



2015 Vancouver Summer Program

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An Introduction to the VSP

The **Vancouver Summer Program (VSP)** is a four week academic program offered by various Faculties at the University of British Columbia, Canada for cohorts of students from partner universities

The program provides the opportunity to take two academic courses while learning about Canadian practices and culture



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VSP Program Benefits

Study at a world-renowned university

Meet students from other universities and Canadian students through socio-cultural activities

Improve your English skills

Learn about Canadian culture and society



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About Vancouver

Vancouver is located in the southwest corner of British Columbia – one of Canada's 10 provinces and 3 territories

40 minutes away from the United States border

Population 2.1 million



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About Vancouver

Consistently rated as one of the best places to live in the world in terms of quality of life, opportunities, cultural diversity, political stability, and a healthy environment

Host to the 2010 Winter Olympics



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University of British Columbia

Canada's education ranks amongst
the best in the world

UBC is Canada's third largest
university and a leader in research

18 faculties and 13 schools offer a
wide range of study options



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UBC at a Glance

58,284 students (Vancouver: 49,896; Okanagan: 8,388)

10,181 international students from 149 countries

12,010 degrees granted in 2013

300,000 alumni in 120 countries

15,171 faculty and staff

\$2 billion annual operating budget

\$564 million per year in research funding for 8,442 projects

158 companies spun off from UBC research

\$12.7 billion in economic impact

7 Nobel prize winners among current or former faculty and alumni

31st in Times Higher Education world rankings (2013)

www.ubc.ca/facts



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UBC Campus

The UBC campus is a 20-minute drive from downtown Vancouver

The 1000-acre campus is surrounded by the Pacific Ocean with snow-capped mountains in the distance



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VSP Course Packages

There are two courses in each package

Each course is about 39 hours of class time

Classes are interactive and often include group work and discussions

Evaluation may include assignments, group projects, papers, exams, and participation marks

Courses do not receive UBC credit but credit may be granted by the student's home university (at its discretion)



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VSP Program Packages

July 18 to August 18, 2015

Applied Science

Engineering

Civil Engineering Materials

Project Based Learning in Civil Engineering Materials

Architecture

Urban Design

Sustainability by Design: The Design of the North American Sustainable City and its Implications for the World

Perspectives on the Development of the City of Vancouver

Arts

Package A – The World of Manga and Anime

Manga and Anime in the World

Writing for Graphic Forms: Manga

Package B – Global Journalism, Culture and Communications: Practice and Principles

Culture and Communication

Global Journalism

Package C – Environmental Economics & Introduction to Resource and Sustainable Practices

Environmental Economics

Environment, Resources, and Sustainable Development: An introduction to sustainable practices

Package D – International Trade, Financial Markets and Politics

International Trade and Financial Markets

Dynamics of International Politics

Business

Package A – International Business and International Marketing

International Business Management

International Marketing

Package B – Introduction to Marketing and Organizational Behaviour

Introduction to Marketing

Organizational Behaviour and Management

Package C – Strategic Management and New Enterprise Development

Strategic Management

New Enterprise Development

Dentistry

Oral Cancer: Why haven't the clinical outcomes improved?

Dental Caries: the most common infectious disease in humans

Education

Package A – Educational Psychology and Special Education

Classroom Management

Assessment and Positive Behaviour Support in School and Community Settings

Package B – Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)

