five hour drive from Vancouver. Its small but diverse campus community is active and close-knit, with many clubs, societies, and opportunities to get involved. At UBCO, it is easy to connect with professors, who are often on a first name basis with students. UBCO has lots of opportunity for student involvement in research and hands-on experience in our abundant fields of study.

UBCO is located within a five minute bus ride from Kelowna's central area, a growing city with a population of about 100,000 – large enough to be diverse and interesting, but small enough to have a strong community of friendly people. It is British Columbia's "four-season playground" where you can explore the Okanagan Lake, Big White Ski Resort and wineries any time of the year. The city itself is a cultural hub and a popular tourist destination.

Situated in one of the most scenic regions in Canada, this campus offers students an intimate learning environment, opportunities for region-centred research (such as Wine Studies), extensive research in Human Kinetics, international perspectives, and more. We have programs in Management, Engineering, Arts, Science and Human Kinetics. We have guaranteed housing for international students and an excellent variety of sports on campus. Visit our website to learn more about UBC Okanagan.

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<http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/students/global/incoming/welcome.html>