Applied Linguistics for Teachers

Introduction to Teaching English as a Second Language

Package C – Early Childhood Education and Development

Designing High Quality Programs in Early Childhood Settings

Creating Environments to Support Learning in Early Childhood Settings

Package D – Physical and Outdoor Experiential Education

Pedagogical Approaches in Physical Education

Outdoor Experiential Learning

Forestry

Package A – Forest Management and the Effects of Carbon

An Introduction to the Ecology, Economics and Politics of Carbon

Sustainable Forest Management

Package B – Forest Products, Trade and Business Management

Forest Product Markets and International Trade

The Wood Industry and Business Management

Package C – Urban Forestry

An Introduction to Urban Forestry

Green-Space Management in North America



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Kinesiology

Package A – Sport and Exercise Performance

Sport and Exercise Psychology

Applied Exercise Physiology

Package B – International Sport Marketing and Culture

International Sport Marketing

Leisure and Sport in a Global Context

Land and Food Systems

Package A – Food: Science and Safety

Introduction to Food Science

Food Safety and Food Safety Management

Package B – Agribusiness Management

Food and Agribusiness Enterprise Management

Food and Agribusiness Marketing Management

Package C – Nutritional Science

Essentials of Nutrition

Healthy Eating – The Canadian Way

Law

Topics in Law: International Business and Canadian Common Law

The Law and Practice of International Business

Canadian Common Law – Rights & Responsibilities

Medicine

Package A – Clinical Research and Clinical Medicine

Introduction to Clinical Research in the Sciences

Introduction to Clinical Medicine at the Bedside

Package B – Pharmacology

Pharmacology of Everyday Life

Systems Pharmacology

Package C – Medical Imaging and Medications for Controlling Pain

Introduction to Medical Imaging

Medications for Controlling Pain in Everyday Life and in Surgery

Package D – Biochemistry & Molecular Biology in Human Health, Disease, and the Environment

Molecular Basis of Disease

Environmental Biochemistry

Package E – Neuropsychopharmacology and Neuropsychiatry

Introductory Neuropsychopharmacology

Introductory Neuropsychiatry

Package F – Understanding the Recovery and Treatment from Injury and Chronic Disease

Exercise is Medicine

Introduction to Rehabilitation Sciences: A case-based approach to understanding the recovery from injury and disease

Package G – Population and Public Health

The Social Determinants of Health

Biological Concepts of Public Health Practice

Science

Package A – The Dynamic Earth and its Beautiful Treasures

Our Dynamic Planet

Earth Treasures

Package B – Fossils, Fuels and Mineral Resources

The Active Earth and its Resources

Earth and Life Through Time

Package C – The Geometry of Nature

The Size of Things

Symmetry

For groups of 24 or more participants, a special package of two courses can be organized. Please contact us about a custom package in any of these or other areas. Customized two course packages can be scheduled for any four week period between mid-May and mid-July



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Sample VSP Schedule

Sample 2015 VSP Class and Social Schedule									
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY		
						Jul-18	Jul-19		
						Airport Pickup* Check-in	City Tour		
	Jul-20	Jul-21	Jul-22	Jul-23	Jul-24	Jul-25	Jul-26		
9:00 - 12:00	UBC Welcome, Faculty Orientation and Campus Tour	Class A	Class A	Class A	Intercultural Communication Class	Whistler or Victoria Day Trip (optional)			
13:30 - 16:30		Class B	Class B	Class B					
Evening					*Granville Island + Market				
	Jul-27	Jul-28	Jul-29	Jul-30	Jul-31	Aug-01	Aug-02		
9:00 - 12:00	Class A	Class A	Class A	Class A		Grouse Mountain (optional)			
13:30 - 16:30	Class B	Class B	Class B	Class B					
Evening		*Vancouver Art Gallery			*Richmond Night Market				
	Aug-03	Aug-04	Aug-05	Aug-06	Aug-07	Aug-08	Aug-09		
9:00 - 12:00	BC Day Statutory Holiday	Class A	Class A	Class A		Whistler or Victoria Day Trip (optional)			
13:30 - 16:30		Class B	Class B	Class B					
Evening		*Museum of Anthropology	Mini Grad Fair (17:00-19:00)						
	Aug-10	Aug-11	Aug-12	Aug-13	Aug-14	Aug-15	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-18
9:00 - 12:00	Class A	Class A	Class A FINAL EXAM	Class B FINAL EXAM					Check-out 11:00 Airport Drop Off*
13:30 - 16:30	Class B	Class B		Farewell Luncheon (12:00-14:00)					
Evening									

Legend
Free
Under \$10
\$50+

Note: Schedules for each of the individual packages will be finalized closer to the program dates.

*Activities listed are examples only. Actual activities will vary by package.

*Individuals arriving outside of group flights and regular hours will be expected to make their own way to UBC campus.



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VSP Accommodation

- Accommodation on campus
- Easy access to classrooms, recreation and campus amenities
- Free Wifi in lobby; wired high speed Internet in guest rooms
- Laundry on site



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VSP Accommodation

Shared apartments (4 to 6 bedrooms)

- Private bedrooms with single bed
- In-suite bathroom
- Shared living space with TV
- Equipped kitchen



If maximum occupancy is reached in apartment style accommodation, students may be placed in dormitory style accommodation



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VSP Program Fee

The packaged fee per student for the 2015 program is \$4200 CAD and it includes:

- Medical insurance
 - Group airport transfer and city tour
 - Shared accommodation for 31 nights
 - Orientation and farewell events
 - Course materials
 - Social activities
- (optional trips may require an additional fee)



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